

Subject: ESOL

Level: HIGHER

Exam / assessment requirements
Listening Candidates listen to one monologue and two spoken interactions, each on a different topic. Candidates respond to questions in English by using English. 20 marks 45 minutes Reading Candidates read three texts in English, each on a different topic. Candidates respond to questions in English by using English. 25 marks 1 hour 10 minutes Writing Candidates produce two written texts. <u>Everyday life (220-250 words)</u> <u>Study (250-300 words)</u>. 25 marks 1 hour 40 minutes Performance: speaking and listening. Discussion (8-10 mins), using detailed and complex English, with one other candidate. Preparation (15 mins) 30 marks
Revision tools / materials (signposts)
Valuable and varied practice materials can be found on the Scholar website. SKILL DEVELOPMENT, TOPIC REVISION & GRAMMAR http://courses.scholar.hw.ac.uk/vle/scholar/ PAST PAPERS, MARKING INSTRUCTIONS & TRANSCRIPTS http://www.sqa.org.uk/pastpapers
Revision techniques / study skills
Daily immersion in the English language through a variety of media and sources. Everyday communication, both at home and in school should be supplemented by articles, reports, podcasts, music and TV Practice as many past papers as possible. Develop exam technique and time management, adhering strictly to word count and exam paper instructions. Study marking instructions and act on teacher feedback in order to be well prepared and confident for assessment. Examine exemplars of good writing and talk performances. Study Success Criteria for top performance Hand in extra work for marking. This will maximise your opportunity to gain feedback and prioritise your next steps. Make a check list of your common errors that you should aim to eliminate. Make a 'Top Tips' summary reminder list from all teacher feedback received.
Any other relevant information
The regular and steady approach to skill development and increasing the grammatical and lexical complexity of the English you are able to both understand and use is essential in order to maximise success.