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# **COMMUNICATION EXAMS**

### **Speech & Drama**

#### **General Guidance**

- Poems and prose for this syllabus are free choice.
- Suggestions from either the anthology below or from the Public Domain can be used for poetry.
- Suggested poems and books for prose can be found in guidance.
- Please ensure that own choice reflects the expected standard for each level.

Resource: A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan

ISBN - 9780330543743

#### **General Objectives**

This Speech and Drama Syllabus seeks to offer Learners the opportunity to:

- Develop communication, reading and performance techniques
- Develop clear speech
- Develop imagination and creativity
- Increase self-confidence
- Promote self-enrichment
- Stimulate research skills
- Instil a love of literature and drama

### **Speech & Drama: Entry Level**

Prepa	ratory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory one short poem. (Minimum of 6 lines)	90
2.	Talk with the Examiner about something of their own choice brought	10
	to the examination. (e.g. toy, book, photograph)	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Introd	uctory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory two short poems. (Minimum of 6 lines)	90
2.	Talk with the Examiner about their choices.	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Prelin	ninary Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a short poem. (Minimum of 8 lines).	45
2.	Speak from memory a contrasting poem. Or	45
	A contrasting piece of prose of the Learner's own choice. (Time limit 1 minute)	
3.	Talk with the Examiner about the pieces chosen	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Trans	ition Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a poem. (Minimum of 10 lines).	45
2.	Speak from memory a piece of prose of their own choice taken from any suitable book. (Time limit 2 minutes).	45
3.	Talk with the Examiner about:  The pieces chosen  Word pictures	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

### Speech & Drama: Level 1 - Foundation

Grade	1 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a short poem. (Minimum 10 lines)	45
2.	Speak from memory a piece of prose of their own choice. (Time limit 2 minutes)	45
3.	Discuss with the Examiner:	10
	<ul><li>The pieces chosen</li><li>Phrasing</li></ul>	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade	2 (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a poem. (Minimum 12 lines)	40
2.	Speak from memory a piece of prose taken from any book of the Learner's choice, Or Perform a scene arranged for one character from a play or	40
	adaptation. (Time limit 2 minutes)	
3.	Read at sight a short passage selected by the Examiner, from a book chosen and brought to the examination by the Learner.	10
4.	<ul><li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li><li>The pieces chosen</li><li>Reading aloud.</li></ul>	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

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Grade	e 3 - Foundation Medal (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
The Peggy Law Certificate of Excellence is awarded annually to the Learner gaining the highest Distinction mark in this examination.		
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a poem. (Minimum of 12 lines)	40
2.	Speak from memory a piece of contrasting prose taken from any book of the Learner's choice.  Or	40
	Perform a scene from memory arranged for one character from a play or adaptation. (Time limit 2 minutes).	
3.	Read at sight a short passage selected by the Examiner, from a book chosen and brought to the examination by the Learner	10
4.	<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The pieces and authors chosen</li> <li>Use of the sense pause</li> <li>Use of the suspensory pause</li> <li>Use of the dramatic pause</li> </ul>	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

### Speech & Drama: Level 2 - Intermediate

Grade	4 (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a 20th Century poem. (Minimum of 14 lines)	35
2.	Speak from memory a piece of prose of the Learner's choice written or set in a different era from section 1. (Time limit 2 minutes)  Or  Perform from memory a scene from a modern play written or set post 1980. (Time limit 2 minutes)	35
<ul><li>3.</li><li>4.</li></ul>	Read at sight a short passage selected by the Examiner, from a book chosen and brought to the examination by the Learner.  Discuss with the Examiner:	10 20
	<ul> <li>The pieces and authors chosen</li> <li>The vocal preparation of the pieces, with particular focus on modulation</li> </ul>	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade	e 5 (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a 19th Century poem. (Minimum of 16 lines)	35
2.	Speak from memory a passage of prose of the Learner's choice written or set in a different era from section 1. (Time limit 2 minutes) Or Perform from memory a scene from a play written or set pre 1950. (Time limit 2 minutes)	35
<ul><li>3.</li><li>4.</li></ul>	Read at sight a short passage selected by the Examiner, from a book chosen and brought to the examination by the Learner.  Discuss with the Examiner:	10 20
	<ul> <li>The pieces and authors chosen</li> <li>The vocal preparation of the pieces, with particular focus on breathing and breath support, resonance and projection</li> </ul>	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

