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Changes to the syllabus for 2021

The syllabus has been updated. The latest syllabus is version 1, published September 2018.

Changes to this syllabus are:

Page 16 – Clarification of the meaning of a national and global perspective

Page 17 – Clarification of how issues should be analysed in Component 2 Individual Report
Clarification that the bibliography should not be included in the word count for Component 2 Individual Report

Page 20 – Clarification on the assessment of the Team Element

Page 21 – Clarification that the bibliography should not be included in the word count for the Reflective Paper

Page 23 – Detail has been added on the requirements for submission and moderation.

▮ Significant changes to the syllabus are indicated by black vertical lines either side of the text. ▮

You are strongly advised to read the whole syllabus before planning your teaching programme.

Any textbooks endorsed to support the syllabus for examination from 2018 are still suitable for use with this syllabus.

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1. Introduction

1.1 Why choose Cambridge International?

Cambridge Assessment International Education prepares school students for life, helping them develop an informed curiosity and a lasting passion for learning. We are part of the University of Cambridge.

Our Cambridge Pathway gives students a clear path for educational success from age 5 to 19. Schools can shape the curriculum around how they want students to learn – with a wide range of subjects and flexible ways to offer them. It helps students discover new abilities and a wider world, and gives them the skills they need for life, so they can achieve at school, university and work.

Our programmes and qualifications set the global standard for international education. They are created by subject experts, rooted in academic rigour and reflect the latest educational research. They provide a strong platform for students to progress from one stage to the next, and are well supported by teaching and learning resources.

Every year, nearly a million Cambridge learners from 10 000 schools in 160 countries prepare for their future with the Cambridge Pathway.

Cambridge learners

Our mission is to provide educational benefit through provision of international programmes and qualifications for school education and to be the world leader in this field. Together with schools, we develop Cambridge learners who are:

- **confident** in working with information and ideas – their own and those of others
- **responsible** for themselves, responsive to and respectful of others
- **reflective** as learners, developing their ability to learn
- **innovative** and equipped for new and future challenges
- **engaged** intellectually and socially, ready to make a difference.

Recognition

Our expertise in curriculum, teaching and learning, and assessment is the basis for the recognition of our programmes and qualifications around the world.

Cambridge O Level is internationally recognised by schools, universities and employers as equivalent in demand to Cambridge IGCSE™ (International General Certificate of Secondary Education). There are over 700 000 entries a year in nearly 70 countries. Learn more at www.cambridgeinternational.org/recognition

Support for teachers

A wide range of materials and resources is available to support teachers and learners in Cambridge schools. Resources suit a variety of teaching methods in different international contexts. Through subject discussion forums and training, teachers can access the expert advice they need for teaching our qualifications. More details can be found in Section 2 of this syllabus and at www.cambridgeinternational.org/teachers

Support for exams officers

Exams officers can trust in reliable, efficient administration of exams entries and excellent personal support from our customer services. Learn more at www.cambridgeinternational.org/examsofficers

Quality management

Cambridge International is committed to providing exceptional quality. In line with this commitment, our quality management system for the provision of international qualifications and education programmes for students aged 5 to 19 is independently certified as meeting the internationally recognised standard, ISO 9001:2015. Learn more at www.cambridgeinternational.org/ISO9001

1.2 Why choose Cambridge O Level?

Cambridge O Level is typically for 14 to 16 year olds and is an internationally recognised qualification. It has been designed especially for an international market and is sensitive to the needs of different countries. Cambridge O Level is designed for learners whose first language may not be English, and this is acknowledged throughout the examination process.

Our aim is to balance knowledge, understanding and skills in our programmes and qualifications to enable students to become effective learners and to provide a solid foundation for their continuing educational journey.

Through our professional development courses and our support materials for Cambridge O Levels, we provide the tools to enable teachers to prepare students to the best of their ability and work with us in the pursuit of excellence in education.

Cambridge O Levels are considered to be an excellent preparation for Cambridge International AS & A Levels, the Cambridge AICE (Advanced International Certificate of Education) Diploma, Cambridge Pre-U, and other education programmes, such as the US Advanced Placement program and the International Baccalaureate Diploma programme. Learn more about Cambridge O Levels at www.cambridgeinternational.org/olevel

Guided learning hours

Cambridge O Level syllabuses are designed on the assumption that learners have about 130 guided learning hours per subject over the duration of the course, but this is for guidance only. The number of hours required to gain the qualification may vary according to local curricular practice and the students' prior experience of the subject.

