

Schemes of Examination

The table opposite summarises the various types of tests set by the various Examinations Boards, as from 1989, and shows the percentage of marks allotted to each paper.

Note that the Southern Universities Joint Board (SUJB) and the London Board offer two syllabuses, A and B. Where the 'AS' Level papers form the core of the 'A' level, this has been noted with the word 'core'. A number of abbreviations have been used. These are as follows: LC = listening comprehension; RC = reading comprehension; O = oral; T = translation; CW = course work; E = essay; CA = critical appreciation; * = approximation.

Sample Material

Publisher's Note

The material that follows is a selection from the sample papers for the new 'A' Levels, and is drawn from examinations of various Boards. This material is intended to be illustrative of the types of test that will be set, and no model answers are provided.

For reasons of space, each text is recorded on the cassette once only. You can listen to each recording as many times as you like. In the examination you will be tested according to your Board's instructions, as printed below.



Listening

*This paper is made up of four parts: you will hear each recording twice. There will be pauses before, during and after each listening text, and the length and placing of these pauses is marked on your paper. You will have two minutes before you hear each text for the first time to study the questions and, if necessary, to look up words. You may write at any time but you must not use your dictionaries while a text is being read out. Single 'bleeps' will be used to mark the beginnings of passages and at the beginnings and ends of pauses within passages. Double bleeps will indicate the ends of passages, and three bleeps will signal the end of the paper. The first two passages have **one** 30-second gap inserted in each reading; the third and fourth passages have **two** 30-second gaps inserted in each reading.*

You may now look at the questions for section one, and the text will begin in two minutes.

PART ONE

Here are ten statements about the text you are going to hear. Five of them are correct; put a tick against those five, and do not put any mark against the others.

You will hear the text once with a 30-second pause within the text; you will then have two minutes in which to answer. Next you will hear the text again, and it will again be followed by a two-minute pause. Two bleeps at the end of that pause will indicate that you should turn to the questions on part two, and you will then have two minutes before the text of part two begins.

- 1 Elle s'entend bien avec son père.
- 2 Elle est fille unique.