

FAQs – GCE Arabic/Chinese/Japanese/Modern Greek

1. GENERAL

Queries from prospective examiners

- Contact Brenda Scott/Steve Cassidy (refer to website for application form).

Request for Specification/past papers/mark schemes/examiners' reports?

- All our publications can be ordered via the Publications dept. on 01623 467467 or on-line from our website. The Publications catalogue is available free on request. The order code for the Specification for AS/A Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Modern Greek is UA 006790.

Examiners' Reports?

- They are sent automatically to centres that had entries for the subject. Further copies available from Publications and on our website.

Entry deadlines?

- Refer to the Information Manual – the large purple and white lever arch file sent to Examinations Officers. Information also on our website.

Banking/cashing-in arrangements?

- Refer to the Information Manual.

Text books?

- Edexcel do not recommend specific text books.

Are dictionaries allowed?

- No.

Set topics/texts?

- Consult the Specification – the grammar and prescribed topics and texts section.

Can candidates take set texts in the examination room?

- No.

2. TIMETABLES/UNIT AVAILABILITY

Where can we find timetables?

- On the website. A final copy is also sent to all examination officers.

Can candidates sit any of the units in January?

- No. Units 1 and 2 for Arabic, Chinese, Japanese and Modern Greek are only available in June.

Re-sit rules

- The restrictions on re-sitting have been removed. Students will therefore be able to re-take units more than once.
- Students may continue to take the full qualification (AS or Advanced) an unlimited number of times.

Can candidates take both units in the same examination session?

- Yes.

Is there an oral examination?

- No.

Is there a listening examination?

- No.

Can candidates choose a coursework option?

- No. This option is not available.

How many units do candidates have to take?

- Advanced Subsidiary: one unit only – Unit 1
- Advanced Level: Unit 1 and Unit 2

<p>Unit 1 – 3hrs (AS) This paper is divided into three sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section One – Reading and Writing• Section Two – Translation into English• Section Three – Continuous Writing	<p>Unit 2 – 3hrs (A2) This paper is divided into two sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section One – Reading and Writing and Translation into the target language• Section Two – Topics & Texts
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3. ARABIC

Is it Classical Arabic or Modern Arabic?

- Modern Arabic.

4. CHINESE

Are the AS/A Level Chinese papers in Mandarin/Cantonese?

- The Chinese examinations are accessible to both Mandarin and Cantonese speakers. All questions and passages are printed twice in the papers, once in Traditional characters, and once in Simplified characters. Candidates may work from whichever version they wish. All written answers should be in standard modern Chinese.

Do I need to specify Mandarin/Cantonese when making an entry for Chinese?

- No. See above.