### Speech & Drama: Level 3 - Advanced

Grade	6 – Bronze Medal - (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a poem written by any 20th century War Poet	35
2.	Speak from memory a passage of prose taken from any book written pre 1950, Or	35
	Perform from memory a scene arranged for one character from	
3.	a play written or set in a different era from section 1.  Read at sight a short passage selected by the Examiner, from a book chosen and brought to the examination by the Learner.	10
4.	Discuss with the Examiner:	20
	<ul> <li>The pieces and authors chosen</li> <li>The formation of vowel sounds and the neutral vowel</li> <li>Give examples for each vowel sound from your work</li> </ul>	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade	e 7 – Silver Medal - (30 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Speak from memory a poem written by any award-winning poet.	20
2.	Speak from memory a piece of prose written in the Victorian Era.	20
3.	Perform from memory a scene arranged for one character from a play written or set in a different era from sections 1 and 2.	20
4.	Read at sight a short passage selected by the Examiner, from a book chosen and brought to the examination by the Learner.	10
5.	Give a short presentation on one of the pieces and author chosen.  Bullet point notes may be used. (1 - 2 minutes)	10
6.	Discuss with the Examiner:	20
	<ul> <li>The pieces and authors chosen</li> <li>The formation of consonant sounds</li> <li>Give examples of each type of consonant sound from your work</li> </ul>	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

#### **Grade 8 - Gold Medal (45 Minutes)**

#### **Marks Awarded**

# The Ray Cooney Certificate of Excellence is awarded annually to the Learner gaining the highest Distinction mark in this examination.

#### Learners should:

- 1. Speak from memory a sonnet of their own choice taken from one of the following periods:
  - The Elizabethan of Jacobean Era (1500 1625)
  - The Romantic Era (1780-1830)
  - Contemporary (1900 2020)
- 2. Speak from memory a passage of prose taken from a novel written by any author from 1800 1950 but in a contrasting era from the poem.
- 3. Perform from memory a scene from a play or soliloquy by a well-known playwright.
- 4. Read at sight a short passage selected by the Examiner from a book chosen and brought to the examination by the Learner.
- 5. Give a short presentation on the social, historical and cultural context of one of the selections presented in the examination. (1 2 minutes)
- 6. Discuss with the Examiner:
  - The pieces chosen and the periods in which they were written
  - Aspects of vocal and physical preparation through to performance
  - The vocal preparation of the pieces with focus on rhythm and metres of English Poetry
  - · Verse forms, to include;
    - o Ode
    - Elegy
    - o Lyrical
    - Narrative
    - o Ballad
    - The various forms of the sonnet

**Total Marks Awarded** 

100

20

### **Public Speaking**

#### **General Objectives**

This Public Speaking Syllabus seeks to offer Learners the opportunity to:

- Participate in public speaking
- Speak and present confidently to an audience
- Increase self-confidence Develop clear speech
- Develop clarity of thought
- Stimulate speech writing
- Share their ideas and experiences with ease and clarity
- Engage, interest, persuade and inform their selected audience

#### **Guidelines for Public Speaking Learners**

- Learners should state the situation and age of the audience they are addressing.
- Brief notes or where specified bullet points may be used discreetly.
- Visual aids may be used where appropriate but should assist and not overwhelm the speaker.

### **Public Speaking: Entry Level**

Introd	luctory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Give a talk on a character from a book. (Time limit 2 minutes)	90
2.	Discuss with the Examiner	10
	The content of the talk	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Trans	ition (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Give a talk on your favourite animal or possession.	90
	(Time limit 2 minutes)	
2.	Discuss with the Examiner	10
	The content of the talk	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

# **Public Speaking: Level 1 Foundation**

Grade	e 1 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	90
1.	Give a talk on a subject of your own choice (Time limit 3 minutes)	
2.	Discuss with the Examiner  • The content of the talk	10
	The content of the talk	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade	2 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Give a talk on one of the following: (Time limit 3 minutes)	80
	<ul><li>An interesting place</li><li>My favourite activity</li><li>Keeping healthy</li></ul>	
2.	Bring a non-fiction book, the examiner will pick an extract for you to read aloud.	10
3.	Discuss with the Examiner:	10
	<ul><li>The content of the talk</li><li>Sight reading points to remember</li></ul>	-
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade	3 – Foundation Medal (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Give a talk on one of the following:  (Time limit 3 minutes)  • An invention  • An activity that you enjoy  • Your greatest achievement  Bring a non-fiction book, the examiner will pick an extract for you to read aloud.	10
3.	Discuss with the Examiner:  The content of the talk  How to use breath support effectively in public speaking	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

### **Public Speaking: Level 2 Intermediate**

Grade	4 (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learne	ers should:	
1.	Deliver a speech on either: (Time limit 4 minutes)	60
2.	<ul> <li>Someone or something that have you</li> <li>Protecting our planet</li> <li>Environment</li> <li>Bring a non-fiction book, the examiner will pick an extract for you to read aloud.</li> </ul>	20
3.	<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner briefly:</li> <li>The contents of the talk</li> <li>Vocal skills necessary to deliver an effective speech</li> <li>Physical skills necessary to engage your audience</li> </ul>	20
	Total Marks Awarded	100

### Grade 5 (15 Minutes) Marks Awarded

The Ronald Marsh Certificate of Excellence is awarded annually to the Learner gaining the highest Distinction mark in this examination.

