

TOP 10 FAQs FOR GCE MODERN LANGUAGES

1. How are oral topics and coursework titles approved?

Edexcel does not 'approve' these. Guidance can be found in the Specification, Oral Training Guide, Coursework Guide, Teachers' Handbook and Examiners' Reports.

2. Can dictionaries be used in examinations?

No. This includes all types of dictionary (eg monolingual, bilingual). This also includes dictionaries for non-native English speakers.

NB Dictionaries are allowed for coursework.

3. Can a candidate use the same oral topic for a re-sit?

Yes, though we would encourage candidates to explore a different aspect of the topic.

4. When is the oral examination period?

The dates are on the website and on the final version of the timetable (General Notes section).

5. Can a Visiting Examiner be requested?

Yes but only if the centre has a minimum of 10 candidates per language (can be a combination of Unit 3 and Unit 4.1 candidates). This option is not available for Italian, Russian and Urdu.

6. How can results be reviewed?

By requesting an EAR (Enquiry about Results)

7. When will feedback on the orals be sent?

It is not sent automatically. The oral forms have been designed to allow for comment on each candidate's performance. They are available for a fee via the Access to Scripts service, and returned to centres (with the tapes) free of charge after the deadline for EARs has expired.

8. What units are available in January?

- Units 1, 2, 3 and 4.1 for French, German and Spanish
- Units 3 and 4.1 for Italian

9. What are the option codes for entries?

Please see the Information Manual (big purple lever arch file).

10. Where can I order support material/past papers from?

All publications must be ordered from the website or via the Publications department on 01623 467467, fax 01623 450481.