1.3 Why choose Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives?

Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives provides opportunities for enquiry into, and reflection on, key global issues from different perspectives: personal, local/national and global.

Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives encourages awareness of global problems and offers a range of opportunities to explore solutions through cooperation and collaboration. The course is not about getting everybody to think identically; rather it is a matter of opening minds to the complexity of the world and of human thought, and encouraging empathy for the diversity of human experience and feeling.

Prior learning

We recommend that candidates who are beginning this course should previously have studied a broad curriculum.

Progression

Cambridge O Levels are general qualifications that enable candidates to progress either directly to employment, or to proceed to further qualifications.

Candidates who are awarded grades C to A* in Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives are well prepared to follow courses leading to Cambridge International AS and A Level or the equivalent in a wide variety of subjects, especially across the humanities and social sciences. In particular, this O Level syllabus allows progression to Advanced Level Global Perspectives qualifications.

1.4 How can I find out more?

If you are already a Cambridge school

You can make entries for this qualification through your usual channels. If you have any questions, please contact us at info@cambridgeinternational.org

If you are not yet a Cambridge school

Learn about the benefits of becoming a Cambridge school at www.cambridgeinternational.org/startcambridge

Email us at info@cambridgeinternational.org to find out how your organisation can register to become a Cambridge school.

2. Teacher support

2.1 Support materials

You can go to our public website at www.cambridgeinternational.org/olevel to download current and future syllabuses together with specimen papers or past question papers, examiner reports and grade threshold tables from one series.

For teachers at registered Cambridge schools a range of additional support materials for specific syllabuses is available online from the School Support Hub. Go to www.cambridgeinternational.org/support (username and password required). If you do not have access, speak to the Teacher Support coordinator at your school.

2.2 Endorsed resources

We work with publishers who provide a range of resources for our syllabuses including print and digital materials. Resources endorsed by Cambridge International go through a detailed quality assurance process to make sure they provide a high level of support for teachers and learners.

We have resource lists which can be filtered to show all resources, or just those which are endorsed by Cambridge International. The resource lists include further suggestions for resources to support teaching. See www.cambridgeinternational.org/i-want-to/resource-centre for further information.

2.3 Training

We offer a range of support activities for teachers to ensure they have the relevant knowledge and skills to deliver our qualifications. See www.cambridgeinternational.org/events for further information.

3. Syllabus content at a glance

Young people face unprecedented challenges in an interconnected and information-heavy world, not least in how they will gain a sense of their own active place in the world and cope with changes that will impact on their life chances and life choices.

Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives candidates will have opportunities to acquire and apply a range of skills to support them in these challenges, including:

- researching, analysing and evaluating information
- developing and justifying a line of reasoning
- reflecting on processes and outcomes
- communicating information and reasoning
- collaborating to achieve a common outcome.

Candidates explore stimulating topics that have global significance. They learn to collaborate with others from another culture, community or country. They assess information critically and explore lines of reasoning. They learn to direct their own learning and develop an independence of thought.

Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives emphasises the development and application of skills rather than the acquisition of knowledge. Candidates develop transferable skills that will be useful for further study and for young people as active citizens of the future.

4. Assessment at a glance

Candidates for Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives take three compulsory components – Component 1, Component 2 and Component 3. Component 1 is externally assessed. Component 2 is internally set and externally marked. Component 3 is internally assessed and externally moderated. Candidates will be eligible for grades A*–E

Component	Weighting
<p>Component 1 Written Examination 1 hour 15 minutes</p> <p>Candidates answer four compulsory questions based on a range of sources provided with the paper. Questions 1–4 are worth 12, 14, 20 and 24 marks.</p> <p>Sources will present a global issue from a range of perspectives, personal, local and/or national, global, and will be drawn from a list of eight topics.</p> <p>This component is externally assessed.</p> <p>70 marks</p>	35%
<p>Component 2 Individual Report</p> <p>Candidates research one topic area (from a choice of eight) of personal, local and/or national and global significance and submit one report based on their research.</p> <p>The title is devised by candidates themselves.</p> <p>The report must be 1500–2000 words and written in continuous prose.</p> <p>This component is internally set and externally marked.</p> <p>60 marks</p>	30%
<p>Component 3 Team Project</p> <p>Candidates devise and develop a collaborative project into an aspect of one topic (from a choice of eight). This choice of project must allow for the exploration of different cultural perspectives.</p> <p>The Team Project comprises two elements.</p> <p>Team Element</p> <p>Candidates produce as a team one Outcome and one Explanation as a Collaboration.</p> <p>The Explanation must be 200–300 words.</p> <p>(10 marks)</p> <p>Personal Element</p> <p>Candidates each write a Reflective Paper on their research, contribution and personal learning.</p> <p>The paper must be 750–1000 words.</p> <p>(60 marks)</p> <p>This component is internally assessed and externally moderated.</p> <p>70 marks</p>	35%

Availability

This syllabus is examined in the June examination series.