#### Learners should:

1. Deliver a speech on either:

(Time limit 4 minutes)

60

- A topic that you feel passionately about
- An important scientific discovery
- Communications and their impact in the 21st century
- 2. Bring a non-fiction book, the examiner will pick an extract for you to read aloud.

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3. Discuss with the Examiner briefly:

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- The contents of the talk
- The importance of persuasive speech and how this was used this to engage your audience
- The application of vowels and consonants when used in public speaking

Total Marks Awarded

100

### **Public Speaking: Level 3 Advanced**

Grade 6 - Bronze Medal (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ul><li>Deliver a speech on either:</li><li>(Time limit 7 minutes)</li><li>An important historical event</li></ul>	60
<ul> <li>The importance of wellbeing</li> <li>What is the most important human trait</li> <li>Select a well-known quote and how it has inspired you</li> <li>Bring a non-fiction book to the examination, the examiner will pick an extract for you to read aloud.</li> </ul>	20
<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The contents of the talk</li> <li>How do you introduce a speaker, giving an example</li> <li>How do you give a vote of thanks, giving an example</li> <li>Vocal skills necessary in public speaking</li> </ul>	20
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 7 - Silver Medal (30 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Deliver a speech on either:         (Time limit 8 minutes)         'Mental health is not a destination but a process' – Noam Spencer PhD         'Creativity takes courage' – Henri Matisse         Artificial intelligence, 'the best or worst thing that's happened to us' – Stephen Hawking         'It is better to debate a question without settling it than to settle a question without debating it' – Joseph Joubert     </li> <li>Deliver a short impromptu speech of no longer than 6 minutes on one of four subjects, which will be handed to the learner 10 minutes</li> </ol>	35 35
before the examination	
<ol> <li>Bring a non-fiction book to the examination, the examiner will pick an extract for you to read aloud.</li> </ol>	10
<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The contents of the talk</li> <li>Impromptu speaking</li> <li>Explore and explain the debate procedure</li> <li>What makes a successful public speaker</li> </ul>	20
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 8 - Gold Medal (40 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Deliver a speech on either:         (Time limit 10 minutes)     </li> </ol>	30
<ul> <li>A person who is little known but has made a huge difference</li> <li>An historical fact that is not what it seems</li> <li>How discovery has changed perception of habitats</li> <li>Packaging of products, marketing, or environment?</li> <li>Deliver a short impromptu speech of no longer than 5 minutes on one of three subjects which will be handed to the Learner 10 minutes before the examination</li> </ul>	20
<ol> <li>Deliver a short speech for a special occasion including either a proposal or a reply to a toast. (Wedding, birthday, graduation) (Time limit 4 minutes)</li> </ol>	20
<ol> <li>Bring a non-fiction book to the examination, the examiner will pick an extract for you to read aloud.</li> </ol>	
5. Discuss with the Examiner:	10
<ul> <li>Research, planning, and arrangement of a speech</li> <li>How to propose a toast</li> <li>How to reply to a toast</li> <li>Communication with the audience to include, presentation, vocal and physical skills, and spontaneity</li> <li>What do you need to consider when speaking in different venues</li> </ul>	20
Total Marks Awarded	100

### **Interview Technique**

### **General Objectives**

This Interview Technique Syllabus seeks to offer Learners the opportunity to:

- Prepare for and take part in a formal interview
- Increase self-confidence
- Develop good listening skills
- Develop clear speech
- Develop clarity of thought
- Share their ideas and experiences with ease and clarity
- Understand the importance of self-presentation
- Engage, interest, persuade and inform their interviewer
- Receive constructive and encouraging feedback

# **Interview Technique: Entry Level**

Preparatory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Enter the examination and introduce themselves to the interviewer.	20
2. Discuss with the interviewer:	80
<ul> <li>An interesting place that you have visited</li> </ul>	
Total Marks Awarded	100

Introductory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Enter the examination and introduce themselves to the inte	erviewer. 20
<ul><li>Discuss with the interviewer:</li><li>Their favourite subject or sport and why</li></ul>	80
Total Mark	s Awarded 100

Preliminary Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded			
Learners should:				
<ol> <li>Complete a simple form which can be downloaded from the NEA website/hub to bring into the examination room. (If necessary, the Teacher may assist the Learner in filling out this form)</li> </ol>	20			
<ul><li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li><li>The details of the form</li><li>Your favourite hobby</li></ul>	80			
Total Marks Awarded	100			

