

Russian

Examination board – Edexcel

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in Russian consists of two externally-examined papers assessing listening, reading and writing and a non-examined speaking assessment. The speaking assessment is externally set and conducted by a teacher-examiner. All assessments are marked by Pearson. Students must complete their speaking assessment during a timetabled assessment window in April/May and all other assessments in May/June in any single year. It is usual for teachers to conduct the speaking assessment with their students in April/May.

Edexcel A Level Assessment

Paper 1: Listening, Reading and Translation **(Paper Code: 9RU0/01)**

- Written examination: 2 hours
- 80 marks
- 40% of the qualification

Themes are based on the society and culture of the language.

Section A: Listening (30 marks)

Students will respond to comprehension questions based on a variety of contexts and sources.

Section B: Reading (30 marks)

A reading assessment based on a variety of text types and genres where students must respond to comprehension questions.

Section C: Translation into English (20 marks)

An unseen passage to be translated from Russian to English.

Paper 2: Written Response to Works and Translation (Paper Code: 9RU0/02)

- Written examination: 2 hours and 40 minutes
- 120 marks
- 30% of the qualification

This paper draws on the study of two discrete Russian works: either two literary texts or one literary text and one film. The literary texts listed include a range of novels, plays and a series of short stories. All of the films are feature length.

Section A: Translation (20 marks)

Students translate an unseen passage from English into Russian.

Section B: Written Response to Works (Literary Texts) (50 marks)

Students must write an extended response on either one or two of the literary texts listed in Appendix 2: Prescribed literary texts and films.

Students select one question from a choice of two for each of their chosen literary text(s). If a student answers questions on two literary texts then they do not complete section C.

Section C: Written Response to Works (Films) (50 marks)

Students who answer only one question from a literary text in Section B must write an extended response to one of the films listed in Appendix 2: Prescribed literary texts and films.

Students select one question from a choice of two for their chosen films.

Paper 3: Speaking (Paper code: 7662/3)

- Oral examination: 21-23 minutes (with 5 minutes preparation time)
- 72 marks
- 30% of the qualification
- Internally conducted and externally assessed

Students complete two tasks. Task one is worth 30 marks and Task 2 is worth 42 marks.

Task 1 (Discussion on a Theme): Students discuss one theme from the specification based on stimulus containing two different statements.

Task 2, Part 1 (Independent Research Presentation): Students present a summary of at least two of the written sources they have used for their research and give a personal response to what they have read.

Task 2, Part 2 (Discussion on Independent Research): Students answer questions on their presentation and then have a wider discussion on their research.

GCSE Entry Requirements

We would like students to have achieved grade 7-9 at GCSE.