

2024-2025 Half-yearly Examination

Syllabus for S1 English Language

Paper	Items covered in the exam
1. General English (1 hour 15 min)	a) Reading Comprehension b) Vocabulary (Units 1-3) c) Grammar Usage - present continuous tense - prepositions of location & movement, verbs of movement - prepositions of time - simple future, be going to - simple past tense
2. Writing (1 hour 15 min)	a) Writing (50-80 words) b) Choose one topic out of two and write a text of 120 -150 words
3. Listening (1 hour)	a) 3 short tasks b) 2 integrated tasks
4. Speaking (Approx. 5 min per candidate)	a) Reading aloud (Units 1-3) b) Conversation: Answer questions related to topics in units 1-3

2024/25 S2 Half-yearly Examination Syllabus

Paper	Details
1. Reading	Part 1: Reading Part 2: Vocabulary (Unit 3 & 4) Unit 3 (Text 1) Unit 4 (Text 1) Part 3: English Usage U3 Conditionals (Type 0) U3 Relative clauses (Defining & non-defining) U3 Rhetorical questions U4 The present perfect and present perfect continuous Part 4: Proofreading
2. Writing	Part A: Guided Writing (about 100 words) B: Writing (150-180 words)
3. Listening	Part A: 3 Short Tasks B: 2 Integrated Tasks
4. Speaking	Part A: Reading Aloud (Unit 1-3) B: 1 - 1.5 minute-presentation

Syllabus for S3 Half-yearly Examination 2024-2025

Paper	Suggested items covered in the exam
1. Reading (Paper 1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Reading Comprehensionb) Vocabulary (Ch 1-3)c) Grammar Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. (U2) Talking about actions (I) (Gerunds, To-infinitives)2. (U2) Reporting what people asked and replied (Reported speech (II))3. (U3) Talking about actions (Phrasal verbs)4. (U3) Focusing on the receiver of an action (The passive voice (II))5. (U4) Connecting actions (II) (Linking expressions)
2. Writing (Paper 2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Part A: Short task (120 words)b) Part B: Choose one topic out of three and write a text in 200 words
3. Listening (Paper 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) 3 short tasksb) 2 Integrated tasks
4. Speaking (Paper 4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Part A: Group Interactionb) Part B: Individual Presentation

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)
English Language Examination Syllabus for S4
Half-yearly Examination 2024/2025

The assessment of this subject is based on the Examination Syllabus for English Language published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority.

The overall aim of the assessment is to evaluate candidates' English language ability.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

To assess the ability of candidates to:

1. understand ideas, facts, opinions and feelings presented through the medium of spoken and written language;
2. respond to, evaluate and make use of ideas, facts, opinions and feelings which may be presented in an integrated manner through the medium of spoken and written language;
3. express their own views, feelings and ideas, imaginative and otherwise, and describe, discuss and reflect upon their own experiences through the medium of spoken and written language; interact with others through the medium of spoken and written language.

MODE OF ASSESSMENT

The assessment will consist of four papers as outlined in the following table:

S4	Paper	Time	Marks	Coursework Mark
	Paper 1 (Reading)	1.5 hr	45	25 (converted to 50)
	Paper 2 (Writing)	1.5 hrs	60	
	Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills)	~2 hrs	70	
	Paper 4 (Speaking)	20 mins per group	25	
	SUB-TOTAL		200 (converted to 150)	50
	TOTAL		200	

Paper 1 Reading (1 hour 30 minutes)

Candidates will be required to read an appropriate type and level of text and answer a range of question types such as multiple choice, open-ended short answers, and longer answers thereby giving them opportunity to use their reading skills including but not limited to interpretational and inferential skills. Candidates will be required to demonstrate their ability to:

- (i) understand the overall meaning of a text as well as extract specific information as required by the question;
- (ii) recognize, interpret and make inferences from opinions, assumptions, intentions, attitudes and feelings explicitly or implicitly expressed by the author through the text;
- (iii) use linguistic and contextual clues and general knowledge to determine meaning;
- (iv) respond to the questions by supplying or selecting words or phrases which are semantically and syntactically appropriate to the overall meaning of the text.
- (v) make use of information provided in a variety of texts to produce or complete a type of text.

