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Presentation for English Language

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Preparing for the GCE O/NA Level EL Exam

1) Format & Weighting of EL Exam

1) EL/Paper 1

2) EL/Paper 2

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Format & Weighting of GCE O/NA EL Exam

Paper	Focus Area	Weighting & Marks
Paper 1	Writing	35%; 70 marks
Paper 2	Comprehension	35%; 50 marks
Paper 3	Listening	10%; 30 marks
Paper 4	Oral Communication	20%; 30 marks
	Total	100%; 180 marks



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About EL/Paper 1 – Writing (35%)

Exam Components:

Section A: Editing (10 marks)

Section B: Situational Writing (30 marks)

Section C: Continuous Writing (30 marks)

Focus Areas:

- Use internationally acceptable English in writing
 - Strong emphasis on the accuracy of language use: vocabulary, grammar, punctuation & spelling
- Write clearly, coherently & relevantly
- Apply knowledge of current affairs in Continuous Writing
- Develop own opinion and present it clearly in writing



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About EL/Paper 2 – Comprehension (35%)

Exam Components:

Section A - Text 1 is a visual text (5 marks)

Section B - Text 2 is a narrative text (20 marks)

Section C - Text 3 is a non-narrative text & summary (25 marks)

Focus Areas:

- Understand visual texts
- Read longer texts for details
- Answer questions testing comprehension, vocabulary in context and the use of language for impact



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About EL/Paper 3 – Listening (10%)

Exam Components:

Section A (24 marks)

Section B (6 marks)

Focus Areas:

- Listen attentively
- Understand English spoken in different accents
- Write out answers accurately in internationally acceptable English



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About EL/Paper 4 – Oral Comm. (20%)

Exam Components:

Part 1: Reading Aloud (10 marks)

Part 2: Spoken Interaction (20 marks)

Focus Areas:

- Use internationally acceptable English when speaking
- Accuracy in pronunciation
- Speak fluently, expressively and relevantly
- Organise and share thoughts & ideas through speaking



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What parents can do to help their child:

1) Learn about EL

- Encourage your child to read regularly & widely
 - Take an interest in what he reads
- Practise using correct grammar in speech and writing
- Encourage your child to use a real English Language dictionary to look up new words
(e.g. Longman Contemporary English Dict, Collins Advanced Learners' Dict. & Oxford Concise Dict.)
- Encourage the use of internationally acceptable English at all times as a family



What parents can do to help their child:

2) Content Knowledge for Writing & Oral Comm.

– Create opportunities to discuss current affairs with your child, especially issues related to S'pore & life

- **Discussion format:**

- What? Why? Problems & Solutions. Opinions & Reflection.

This will help him develop his general knowledge and learn to have a personal opinion based on evidence & logic.

– Consider reading & listening to news as a family e.g.

‘The Straits Times’, ‘Today’, BBC news, CNA news



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