This syllabus is not available to private candidates.

This syllabus is available to candidates in Administrative Zone 4 only.

Detailed timetables are available from www.cambridgeinternational.org/timetables

Combining this with other syllabuses

Candidates can combine this syllabus in an examination series with any other Cambridge International syllabus, except:

- syllabuses containing Global Perspectives within the syllabus title at the same level.

Please note that Cambridge O Level, Cambridge IGCSE and Cambridge IGCSE (9–1) (syllabuses are at the same level.

5. Syllabus aims and assessment objectives

5.1 Syllabus aims

The syllabus aims are set out below and describe the educational purposes of a course in Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives. They are not listed in order of priority.

The aims are to enable learners to:

- become independent and empowered to take their place in an ever-changing, information-heavy, interconnected world
- develop an analytical, evaluative grasp of global issues and their causes, consequences and possible courses of action
- enquire into, and reflect on, issues independently and in collaboration with others from different cultural perspectives
- work independently as well as part of a team, directing much of their own learning with the teacher as an active facilitator
- consider important issues from personal, local and/or national and global perspectives and understand the links between these
- critically assess the information available to them and support judgements with lines of reasoning
- communicate and empathise with the needs and rights of others.

5.2 Assessment objectives

Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives has three assessment objectives (AOs).

AO1: Research, analysis and evaluation

Candidates should be able to:

- design and carry out research into current global issues, their causes, consequences and possible course(s) of action
- use evidence to support claims, arguments and perspectives
- identify and analyse issues, arguments and perspectives
- analyse and evaluate the evidence and reasoning used to support claims, arguments and perspectives
- analyse and evaluate sources and/or processes to support research, arguments, perspectives and an outcome
- develop a line of reasoning to support an argument, a perspective, course(s) of action or outcome.

AO2: Reflection

Candidates should be able to:

- consider different perspectives objectively and with empathy
- justify personal perspective(s) using evidence and reasoning
- consider how research, engagement with different perspectives and working as part of a team, have influenced personal learning.

AO3: Communication and collaboration

Candidates should be able to:

- select and present relevant arguments, evidence and perspectives clearly and with structure
- present research, and include citations and references
- contribute to the shared purpose and outcome of the Team Project.

5.3 Relationship between assessment objectives and components

The approximate weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives (AOs) are summarised below.

The table shows the assessment objectives as a percentage of each component and across the qualification as a whole.

Component	AO1 %	AO2 %	AO3 %
1 Written Examination	100	–	–
2 Individual Report	67	8	25
3 Team Project	28	36	36
Weighting of AO in qualification	65	15	20

5.4 Grade descriptions

Grade descriptions are provided to give a general indication of the standards of achievement likely to have been shown by candidates awarded particular grades. The grade awarded will depend in practice upon the extent to which the candidate has met the assessment objectives overall. Weakness in one aspect of the examination may be balanced by a better performance in some other aspect.

Grade A

The candidate is likely to be able to:

- research global issues and identify, analyse and evaluate a range of different perspectives, arguments and sources of evidence
- evaluate evidence and reasoning used, with their own comments fully developed
- show clear understanding with some insight of how the perspectives and conclusions of others have influenced own views, attitudes and personal learning
- develop a convincing line of reasoning, using evidence to support an argument, perspective, course of action or outcome
- collaborate effectively to clearly communicate different cultural perspectives, remaining active and committed throughout the process.

Grade C

The candidate is likely to be able to:

- research global issues and identify, analyse and evaluate several different perspectives, arguments and sources of evidence
- evaluate evidence and reasoning used, with their own comments partially supported
- show clear understanding of how the perspectives and conclusions of others have influenced own views, attitudes and personal learning
- develop a line of reasoning, using evidence to support an argument, perspective, course of action or outcome
- collaborate soundly to communicate different cultural perspectives, remaining active and committed most of the time.

Grade E

The candidate is likely to be able to:

- research global issues and identify, analyse and evaluate one or two different perspectives, arguments or sources of evidence
- describe evidence or reasoning used
- show an understanding of how the perspectives and attitudes of others have influenced own views, attitudes and personal learning
- attempt a line of reasoning, using some evidence to support an argument, perspective, course of action or outcome
- collaborate to communicate different cultural perspectives, remaining active and committed some of the time.

