

Course Outlines – Modern Languages

National 5 Modern Languages (French or German)

The course offers candidates opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, the course aims to enable candidates to develop the ability to:

- ◆ read, listen, talk and write in a modern language
- ◆ apply knowledge and understanding of a modern language

The course contributes towards the development of literacy skills by providing candidates with opportunities to read, listen, talk and write in a modern language, and to reflect on how this relates to their use of English and other languages.

Assessment

Each skill (talking, reading, writing, listening) is worth 25% of the overall grade awarded.

Question paper 1: Reading and Writing 50 marks

Question paper 2: Listening 20 marks

Writing Assignment 20 marks

Performance- Talking 30 marks

Higher Modern Languages (French or German)

The course offers candidates opportunities to develop and extend a wide range of skills. In particular, the course aims to develop:

- ◆ reading, listening, talking and writing skills in a modern language
- ◆ application of knowledge and understanding of a modern language
- ◆ the skill of translation
- ◆ literacy skills

The course provides candidates with the opportunity to develop reading, listening, talking and writing skills in the modern language, and to develop their knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex language in the contexts of society, learning, employability, culture.

Assessment

Each skill (talking, reading, writing, listening) is worth 25% of the overall grade awarded.

Question paper 1: Reading and Directed writing (2 hours)

This question paper is worth a total of 50 marks.

The Reading paper has an allocation of 30 marks and is worth 25% of the overall grade awarded.

In the Directed writing, candidates produce one piece of writing of 150–180 words. This is worth 12.5% of the overall grade awarded.

Question paper 2: Listening (30 minutes)

This question paper is worth 20 marks and 25% of the overall grade awarded.

Assignment Writing

This is worth 20 marks and 12.5% of the overall grade awarded.

Candidates produce a piece of writing in the modern language based on one of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, culture.

Talking (10 minutes)

The talking performance is a discussion in the modern language based on at least two of the following contexts: society, learning, employability, culture.

The talking has a total mark allocation of 30 marks and is worth 25% of the overall grade awarded.