Transition Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Complete a simple form which can be downloaded from the NEA website/hub to bring into the examination room. (If necessary, the Teacher may assist the Learner in filling out this form)</li> </ol>	20
2. Discuss with the Examiner:	80
<ul><li>The details of the form</li><li>Your dreams and ambitions</li></ul>	
Total Marks Awarded	100

### **Interview Technique: Level 1 Foundation**

Grade 1 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded	
Learners should:		
1. Compile a simple CV to bring to the interview	20	
2. Discuss with the interviewer:	80	
<ul> <li>The contents of the CV</li> <li>An element of your CV of which you are particularly proud</li> <li>Introductions, handshakes, and eye contact</li> </ul>		
Total Marks Awarded	100	

Grade 2 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded		
Learners should:			
<ol> <li>Compile a simple CV to bring to the interview which will be used as the basis for discussion.</li> </ol>	30		
2. Discuss with the interviewer:	70		
<ul> <li>The contents of the CV</li> <li>The importance of making a good first impression and how we make it</li> <li>An object of your own choice brought to the interview</li> </ul>			
Total Marks Awarded	100		

Grade 3 - Foundation level (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded			
Learners should:				
<ol> <li>Compile a simple CV to bring to the interview which will be used as the basis for discussion.</li> </ol>	30			
2. Discuss with the interviewer:	70			
<ul> <li>The contents of the CV</li> <li>The importance of personal presentation at an interview including: <ul> <li>what to wear</li> <li>personal confidence</li> <li>body language</li> </ul> </li> <li>Extra-curricular activities and how they can build and develop life skills</li> </ul>				
Total Marks Awarded	100			

### **Interview Technique: Level 2 Intermediate**

Grade	4 (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded			
Learne	Learners should:				
1.	Compile a simple CV to bring to the interview which will be used as the basis for discussion.	30			
2.	Sight read a short piece of non-fiction brought to the examination by the Learner:	35			
3.	<ul> <li>Discuss in their own words their views on the content and meaning of the passage</li> <li>Discuss with the interviewer:</li> </ul>	35			
	<ul> <li>Awareness and use of social media platforms in the context of employment</li> <li>All important aspects of preparation necessary before attending an interview</li> </ul>				
	Total Marks Awarded	100			

#### **Grade 5 (15 Minutes)**

#### **Marks Awarded**

35

The Bernard Price Certificate of Excellence is awarded annually to the Learner gaining the highest Distinction mark in this examination.

#### Learners should:

- 1. Compile a simple CV to bring to the interview which will be used as the basis for discussion.
- Bring to the interview two copies of a letter or article (from a newspaper or magazine) related to the Learner's chosen career:
   (No longer than 1 minute)
  - · Read aloud the article
  - · Discuss the article with the interviewer
- 3. Discuss with the interviewer:
  - The different types of interviews and the advantages/disadvantages of each. These may include: telephone interview; panel interview; assessment day; group interview; individual interview; multi-modal interview, remote interview.
  - The benefits of researching a company prior to the interview.

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### Interview Technique: Level 3 Advanced

Grade 6 - Bronze Medal (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Submit their own full CV with their entry which will be used as the basis for discussion.</li> </ol>	30
Give a short presentation on:     (Time limit 4 minutes)	35
<ul> <li>The contribution of one individual that the Learner admires in their chosen industry or profession</li> <li>3. Discuss with the interviewer:</li> </ul>	35
<ul> <li>The contents of the CV</li> <li>The key learning points they have taken from their research into the career path of the person they have spoken about in task 2</li> <li>The importance of resilience and the ability to cope with challenges in the workplace</li> </ul>	
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 7 - Silver Medal (25 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Submit their own full CV with their entry which will be used as the basis for discussion.</li> </ol>	30
Give a short presentation on:     (Time limit 4 minutes)	40
<ul> <li>The Learner's recent work experience highlighting what they have learnt and skills developed during the placement. OR</li> <li>A charity or the cause they feel passionate about.</li> <li>Discuss with the interviewer:</li> </ul>	30
<ul> <li>The contents of the CV</li> <li>Why it is important to do work experience</li> <li>How to prepare vocally for an interview and make a presentation</li> <li>Important points to remember pre-interview</li> </ul>	30
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 8	8 - Gold Medal (30 Minutes)	Marks Awarded			
_earner	earners should:				
	Submit their own full CV with their entry which will be used as the basis for discussion.	30			
(	Select a job from a particular company that interests the Learner and give a short presentation on why they are suitable for the position. (Time limit 5 minutes)	40			
3.	Discuss with the interviewer:				
	<ul> <li>The contents of the CV</li> <li>Points arising from the presentation</li> <li>The key challenges facing their chosen industry or profession in the next decade and how these challenges might be addressed</li> <li>The importance of recruiting the right people to an organisation and measures an organisation could take to reward and retain employees</li> <li>In-depth knowledge of all types of interviews and what positions they might be used for</li> <li>How to make a good impression and read the room</li> </ul>	30			
	Total Marks Awarded	100			

### Reading

#### **General Guidance**

- Poems and prose for this syllabus are free choices.
- Suggestions from either the anthology below or from the Public Domain can be used for poetry.
- Suggested poems and books for prose can be found in the guidance.
- Please ensure that your own choice reflects the expected standard for each level.