6. Syllabus content

6.1 Topics

Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives is built around topics; knowledge of content is not assessed. However, each particular topic encompasses issues of global importance.

The topics are as follows.

Component 1 Written Examination

- Demographic change
- Education for all
- Employment
- Fuel and energy
- Globalisation
- Law and criminality
- Migration
- Transport systems

Component 2 Individual Report

- Belief systems
- Biodiversity and ecosystem loss
- Changing communities
- Digital world
- Family
- Humans and other species
- Sustainable living
- Trade and aid

Component 3 Team Project

- Conflict and peace
- Disease and health
- Human rights
- Language and communication
- Poverty and inequality
- Sport and recreation
- Tradition, culture and identity
- Water, food and agriculture

The topics offer a context within which candidates can begin to develop and demonstrate an understanding of these global issues from personal, local and/or national and global perspectives. Candidates use research, reasoning and questioning to gain this understanding and form their own judgements. It is suggested that teachers look at several topics over the term of the course to help develop candidates' skills.

In developing the skills of working with information, critical thinking, decision making, planning, communication, reflection, teamwork and independent learning, candidates will engage with a range of sources. These sources might include data sets, articles from the media and personal testimony. The sources that candidates use should encourage them to become actively involved in considering issues from different perspectives. It is important, then, that candidates learn to engage with a contrasting breadth and depth of relevant material.

Candidates are encouraged to appreciate different perspectives, and to engage critically with these.

6.2 Choice of topics

Teachers **must** ensure that candidates are working with the given topics within each component.

Candidates do **not** study all of the topics listed above. Teachers and candidates choose topics that have the most relevance for them. The intention is to give as much scope and encouragement as possible for learners to discuss and agree with their teachers their own paths of enquiry into the complex world in which they are living. Consideration of the local and/or national context can also encourage engagement with learning.

Learners are assessed on skills that can be developed through the study of global topics.

7. Description of components

7.1 Component 1 Written Examination

1 hour 15 minutes, 70 marks – external assessment, 35 per cent of the whole of qualification

The mark weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives are:

AO1 – 70 marks

AO2 – 0 marks

AO3 – 0 marks

Candidates answer **four** compulsory questions based on source material. Candidates write all their answers in the space provided on the question paper.

The source material will be printed on the question paper insert. Candidates are expected to read and study the sources carefully before attempting the questions. Time for reading is incorporated into the overall time available for the paper. The number of sources may vary from examination to examination.

The source material will present claims, arguments and evidence from different perspectives on a global issue drawn from the following topics:

- Demographic change
- Education for all
- Employment
- Fuel and energy
- Globalisation
- Law and criminality
- Migration
- Transport systems

Candidates will benefit from an understanding of the following: fact, opinion, prediction, value judgement, bias and vested interest. Candidates should be able to analyse and evaluate use of evidence and language.

Questions 1–3

These comprise a series of sub-questions requiring candidates to respond to source material. These include short answers and more extended responses.

Question 1 (12 marks) could be based on statistical information. Candidates may be asked, for example, to describe patterns and trends shown in the statistical information.

Question 2 (14 marks) might ask candidates, for example, to suggest ways to test claims.

Question 3 (20 marks) might ask candidates, for example, to evaluate the effectiveness of arguments, making a judgement about which is the most convincing.

Question 4

Question 4 (24 marks) comprises an extended answer requiring candidates to respond to source material. Candidates might, for example, be asked to use the source material to make a case to support a personal opinion or perspective.

The global issue will be the context for the assessment of the key skills related to AO1. Candidates will **not** be assessed on their prior knowledge and prior understanding of the specific topics represented in the source material.

Nature of assessment

This component is an externally set assessment, marked by Cambridge.

Written Examination: the role of the teacher

The Written Examination is a skills-based examination which does not require candidates to have been taught any specific content or have prior knowledge of the particular global topic. The global issue which provides the theme for the examination paper provides a context for the assessment of the skills associated with AO1: Research, analysis and evaluation.

Teachers therefore need to provide opportunity for candidates to practise and develop these skills during the course designed to prepare candidates for assessment in Cambridge O Level Global Perspectives. This should involve regular opportunity to discuss and debate global issues related to the topics so that candidates learn to consider a variety of different perspectives. In so doing candidates should contrast and compare the claims, arguments, evidence and values which underpin different perspectives. Candidates will also need to analyse and evaluate sources and background research related to the global issues being considered. Using argument and evidence gathered from background materials and their own research to construct and present arguments is also important. Teachers will need to provide a practical and active approach to teaching and learning, and the development of skills, in global perspectives.

