

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) in the UK and USA

With effect from the June 2003 examination Cambridge International Examinations will only accept entries in the UK and USA from students registered on courses at CIE registered Centres.

UK and USA private candidates will not be eligible to enter CIE examinations unless they are repatriating from outside the UK/USA and are part way through a course leading to a CIE examination. In that case a letter of support from the Principal of the school which they had attended is required. Other UK and USA private candidates should not embark on courses leading to a CIE examination after June 2003.

This regulation applies only to entry by private candidates in the UK and USA. Entry by private candidates through Centres in other countries is not affected.

Further details are available from Customer Services at Cambridge International Examinations.

GCE Ordinary Level

3249 Burmese

ASSESSMENT

AVAILABILITY

3249 Burmese is available in November only.

RULES OF COMBINATION

Candidates will take Paper 1 only.

SCHEME OF ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Paper 1	
duration	weighting
3 h	100%

DESCRIPTION OF COMPONENTS

One paper containing the following sections will be set in each language:

PAPER 1: (3 hours) (100 marks)

Section A – Composition (50 marks)

From a choice of five topics, two compositions – each of about 150 words – are to be written in the language. The choice of topics will allow candidates to demonstrate ability in using the written language to:

- express an opinion
- communicate by letter
- narrate a story or series of events
- describe a scene or occasion
- compose or report a dialogue.

Section B – Translation (30 marks)

Candidates will be required to:

- translate a passage from the language into English (10 marks)
- translate a passage from English into the language (20 marks).

Section C – Reading Comprehension (20 marks)

One passage in the language will be set with questions to test the candidates' general understanding of the gist of the passage as well as their understanding of specific information given. The passage may be drawn from fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, magazines, etc. Answers are to be written in the language.