Support for Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper (8021)

Supporting you every step of the way

We provide a wide range of support so that you can give your learners the best possible preparation for Cambridge International qualifications. Here is a list of the teaching and learning support available for the Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper (8021) syllabus that is available for first examination in 2019. Our 'Coming soon' section on the following page lists further support which will be available for first teaching in 2018.

Our support material is available online through the School Support Hub at: www.cambridgeinternational.org/support

Syllabus and assessment materials

The syllabus is well designed, interesting to teach, accessible to learners and has been updated for first teaching in 2018. It explains what your learners need to know, how they will be assessed, and the relationship between assessment objectives and the examination papers.

Use the specimen papers and mark schemes to familiarise yourself with the overall assessment approach.

As this is a new syllabus that we have developed for first examination from 2019, past papers are not yet available. However, to have a sense of the sort of questions to expect in syllabus 8021, you may refer to the past papers currently available for syllabuses 8001 and 8004 (General Paper). Please be aware that these have slightly different mark schemes but in terms of questions, you may find these useful.

Scheme of Work

This medium term teaching plan provides ideas about how to construct and deliver Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper. The syllabus has been broken down into teaching units with suggested teaching activities and learning resources to use in the classroom. This document is a guide offering advice, tips and ideas to help you plan your lessons.

Coming soon

Specimen Paper Answers

This booklet exemplifies high-standard examination responses for the new Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper syllabus and assessment structure. Use this resource to develop your learners’ understanding of what is required to gain marks based on answers written in the style of an AS Level candidate. The Specimen Paper Answers will be available in April 2018.

Example Candidate Responses (ECR)

The ECR booklets provide illustrative examples of candidate work at different levels of performance. Each answer will be annotated with examiner comments on why an answer achieved the awarded mark and any mistakes the candidate has made. The examiner will explain how the candidate could have improved their answer, and lists common mistakes made in this question across all candidates who sat the exam. This resource will help you to explain and demonstrate the required examination standard to your learners. The ECR booklets will be made available after the first examination of the revised syllabus in 2019.
Learner Guide

Learners can use this guide to develop an understanding of the Cambridge International course and how it will be assessed, helping to increase their confidence. The guide describes each exam paper and includes useful advice to help your learners understand what to expect in the Cambridge International exams, and how to plan their study and revision programme. There is also an Example Candidate Response for one question to help demonstrate the Cambridge International standard. For all Cambridge International AS & A Level subjects we also recommend our Learner Guide: Planning, Reflection, Revision, which can be used in the classroom and for independent study. The Learner Guide will be available in June 2018 on both the public website and the School Support Hub.

Other support

The School Support Hub hosts an active English (Cambridge Advanced) forum, which is a great way for you to keep up to date with your subject. Ask questions, get the latest information and connect with other Cambridge International teachers around the world. You can also upload your own resources for the community to use, and access resources shared by others.

The Cambridge International public website contains a list of endorsed textbook(s) for Cambridge International AS Level English General Paper. Click on the 'Support material' tab of the subject page. Many of our syllabuses are supported by a range of different endorsed textbooks and teachers are advised to choose the endorsed textbook that best suits their needs. Teachers are advised to choose the textbook that best suits their needs. There is information on the back of endorsed textbooks about which syllabus the book supports and the year of first examination of that syllabus.

Endorsed resources go through a rigorous quality-assurance process to make sure they closely reflect the syllabus and are appropriate for Cambridge International schools worldwide. Resources may be 'endorsed for full syllabus coverage' or endorsed to cover specific sections, topics or approaches. Look for the specific 'endorsed for' logo on the resource. A new endorsed textbook (Student and Teacher’s book) will be available from March 2018.

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