# Resource: A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan ISBN – 9780330543743

- For the prose sight reading Grades Transition to 8, a piece will be selected by the Examiner, during the examination, from the Learner's book used in section 2.
- For the poetry sight reading the teacher will have access to a selection of poems. The Examiner will pick one of them during the examination.
- TWO copies of each piece must be brought to the examination, one set for the use of the Examiner.
- The learner's copies must include:
  - the book for the prose selection.
  - o a suitably presented copy of the poetry selection.

#### **General Objectives**

This Reading Syllabus seeks to offer Learners the opportunity to:

- Read and perform for pleasure
- Extend the breadth of literature and poetry read
- Develop artistic skills
- Develop fluency
- Project the enjoyment of the printed word to the listener
- Increase word recognition
- Increase confidence in prepared reading Increase confidence in sight reading
- Instil an interest in reading and poetry

### **Reading: Entry Level**

Prepa	aratory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learn	ers should:	
1.	Read a short poem of their own choice.	50
2.	Read a short passage from any story. (Time limit 2 minutes)	50
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Introductory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Read a poem of their own choice.	50
2. Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 2 minutes)	50
Total Marks Awarded	100

Preliminary Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Read a poem of their own choice.	50
2. Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 2 minutes)	50
Total Marks Awarded	100

Transition Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Read a poem of their own choice.	45
2. Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 2 minutes)	45
3. Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book in section 2	10
Total Marks Awarded	100

# **Reading: Level 1 Foundation**

Grade 1 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Read a poem of their own choice.	40
2. Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 2 minutes)	40
3. Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	10
4. Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 2.	10
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grad	e 2 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learn	ers should:	
1.	Read a poem of their own choice.	40
2.	Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 2 minutes)	40
3.	Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	10
4.	Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 2.	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grad	e 3 - Foundation Medal (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learn	ers should:	
1.	Read a poem of their own choice.	40
2.	Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 2 minutes)	40
3.	Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	10
4.	Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 2.	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

# **Reading: Level 2 Intermediate**

Grade 4 (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Read a poem of their own choice.	40
2. Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 3 minutes)	40
3. Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	10
4. Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 2.	10
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grad	e 5 (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learn	ers should:	
1.	Read a poem of their own choice.	40
2.	Read a passage of their own choice. (Time limit 3 minutes)	40
3.	Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	10
4.	Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 2.	10
	Total Marks Awarded	100

# Reading: Level 3 Advanced

Grad	e 6 - Bronze Medal (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:		
1.	Read a poem of their own choice.	35
2.	Read a passage of their own choice from a different period.	35
	(Time limit 4 minutes)	
3.	Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	10
4.	Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 2.	10
5.	Discuss with the Examiner	10
	The choice of poetry and prose.	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grad	e 7 - Silver Medal (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded	
Learn	Learners should:		
1.	Read a poem of their own choice.	35	
2.	Read a passage of their own choice from a different period. (Time limit 4 minutes)	35	
3.	Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	10	
4.	Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 2.	10	
5.	<ul><li>Discuss with the Examiner</li><li>The choice of poetry and prose.</li></ul>	10	
	Total Marks Awarded	100	

Grad	e 8 - Gold Medal (25 Minutes)	Marks Awarded		
Th	e Jenny Seagrove Certificate of Excellence is awarded annual gaining the highest Distinction mark in this examinat			
Learn	Learners should:			
1.	Read a poem of their own choice written after 1970.	20		
2.	Read a sonnet from a different period to section 1.	20		
3.	Read a passage selected from an autobiography or biography of their own choice. (Time limit 4 minutes)	20		
4.	Read at sight a poem given by the Examiner.	15		
5.	Read at sight a passage of prose from the same book as in section 3.	15		
6.	<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner</li> <li>the choice of poetry and prose.</li> <li>the challenges you faced in the exam preparation.</li> </ul>	10		
	Total Marks Awarded	100		

### **Spoken English**

### **General Objectives**

This Spoken English Syllabus seeks to offer Learners the opportunity to:

- Increase self-confidence
- Improve vocal communication skills
- Develop good listening skills
- Develop clear speech
- Develop clarity of thought
- Share their ideas with ease and clarity
- Receive constructive and encouraging feedback

For the prose sight reading Grades 2 to 8 a piece will be selected by the Examiner, from a book the Learner has brought to the examination.