Teachers should also prepare candidates for the types of questions they are likely to experience in the Written Examination by using specimen and past papers and their related mark schemes. These can be obtained from the Cambridge websites www.cie.org.uk and <http://teachers.cie.org.uk>

7.2 Component 2 Individual Report

60 marks – internally set and externally marked, 30 per cent of the whole qualification

The mark weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives are:

AO1 – 40 marks

AO2 – 5 marks

AO3 – 15 marks

Candidates write an Individual Report on one global topic from a choice of eight.

With the guidance of their teacher, candidates choose from one of the specified topic areas and devise a global research question. Candidates use this question as the title for their report. The report must be between 1500 and 2000 words.

The Individual Report must be based on **one** of the following topics:

- Belief systems
- Biodiversity and ecosystem loss
- Changing communities
- Digital world
- Family
- Humans and other species
- Sustainable living
- Trade and aid

Work submitted based on topics other than those listed above will be awarded zero marks.

Each candidate carries out research on a global question devised from the specified list of topics for the component. While there may be some overlap in work completed on the same topic, each candidate's report must be a distinct piece of work which comprises their own research and ideas. Each candidate must devise their own question. The candidate uses the global research question as the title for their report.

For example, the report could be based on the topic of the digital world. The research could focus on the following global question: Given the relatively brief history of the internet, how much has it contributed to society?

Candidates explore issues within the topic, and answer their global research question from local and/or national and global perspectives. These should genuinely be perspectives (i.e. different views) on the issue and not just information from different countries. A global perspective may come from a specific country, organisation, institution, or even an individual but it will have influence that spreads beyond any one country. They conclude their report by indicating how their research has impacted their personal perspective.

Candidates may structure their report in equally valid and different ways. They might consider the situation in their own country and locality depending on the availability of relevant evidence. As a conclusion, they might explore the effects on society giving their personal perspective in response to their question and using evidence from their research.

This sets out one possible approach. Other possible approaches could be equally acceptable.

Candidates should focus their research initially on identifying and exploring the context of a current global topic. They should then consider the issues within that topic, according to their global research question, from a range of perspectives. These include local and/or national and global perspectives, and different viewpoints within these (for example, those of farmers and local politicians). By engaging with these perspectives, candidates can demonstrate that they understand the arguments, reasoning or claims upon which these perspectives are based. Candidates should analyse the issue(s) by considering the causes and consequences. They should also draw comparisons. These comparisons could include: comparing the different causes of a particular issue to decide which is the most significant cause; comparing the different possible consequences of an issue, to decide which is most likely; comparing the causes of one issue to the causes of another issue, to see how they are similar or different; or comparing the possible consequences of one issue to the possible consequences of another issue, to see which may have the more significant consequences. Candidates should also draw on their analysis of the issue(s) to propose a course of action to change, improve, or resolve the issue(s).

The report must be written in continuous text and should **not** incorporate multimedia. There should be no use of emails, blogs and posters. Candidates can include tables, diagrams and photographs. These must be integral to the argument. Any text, excluding only the bibliography, must be included as part of the word-count.

Nature of assessment

Candidates decide on their own global research question for this component. The report is externally assessed by Cambridge. All materials for Component 2 must be submitted electronically. The deadlines and methods for submission are contained in the *Cambridge Handbook*, which is available from the Exams Officer section of our website: www.cambridgeinternational.com/examsOfficers

Cover sheets

You should submit a cover sheet completed for each candidate. Include the cover sheets with the sample materials you send to Cambridge International. Download the cover sheet from the samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples. The database will ask you for the syllabus code (i.e. 2069) and your centre number, after which it will take you to the correct form. Follow the instructions on the form itself to complete it.

Individual Report: the role of the teacher

It is the teacher's responsibility to ensure the feasibility and manageability of the proposed work.

Teachers should support each candidate to:

- understand the nature of the task, that of compiling a written study of an investigative nature
- identify a suitable area to research which complements the candidate's interest, enthusiasm and skills base
- formulate a global research question that allows them to explore relevant issues from different perspectives and viewpoints
- develop research and organisational skills
- select, cite and reference sources appropriately
- refine report writing skills so that the candidate writes as concisely as possible and within the 1500 to 2000 word count
- appreciate how their work will be assessed, confirming that the assessment is externally marked and is not assessed by their teachers.

