

**School Leaving Certification Examination  
Specification Grid -2065  
Compulsory English**

**Introduction:**

The Secondary Level Compulsory English Curriculum is entirely based on language skills. Unlike the grids of other core subjects, language skills are considered as different areas of learning. The examination specification grid of this course reflects the assessment and evaluation part of the curriculum. It assists test item developers to design valid test items that will measure the learning outcomes set in the curriculum. It also gives the type and number of test items required to measure a particular skill. Twenty-five percent weightage is given to listening and speaking skills which are tested practically. However, for students with visual, speech and hearing difficulties, alternative questions will be provided.

Full marks: 100

Pass marks: Listening and Speaking (40 % of 25) = 10,

Reading and Writing (32 % of 75) = 24

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