# **Spoken English: Level 1 Foundation**

Grade 1 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Prepare and read a passage of prose of their own choice.</li> <li>(Time limit 2 minutes)</li> </ol>	50
<ul><li>2. Talk with the Examiner:</li><li>On a subject of the Learner's own choice.</li></ul>	50
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 2 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Read at sight a passage of prose from a book brought into the examination by the Learner.</li> </ol>	45
2. Bring a photograph, postcard, or picture to the examination showing a special memory and to talk about it in such a way as to bring it to life for the Examiner. (Time limit 2 minutes)	45
<ul><li>3. Discuss with the Examiner:</li><li>What should you consider when reading aloud?</li></ul>	10
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 3 - Foundation Medal (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Read at sight a passage of prose from a book brought into the examination by the Learner.</li> </ol>	45
<ol><li>Give a structured but informal talk about a book that you have read or an event that you have attended. (Time limit 2 minutes)</li></ol>	45
<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The book or event in detail</li> <li>Skills necessary to achieve clear speech</li> <li>Why it is necessary to make speech clear?</li> </ul>	10
Total Marks Awarded	100

### **Spoken English: Level 2 Intermediate**

Grade 4 (15 Minutes)		Marks Awarded
Learners should:		
	se from a book brought into the nd a poem from the selection given,	30
<ol><li>Give a structured but informal present that has interested the</li></ol>	talk about an event, either past or em. (Time limit 4 minutes)	50
<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The event in detail</li> <li>The importance of engage</li> <li>The skills necessary in e</li> </ul>	ging a listener	20
	Total Marks Awarde	ed 100

Grad	e 5 (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learn	ers should:	
1.	Read at sight a passage of prose from a book brought into the examination by the Learner, and a poem from the selection given, chosen by the Examiner.	30
2.	Give a structured but informal talk about an environmental issue. (Time limit 4 minutes)	50
3.	Discuss with the Examiner:	20
	<ul> <li>The talk</li> <li>How the approach would change, depending on your listener</li> <li>The physical skills necessary in informal and formal speaking</li> </ul>	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

# **Spoken English: Level 3 Advanced**

Grad	e 6 - Bronze Medal (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learn	ers should:	
1.	Read at sight a passage of prose from a book brought into the examination by the Learner, and a poem from the selection given, chosen by the Examiner.	20
2.	Give a talk about a charity or worthwhile cause that they feel strongly about. (Time limit 5 minutes)	60
3.	Discuss with the Examiner:  • The talk	20
	<ul> <li>How to speak with passion in a controlled manner, fully engaging your listener</li> <li>Situations in which these may be used effectively</li> </ul>	
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 7	' - Silver Medal (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners	s should:	
ex	ead at sight a passage of prose from a book brought into the xamination by the Learner, and a poem from the selection given, hosen by the Examiner.	20
	alk about a topic they feel passionate about. Fime limit 5 minutes)	60
3. D	<ul> <li>The structure and aim of the talk</li> <li>The most important hope for their future</li> <li>The ways in which effective vocal communication can help in the work environment, specifically their chosen career</li> </ul>	20
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 8 - Gold Medal (20 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Read at sight a passage of prose from a book brought into the examination by the Learner, and a poem from the selection given, chosen by the Examiner.</li> </ol>	20
2. Present a talk on one of the following; (Time limit 5 minutes)	60
<ul> <li>An inspirational person</li> <li>World peace, is it possible?</li> <li>Space</li> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> </ul>	20
<ul> <li>The structure and aim of the talk</li> <li>Techniques that are used to influence your listener</li> <li>What vocal skills are required to speak eloquently?</li> <li>What do you need to consider when speaking in different venues?</li> </ul>	
Total Marks Awarded	100

### **English as an Additional Language (EAL)**

#### **General Objectives**

This English as an Additional Language (EAL) Syllabus seeks to offer Learners the opportunity to:

- Develop the confidence and skill to communicate in any situation in their second language
- Develop the use of oral language
- Develop skills in the use of voice and speech techniques
- Achieve vocal clarity and variety
- Demonstrate an understanding of the role of body language in communication
- Demonstrate the ability to be understood and to understand through the English language

Bullet point notes may be used where appropriate.

