

GCSE French/German/Spanish

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

Summer 2022 only

Unit 1: Speaking
Oral test: 5-7 minutes (Foundation tier)
7-9 minutes (Higher tier)
25% of qualification

45 marks; 100 UMS

Two tasks:

Role play

Conversation – Part 1 and Part 2

Learners may select their own sub-sub-theme for Part 1 of the Conversation in advance of the assessment.

The following five sub-sub-themes will not be assessed in the role play task and Part 2 of the Conversation:

Theme 1

i) Technology and social media

ii) Festivals and celebrations

Theme 2

iii) Local and regional features and characteristics of France/Germany/Spain and French-/German-/Spanish-speaking countries

iv) Social issues

Theme 3

v) Post-16 study.

Learners are not permitted to use dictionaries in any part of the assessment.

Unit 2: Listening
Written examination: 35 minutes (Foundation tier) including 5 minutes' reading time
45 minutes (Higher tier) including 5 minutes' reading time

25% of qualification

45 marks; 100 UMS

Advance Information for [French/German/Spanish](#) on the focus of the content of the exam has been provided for this unit.

Listening comprehension tasks with non-verbal and written responses.

Learners are not permitted to use dictionaries in any part of the assessment.

Unit 3: Reading

Written examination: 1 hour (Foundation tier)
1 hour 15 minutes (Higher tier)

25% of qualification

60 marks; 100 UMS

Advance Information for [French/German/Spanish](#) on the focus of the content of the exam has been provided for this unit.

Reading tasks with non-verbal and written responses, including one translation task from French/German/Spanish into English/Welsh.

Learners are not permitted to use dictionaries in any part of the assessment.

Unit 4: Writing

Written examination: 1 hour 5 minutes (Foundation tier)
1 hour 15 minutes (Higher tier)

25% of qualification

48 marks; 100 UMS

Writing tasks.

There will be no translation task from English/Welsh into French/German/Spanish.

The following five sub-sub-themes will not be assessed in this unit:

Theme 1

i) Technology and social media

ii) Festivals and celebrations

Theme 2

iii) Local and regional features and characteristics of France/Germany/Spain and French-/German-/Spanish-speaking countries

iv) Social issues

Theme 3

v) Post-16 study.

Learners are not permitted to use dictionaries in any part of the assessment.

This adapted version of GCSE French/German/Spanish is available for entry in **Summer 2022 only**. Candidates entering the qualification in 2023 should use the approved specification for [French/German/Spanish](#).

Summary of changes for 2022

Unit 1: Speaking (oral exam)

Remove Task 2 (photo card discussion).

Reduce length of exam by two minutes (currently 7-9 minutes) on the foundation tier and three minutes (currently 10-12 minutes) on the higher tier to take into account the removal of Task 2.

Allow learners to select their own sub-sub-theme for Part 1 of the Conversation in advance of the speaking assessment. This could include any of the five sub-sub-themes below. The choice of sub-sub-theme must be agreed between the learner and the teacher no later than two weeks before the assessment takes place.

The following five sub-sub-themes will not be assessed in the Role Play task and Part 2 of the Conversation in 2022:

- Theme 1: i) Technology and social media; ii) Festivals and celebrations
- Theme 2: iii) Local and regional features and characteristics of France/Germany/Spain and French-/German-/Spanish-speaking countries; iv) Social issues
- Theme 3: v) Post-16 study.

Unit 2: Listening (written exam)

We have provided advance notice of the sub-sub-themes covered in the assessment for each tier and for each language.

Unit 3: Reading (written exam)

We have provided advance notice of the sub-sub-themes covered in the assessment for each tier and for each language.

Unit 4: Writing (written exam)

Remove the requirement to translate from English/Welsh into French/German/Spanish.

Reduce length of exam by ten minutes (currently 1 hour 15 minutes) on the foundation tier and fifteen minutes (currently 1 hour 30 minutes) on the higher tier to take into account the removal of the translation task.

The following five sub-sub-themes will not be assessed in this unit in 2022: i) Technology and social media (Theme 1); ii) Festivals and celebrations (Theme 1); iii) Local and regional features and characteristics of France/Germany/Spain and French-/German-/Spanish-speaking countries (Theme 2); iv) Social issues (Theme 2); v) Post-16 study (Theme 3).