Paper 2 Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)

There will be two writing tasks. The first task will be a short, guided one (150 words). Candidates will be provided with the situation and the purpose for writing, as well as some relevant information. The second task will be longer and more open-ended (300 words). Pictures and other forms of graphic representation may be used in setting tasks.

Candidates will be required to do one or more of the following:

- (i) to express their own views, feelings and ideas, imaginative and otherwise;
- (ii) to describe and discuss their own experiences;
- (iii) to respond to, reflect upon, evaluate and make use of given information;
- (iv) to modify a written draft so that the modified text makes sense and reflects a correct use of language.

The text produced by the candidate should be appropriate to the context, purpose and/or audience in terms of content, style and use of language.

For the local assessment purposes, S.4 candidates will be given 5 marks for showing the planning of their writing. When assessing their product, consideration will be given to the relevance and adequacy of the content; the planning and organisation of the ideas; the accuracy and appropriacy of punctuation, vocabulary and language patterns; and the appropriacy of tone, style, format and register.

Paper 3 Listening and Integrated Skills (~2 hours)

This module consists of 2 parts (Part A and Part B) with a variety of listening, reading and writing tasks. In part A, candidates will need to complete the tasks listening to the audios on a certain theme. In Part B, candidates will be required to take notes from an audio and combine the notes with other Data Files and respond to 3 tasks. At least one of the writing tasks will require candidates to produce an extended piece of writing.

Candidates will be required to process information by selecting and combining data from both spoken and written sources in order to complete various listening and writing tasks in a practical work or study situation. All the information necessary to complete these tasks will be provided.

A variety of spoken and written input material will be used, including conversations, telephone messages, interviews, lectures, articles, letters, tables, graphs and flowcharts.

Assessment will be based on how well the candidates complete the tasks, taking into account of the accuracy, appropriacy to the purpose and context, relevance, and organisation where applicable. Language will be assessed in terms of the extent to which the use of sentence structures, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation support or interfere with successful communication.

Paper 4 Speaking

Part A Group Discussion (preparation: 10 minutes; discussion: 6 minutes per group of 4 candidates)

Four candidates will be grouped together and will need to engage in a group discussion based on given prompts. These prompts may be in prose form or may be presented graphically, in tables, graphs, flow charts, pictures and so on. Candidates may be required to make suggestions, give advice, make and explain a choice, argue for and/or against a position, or discuss the pros and cons of a proposal. The emphasis will be on effective communication rather than on task completion.

Candidates will be given ten minutes for preparation and will be allowed to make notes. During the discussion they may refer to their notes.

Part B Individual Response (one minute per candidate)

Each candidate will respond individually to an examiner's question(s), which will be based on the group discussion task. Candidates may be required to make and justify a choice, decide on and explain a course of action, argue for or against a position, and so on.

Candidates will be assessed on the breadth, quality and organization of their ideas; the clarity and accuracy of their pronunciation and delivery; the appropriacy and accuracy of their vocabulary and language patterns; and their ability to establish and maintain interaction in both parts of the speaking examination.

Sir Ellis Kadoorie Secondary School (West Kowloon)
English Language Examination Syllabus for S5
Half-yearly Examination 2024/2025

The assessment of this subject is based on the Examination Syllabus for English Language published by the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority.

The overall aim of the assessment is to evaluate candidates' English language ability.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

To assess the ability of candidates to:

1. understand ideas, facts, opinions and feelings presented through the medium of spoken and written language;
2. respond to, evaluate and make use of ideas, facts, opinions and feelings which may be presented in an integrated manner through the medium of spoken and written language;
3. express their own views, feelings and ideas, imaginative and otherwise, and describe, discuss and reflect upon their own experiences through the medium of spoken and written language; interact with others through the medium of spoken and written language.

