

CHANGES FROM NOVEMBER 2021 ONWARDS

The format of the multiple choice questions (MCQs) in GCSE English as a second language 9280 exams will be changing from the November 2021 exam series onwards. MCQs appear on the Reading and Listening papers only, and do not appear on the Speaking or Writing papers.

CURRENT MCQ FORMAT

The current format of the MCQs in GCSE English as a second language 9280 uses tick boxes as follows:

1 5 Read the statements below about schools and education in the UK.

From **paragraphs 1 to 5**, pick **four** statements that the writer does **not** like about UK schooling.

A Children start school when they are too young.

B Only more intelligent children succeed.

C It limits children's curiosity.

D The schools focus too much on mathematics and science.

E It puts pressure on all children.

F Children lose their enthusiasm to learn.

G Teachers are too strict.

H There are too many assessments and examinations.

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[4 marks]

UPDATED MCQ FORMAT USED FROM NOVEMBER 2021 ONWARDS

We are changing the GCSE English as a second language 9280 MCQ format from the November 2021 series onwards to direct students to provide the correct number of responses. This change will help prevent students from over responding (ie ticking more boxes than required) as they are directed to write their answers in a number of boxes which corresponds with the mark allocation.

The new format will be as follows (the example shown is taken from an AQA MFL exam):

0 3 . **1** Which **three** statements are true? Write the correct letters in the boxes.

A	Zaid wants to have a job where he can help rich people.
B	Zaid's ambition is to fight for justice for those who deserve it.
C	Studying Law will be quite lengthy for Zaid.
D	Zaid will work alongside studying.
E	There will be a financial burden and pressure on his parents.
F	His work experience will help him realise his dreams.

[3 marks]

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