# **EAL: Entry Level**

Preparatory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Greet the Examiner and introduce themselves.	30
2. Talk with the Examiner about their:	70
<ul><li>Family or</li><li>Friends</li></ul>	
Total Mark	s Awarded 100

Introductory Grade (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
1. Greet the Examiner and introduce themselves.	30
2. Talk with the Examiner about their:	70
<ul><li>Interests or</li><li>School / Work</li></ul>	
Total	Marks Awarded 100

Preliminary Grade (10 Minutes)		Marks Awarded
Learners should:		
1. Give a short talk on their favourite food.		80
2. Discuss with the Examiner:		20
<ul> <li>The contents of the talk</li> </ul>		
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Transition Grade (10 Minutes)		Marks Awarded
Learners should:		
1. Give a short talk on a place of interest to them.		80
2. Discuss with the Examiner:		20
<ul><li>The reasons for their choice of place</li><li>The importance of eye contact</li></ul>		
	Total Marks Awarded	100

### **EAL: Level 1 Foundation**

Grade 1 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Read aloud a paragraph written about yourself.</li> <li>(Time limit 2 minutes).</li> </ol>	80
2. Discuss with the Examiner:	20
<ul><li>Your presentation</li><li>The importance of clear speech</li></ul>	
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 2 (10 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ol> <li>Present a short talk about one of the following: (Time limit 2 minutes):</li> </ol>	80
<ul> <li>School</li> <li>Your Culture</li> <li>Work</li> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>Your presentation</li> <li>Pitch and pace</li> </ul>	20
Total Marks	Awarded 100

Grade 3 - Foundation Level (10 Minutes)		Marks Awarded
Learners should:		
<ol> <li>Present a talk on any chosen subject. (Time limit 2 minutes)</li> </ol>		40
<ol><li>Read aloud a short passage of prose. (Time limit 1 minute)</li></ol>		40
<ul><li>3. Discuss with the Examiner:</li><li>The talk and the passage</li><li>Awareness of punctuation</li></ul>		20
	<b>Total Marks Awarded</b>	100

### **EAL: Level 2 Intermediate**

Grade 4 (15 Minutes)		Marks Awarded
Learn	ers should:	
1.	Select and read a poem.	40
2.	Give a short presentation on Festivals or Entertainment. (Time limit 3 minutes).	40
3.	Discuss with the Examiner:  The reasons for the choices Projection – how we use it and why it is important	20
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 5 (15 Minutes)	Marks Awarded	
Learners should:		
<ol> <li>Give a short talk on one of the following: (Time limit 3 minutes).</li> </ol>	40	
<ul> <li>Discovery</li> <li>Celebrations</li> <li>Inventions</li> </ul> 2. Sight read a prose passage from a book selected by the learn (Time limit 2 minutes)	ner. 40	
<ul> <li>(Time limit 2 minutes)</li> <li>3. Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The selected book</li> <li>The effective use of inflection and the importance of modern control of the importance of the importance of modern control of the importance of the importanc</li></ul>	20 dulation	
Total Marks A	Awarded 100	

### **EAL: Level 3 Advanced**

Grade 6 - Bronze Medal (20 Minutes)		Marks Awarded
Learners should:		
1.	Speak from memory a passage from a book. (Time limit 3 minutes)	25
2.	Give a short presentation on the story from which the passage was taken. (Time limit 2 minutes)	25
3.	Read at sight a poem of the Examiner's choice	25
4.	Discuss with the Examiner:  • The selected passage  • The importance of good presentation skills	25
	Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 7 - Silver Medal (25 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
<ul> <li>Give a structured talk on one of the following:</li> <li>Art</li> <li>Architecture</li> <li>Literature</li> <li>(Time limit 5 Minutes)</li> </ul>	25
2. Speak from memory a poem	25
<ol> <li>Read at sight a short passage of prose from a book of the learner's choice</li> </ol>	25
<ul> <li>4. Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The passage</li> <li>The poem selected</li> <li>Effective vocal techniques that help the speaker</li> </ul>	25
Total Marks Awarded	100

Grade 8 - Gold Medal (30 Minutes)	Marks Awarded
Learners should:	
Give a structured talk on any chosen subject.	25
<ul><li>(Time limit 4 minutes)</li><li>2. Speak from memory any poem or piece of prose.</li><li>(Time limit 3 minutes).</li></ul>	25
<ol><li>Read at sight a short passage of prose from a book of the learner's choice.</li></ol>	25
<ul> <li>Discuss with the Examiner:</li> <li>The talk</li> <li>The poem</li> <li>The mood and vocabulary in the poem or prose</li> <li>Ways in which the English vocabulary can be developed and extended</li> <li>How the use of expressive speech can aid speaking and understanding</li> </ul>	25
Total Marks Awarded	100

### **Guidance for Poetry and Prose**

For Speech & Drama, Reading, Spoken English, EAL and Verse Speaking

### Entry Level Poems - Age 5+

See Anthology: A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan & Public Domain