Teachers should:

- encourage candidates to work towards making well-supported judgements from different perspective(s) which are likely to affect their own personal perspectives
- help resolve practical and conceptual problems encountered during research
- give regular and supportive feedback aiming to enhance motivation
- plan for sessions where candidates can work independently using reference materials as appropriate
- monitor time management and assist candidates to meet deadlines.

Teachers may carry out all the above with the class as a whole, in small focus groups and with individual candidates. It is recommended that all three approaches are used.

The Individual Report must be the candidate's own work. Once candidates embark on researching and writing the report, in the ways set out above, the teacher should **not** intervene and should **not** attempt to change the direction of the research.

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Individual Report: the role of the teacher continued

Reference material should be absorbed by candidates, reflected upon and then engaged with in an appropriate way to enable candidates to complete their report.

Teachers must not:

- undertake any research on behalf of candidates
- prepare or write any notes or drafts for candidates
- correct any part of a candidate's report or any draft report or notes used
- suggest amendments to or comment upon any part of the report.

Teachers must be happy that the ownership of the report lies with the candidate.

Candidates must be taught the meaning and significance of plagiarism.

Cambridge uses plagiarism detection software packages. Candidates will be required to sign a statement of declaration that the Individual Report is their own work. The teacher responsible will be required to verify this declaration, verifying that these regulations have been observed. This declaration must be included as part of the candidate's submission to Cambridge.

7.3 Component 3 Team Project

70 marks – internally assessed and externally moderated, 35 per cent of the whole qualification

The mark weightings allocated to each of the assessment objectives are:

AO1 – 20 marks

AO2 – 25 marks

AO3 – 25 marks

Candidates devise and develop a collaborative project into an aspect of one topic from a choice of eight. Candidates submit work for **two** elements: team and personal.

In preparing for this component, candidates must work in teams of two to five members to plan and carry out a project involving an aspect of, or an issue relating to, **one** of the following topics:

- Conflict and peace
- Disease and health
- Human rights
- Language and communication
- Poverty and inequality
- Sport and recreation
- Tradition, culture and identity
- Water, food and agriculture

Work submitted based on topics other than those listed above will be awarded zero marks.

As part of the research, candidates must explore different cultural perspectives on the issue they have chosen to investigate. The team uses their research findings to inform or support the production of an Outcome to achieve the aim of the project as stated in the accompanying Explanation.

Team Element:

The Outcome and Explanation together carry a total of four marks. Up to six further marks may be awarded for the candidates' ability to work as a team (Collaboration). The team element represents five per cent of the total marks for the qualification.

AO1 – 0 marks

AO2 – 0 marks

AO3 – 10 marks

For the purpose of assessment, the Outcome and Explanation will be taken together and will be assessed on the basis of the team's effectiveness in communicating different cultural perspectives and how these perspectives have informed or supported their Outcome.

Collaboration will be assessed on the team's ability to work together effectively to complete the project. Aspects of collaboration include the introduction of new ideas, mutual understanding and commitment to the process. Collaboration is assessed through teacher observation.

The **Outcome** is what the team produces to achieve the project aim, which must involve the team addressing an issue; or for example, raising public awareness about an issue. The Outcome could take a variety of forms, such as: a poster; information leaflet or brochure; a song; a video, or a series of photographs possibly depicting an event such as a fundraiser, lessons; or cartoons with captions; a model or design; a webpage. An essay response is **not** acceptable as the Outcome.

The **Explanation** (200–300 words) accompanying the Outcome should include the following information:

- the project aim
- a brief description of the Outcome
- an explanation of how the team’s exploration of different cultural perspectives has informed or supports the Outcome.

Where work has exceeded the word limit, teachers must **not** credit beyond the first 300 words.

Personal Element of Team Project:

Reflective Paper

Reflective Paper, 60 marks – weighted at 30 per cent of the total marks available for the qualification.

AO1 – 20 marks

AO2 – 25 marks

AO3 – 15 marks

At the end of the process each candidate will produce a written Reflective Paper (750–1000 words, excluding only the bibliography) focusing on:

- their personal research for the project and their own work processes
- the effectiveness of the Outcome in achieving the project aim
- what they have learned about different cultural perspectives on the issue
- what they have learned about teamwork overall and their own performance as a team member
- what they have learned overall from carrying out the project.

The following must be submitted to Cambridge:

- the evidence of the team’s Outcome (the Outcome, or a link to it, may be embedded in the Explanation, or submitted as a separate file)
- the accompanying Explanation
- the individual team members’ Reflective Papers.

Where work has exceeded the word limit, teachers must **not** credit beyond the first 1000 words.

The following example sets out a possible approach to the Team Project. Other possible approaches could be equally acceptable.