MODE OF ASSESSMENT

The assessment will consist of a public examination component and a school-based assessment component as outlined in the following table:

S5	Paper	Duration	Marks	Coursework Mark
	Paper 1 (Reading)	1.5 hrs	45	25 (converted to 50)
	Paper 2 (Writing)	2 hrs	60	
	Paper 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills)	~2 hrs	70	
	Paper 4 (Speaking)	22 mins per group	25	
	SUB-TOTAL		200 (converted to 150)	50
	TOTAL		200	

Paper 1 Reading (1 hour 30 minutes)

Candidates will be required to respond to a variety of written texts of different lengths and levels of difficulty. A range of question types will be used, including multiple-choice items, short responses and more extended open-ended responses. Candidates will be required to demonstrate their ability to:

- (i) understand the overall meaning of a text as well as extract specific information from it;
- (ii) recognise, interpret and make inferences from opinions, assumptions, intentions, attitudes and feelings which occur explicitly or implicitly in a text;
- (iii) use linguistic and contextual clues and general knowledge to determine meaning;
- (iv) complete a text by supplying or selecting words or phrases which are semantically and syntactically appropriate to the overall meaning of the text.
- (v) make use of information provided in a variety of texts to produce or complete a type of text.

Paper 2 Writing (2 hours)

There will be two writing tasks. The first task will be a short, guided one (200 words). Candidates will be provided with the situation and the purpose for writing, as well as some relevant information. The second task will be longer and more open-ended (350 words). Pictures and other forms of graphic representation may be used in setting tasks.

Candidates will be required to do one or more of the following:

- (i) to express their own views, feelings and ideas, imaginative and otherwise;
- (ii) to describe and discuss their own experiences;
- (iii) to respond to, reflect upon, evaluate and make use of given information;
- (iv) to modify a written draft so that the modified text makes sense and reflects a correct use of language.

The text produced by the candidate should be appropriate to the context, purpose and/or audience in terms of content, style and use of language.

For assessment purposes, consideration will be given to the relevance and adequacy of the content; the planning and organisation of the ideas; the accuracy and appropriacy of punctuation, vocabulary and language patterns; and the appropriacy of tone, style, format and register.

Paper 3 Listening and Integrated Skills (~2 hours)

There will be a variety of listening, reading and writing tasks based on the same theme. At least one of the writing tasks will require candidates to produce an extended piece of writing.

Candidates will be required to process information by selecting and combining data from both spoken and written sources in order to complete various listening and writing tasks in a practical work or study situation. All the information necessary to complete these tasks will be provided.

A variety of spoken and written input material will be used, including conversations, telephone messages, interviews, lectures, articles, letters, tables, graphs and flowcharts.

Assessment will be based on how well candidates complete the tasks, taking into account appropriacy to the purpose and context, relevance, and organisation where applicable. Language will be assessed in terms of the extent to which the use of sentence structures, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation support or interfere with successful communication.

Paper 4 Speaking

Part A Group Discussion (preparation: 10 minutes; discussion: 8 minutes per group of 4 candidates)

Four candidates will be grouped together and will take part in a group discussion based on given prompts. These prompts may be in prose form or may be presented graphically, in tables, graphs, flow charts, pictures and so on. Candidates may be required to make suggestions, give advice, make and explain a choice, argue for and/or against a position, or discuss the pros and cons of a proposal. The emphasis will be on effective communication rather than on task completion.

Candidates will be given ten minutes for preparation and will be allowed to make notes. During the discussion they may refer to their notes.

Part B Individual Response (one minute per candidate)

Each candidate will respond individually to an examiner's question(s), which will be based on the group discussion task. Candidates may be required to make and justify a choice, decide on and explain a course of action, argue for or against a position, and so on.

Candidates will be assessed on the breadth, quality and organisation of their ideas; the clarity and accuracy of their pronunciation and delivery; the appropriacy and accuracy of their vocabulary and language patterns; and their ability to establish and maintain interaction in both parts of the speaking examination.