- Anything That's Broken Bernard Young p70
- Kitten Jill Townsend p145
- My Face Says it All Phillip Waddell p26
- Apple James Carter p48
- Where Am I Mike Barfield p43
- Gran's Old Diary Wes Magee p 29
- My Dad Peter Dixon p28
- Hello Barry Buckingham p188
- Rhubarb Ted Ann O'Connor PD
- Snowball Shel Silverstein PD
- The Crocodile Lewis Carroll PD
- Snowball Shel Silverstein PD
- How not to have to Dry the Dishes Shel Silverstein PD

### Level 1 - Age 7-12 - Grade 1 - 3

# See Anthology: A First Poetry Book by Pie Corbett and Gaby Morgan & Public Domain

- Space Rocket Richard Caley p227
- I Did Not Eat the Goldfish Roger Stevens p138
- Jealousy John Mole p38
- The Tiger Sue Hardy Dawson p288
- Sounds of School Michaela Morgan p194
- Shells and Stones Eric Finley p249
- We Share the Air Kevin McCann p284
- Boring Mr Grimble Clare Bevan p162
- Imagine the World Moyra Andrew p41
- Santa in Zooland p 128
- It's a Puzzle Allan Ahlberg PD
- When Daddy fell into the Pond Alfred Noyes PD

### **Level 1 Authors**

- Dick King Smith
- Roald Dahl
- David Walliams
- Cressida Cowell
- Varjak Paw

- Jill Tomlinson
- Jill Murphy
- Julia Donaldson
- Michael Morpurgo
- Eoin Colfer
- Jacqueline Wilson

#### Level 2 - Age 13 - 15 - Grades 4 and 5

All Poems are **free choice** but suggestions from the public domain can be found within this guidance pack.

### Level 2 Poetry

#### 20th Century Poetry

- The Listeners by Walter de La Mare
- The Gresford Disaster by Anon
- Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening by Robert Frost
- The Lockless Door by Robert Frost
- A Road Not Taken by Robert Frost
- My Typewriter by Edward Dyson
- Sea Fever by John Masefield
- Mistletoe by Walter de La Mare
- The Things We Dare Not Tell by Henry Lawson
- The Call by John Frederick Freeman
- At The Theatre: To The Lady Behind Me
- To E.T by Robert Frost
- Mid-Term Break by Seamus Heaney

#### 19th Century Poetry

- The Star by Sara Teasdale
- If by Rudyard Kipling verses 1,2 and 4
- Hope is the thing with feathers by Emily Dickinson
- The Tyger by William Blake
- The Lake Isle of Innisfree by W B Yeats
- A Dream within a Dream by E A Poe
- Break, Break, Break, by Alfred Lord Tennyson
- I Travelled among Unknown Men William Wordsworth
- The Welcome by Thomas Osborne Davis
- · Water of Gold by Henry Austin Dobson

### **Level 2 Authors**

- Philip Pullman
- Anthony Horowitz
- Patrick Ness
- Malorie Blackman

- RJ Palacio
- Suzanne Collins
- John Green

#### Level 3 – Age 15 – 17 – Grades 6 and 8

### **Level 3 Poetry**

#### War Poets

- Dreamers by Siegfried Sassoon
- An Irishman Foresees his Death by WB Yeats
- Anthem for Doomed Youth by Wilfred Owen
- Rupert Brooke
- Robert Graves

### **Award Winning Poets**

- Langston Hughes
- Still I Rise by Maya Angelou
- Caged Bird by Maya Angelou
- Blackberrying by Sylvia Plath
- You're by Sylvia Plath
- Age Appropriate by Phillip Schultz
- Greed by Philip Schultz
- The Evening Darkens Over by Robert Bridges
- Warming Her Pearls by Carol Ann Duffy
- Camera Obscura by Simon Armitage

#### Sonnets from The Elizabethan or Jacobean Era (1500 - 1625)

- Sonnet 55 by William Shakespeare
- My heart I gave thee, not to do it pain by Sir Thomas Wyatt
- Death, be not proud by John Donne

#### Sonnets from The Romantic Era (1780 – 1830)

- Lift not the painted veil which those who live by Percy Bysshe Shelley
- Bright Star by John Keats

#### Contemporary Sonnets – (1900 – 2020)

- I shall go back again to the bleak shore by Edna St Vincent Millay
- Glasgow Sonnet i by Edwin Morgan
- Acquainted with the Night by Robert Frost
- Love Sonnet XI by Pablo Neruda

### **Level 3 Authors**

- Laurie Lee
- George R R Martin
- Iris Murdoch
- Harper Lee

- F Scott Fitzgerald
- Graham Green
- Joanna Trollope
- John Steinbeck



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