Team Project: example of an issue for investigation	
Topic	Tradition, culture and identity
Issue	How does culture dictate how we view the attractiveness and healthiness of our bodies?
Aim	Promoting the importance of healthy eating to young people, taking into account cultural norms
Outcome and Explanation	For example, the Outcome could be a collage of photographs with captions, or video-clip with voice-overs, showing different cultural perspectives on the issue, accompanied by the Explanation.
Reflective Paper	<p>For example, candidates could provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • presentation of key personal research findings into different cultural perspectives • analysis of own work processes (for example, research; analysis of findings; planning and time management) • analysis and evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of the collage or video-clip in achieving the project aims • analysis and evaluation of strengths and weaknesses of their own performance as a team member • reflection on what has been learned overall from carrying out the project • reflection on what has been learned about alternative perspectives and the impact this has had on their own perspective.

Nature of assessment

All elements of the Team Project are internally assessed by teachers and externally moderated by Cambridge International. All materials for Component 3 must be submitted electronically. The deadlines and methods for submission are contained in the *Cambridge Handbook*, which is available from the Exams Officer section of our website: www.cambridgeinternational.org/examsOfficers

Recording and submitting candidates' marks and work

Please refer to the samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples for information, dates and methods of submission of candidates' marks and work.

You should record candidates' marks for Component 3 Team Project on the Individual Candidate Record Card and the Coursework Assessment Summary Form which you should download each year from the samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples. The database will ask you for the syllabus code (i.e. 2069) and your centre number, after which it will take you to the correct forms. Follow the instructions on the form itself to complete it.

The marks on these forms must be identical to the marks you submit to Cambridge International.

Internal moderation

If more than one teacher in your centre is marking internal assessments, you must make arrangements to moderate or standardise your teachers' marking so that all candidates are assessed to a common standard. You can find further information on the process of internal moderation on the samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples

You should record the internally moderated marks on the Individual Candidate Record Card and Coursework Assessment Summary Form and submit these marks to Cambridge International according to the instructions set out in the *Cambridge Handbook*.

External moderation

Cambridge International will externally moderate all internally assessed components.

- You must submit the marks of all candidates to Cambridge International.
- You must also submit the marked work of a sample of candidates to Cambridge International.

The sample you submit to Cambridge International should include examples of the marking of each teacher. The samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples provides details of how the sample will be selected and how it should be submitted.

External moderators will produce a short report for each centre with feedback on your marking and administration of the assessment.

Cover sheets

You should submit a cover sheet completed for each candidate in the sample. Include the cover sheets with the sample materials you send to Cambridge International. Download the cover sheet from the samples database at www.cambridgeinternational.org/samples. The database will ask you for the syllabus code (i.e. 2069) and your centre number, after which it will take you to the correct form. Follow the instructions on the form itself to complete it.

Team Project: the role of the teacher

The teacher should take an active role in creating teams. The maximum team size is five, the minimum two; however, in most instances teams of three or four may work together more readily and find it easier to agree on an issue to research.

Teachers should support each candidate and team in their initial preparation to:

- understand the nature of the task
- formulate an appropriate project
- develop a means through which candidates can research different cultural perspectives
- develop organisational skills
- select, cite and reference sources appropriately
- focus their research and communicative skills
- develop analytical, evaluative and reflective skills
- work collaboratively towards the same shared outcome.

All work submitted must be candidates' own work. Once candidates embark on researching and producing their work in the ways set out above, intervention by the teacher should be minimal and the extent of this should be declared.

Reference material should be absorbed by candidates, reflected upon and then engaged with in an appropriate way to enable candidates to complete their work.

Teachers must not:

- undertake any research on behalf of candidates
- prepare or write any notes or drafts for candidates
- correct any part of a candidate's work or any draft work or notes used
- suggest amendments to or comment upon any part of the work.

Teachers must be happy that the ownership of the work lies with the candidates.

Candidates must be taught the meaning and significance of plagiarism.

Cambridge use plagiarism detection software packages. Candidates will be required to sign a statement of declaration that the work is their own work. The teacher responsible will be required to verify this declaration, verifying that these regulations have been observed. This declaration must be signed as part of the candidate's submission to Cambridge.

Assessment

Applying the assessment criteria

AO1: Research, analysis and evaluation – 20

AO2: Reflection – 25

AO3: Communication and collaboration – 25

Information:

- Each candidate submits work for two elements: Team and Personal.

