

## Specification overview

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1) in Urdu consists of four externally-examined papers based on the following skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Students must complete their speaking assessment in April/May and all other assessments in May/June in any single year.

Each paper is available at Foundation or Higher tier. **Students must be entered for a single tier across all papers.**

**The use of dictionaries is not permitted. For Paper 2 this includes during the preparation time.**

Paper	Title	Length of assessment	Summary of assessment
Paper 1 25% 50 marks	Listening and understanding	F = 35 minutes including 5 minutes' reading time  H = 45 minutes including 5 minutes' reading time	Multiple-response and short answer open-response questions. Some questions are set in English and others in Urdu.
Paper 2 25% 70 marks	Speaking	F = 7–9 minutes (plus 12 minutes' preparation time)  H = 10–12 minutes (plus 12 minutes' preparation time)	Students will be assessed through three tasks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a role play</li> <li>• questions based on a picture stimuli</li> <li>• a conversation.</li> </ul>
Paper 3 25% 50 marks	Reading and understanding	F = 50 minutes	Question types will comprise both multiple-response and short-answer open-response questions, and one translation into English question. Students must answer all questions from Sections A, B and C.
		H = 1 hour 5 minutes	
Paper 4 25% 60 marks	Writing	F = 1 hour 15 minutes	There are three open response questions and one translation into Urdu.
		H = 1 hour 25 minutes	Two open-response questions and one translation into Urdu.