Team Element

- Candidates produce as a team one Outcome and one Explanation as a collaborative project. Each is marked using the appropriate marking grids.
- The Explanation must not exceed 300 words. Teachers and external moderators will not credit material after the 300-word limit.
- The Outcome and Explanation are marked out of four and assess the team's ability to communicate (AO3). There are a further six marks for the candidates' ability to work as a team effectively to complete the Project (AO3). This Collaboration is assessed through teacher observation.
- Both the Outcome and Explanation, and the Collaboration are team marks.
- Each candidate in the same team receives the same mark for the Team Element.

Personal Element

- Candidates each submit a separate Reflective Paper. The Reflective Paper must not exceed 1000 words. Teachers and external moderators will not credit material after the 1000-word limit. The Reflective Paper is marked out of 60 and assesses the candidate's ability to research, analyse and evaluate (AO1), to reflect (AO2) and to communicate (AO3).
- Each candidate in the same team receives a separate mark for the Personal Element.

Marking

- The marking criteria are each presented within different levels.
- Teachers and external moderators will use the full mark range and look for the 'best fit', not a 'perfect fit', taking a holistic approach.
- The teacher must mark Component 3 out of a total of 70, in line with the assessment criteria. The total mark for the component comprises 10 marks for the Team Element – 4 marks for the Outcome and Explanation, and 6 marks for the Collaboration, and 60 marks for the Personal Element – the Reflective Paper.

General principles for marking

1. You should consider the band descriptors across the full range, bearing in mind that it is not necessary for a candidate to give a faultless performance for maximum marks to be awarded within any single category.
2. The general approach is a positive one.
3. Within any level, marks should be awarded on a 'best-fit' basis. Thus, compensation between higher and lower achievement for different aspects is acceptable.
4. Above all else, be consistent in your marking. If you are unsure of the mark to award, err on the side of generosity. Cambridge's external moderation process allows for adjustments to be made to consistently harsh or generous marking.

To select the most appropriate mark within each set of descriptors in Tables B–E, teachers should use the following guidance:

- a. Marking grids describe the top of each level.
- b. **To determine the level** – start at the highest level and work down until you reach the level that matches the answer.
- c. **To determine the mark within the level**, consider the following:

Descriptor	Award mark
Consistently meets the criteria for this level	At top of level
Meets the criteria but with some slight inconsistency	Above middle and either below top of level or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
Just enough achievement on balance for this level	Above bottom and either below middle of level or at middle of level (depending on number of marks available)
On the borderline of this level and the one below	At bottom of level

Note: It should **not** be assumed that a level in the assessment criteria directly equates to a grade. Final grade thresholds are decided for each examination series based on available evidence.

Table A: Level descriptors for Component 3 Team Project, Team Element – Outcome and Explanation (4 marks)

AO3 Communication

The submitted work must be based on one of the topics specified in the syllabus for Component 3 Team Project.

Level	Descriptors	Marks
4	<i>In attempting to meet the project aim:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different cultural perspectives are clearly and fully communicated in both the Outcome and Explanation. 	4
3	<i>In attempting to meet the project aim:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different cultural perspectives are communicated in both the Outcome and Explanation. 	3
2	<i>In attempting to meet the project aim:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Different cultural perspectives are communicated in either the Outcome or Explanation. 	2
1	<i>In attempting to meet the project aim:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication of different cultural perspectives is limited. 	1
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content. 	0

Table B: Level descriptors for Component 3 Team Project, Team Element – Collaboration (6 marks)

AO3 Collaboration

The submitted work must be based on one of the topics specified in the syllabus for Component 3 Team Project.

Level	Descriptors	Marks
3	<i>In attempting to complete the project:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team members were active and committed throughout the process. There was evidence of effective teamwork throughout the process. 	5–6
2	<i>In attempting to complete the project:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team members were active and committed most of the time. There was evidence of effective teamwork during most of the process. 	3–4
1	<i>In attempting to complete the project:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Team members were active and committed some of the time. There was evidence of basic teamwork some of the time. 	1–2
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content. 	0

Table C: Level descriptors for Component 3 Team Project, Personal Element – Reflective Paper (20 marks)

AO1 Research, analysis and evaluation

The submitted work must be based on one of the topics specified in the syllabus for Component 3 Team Project.

Level	Descriptors	Marks
4	<p><i>The Reflective Paper shows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full and in-depth analysis and evaluation of the strengths and limitations of the project outcome in achieving the project aim. • Full and in-depth analysis and evaluation of the strengths and limitations of own work processes. • There is a clear, well thought-out and appropriate balance between strengths and limitations. • Appropriate, thoughtful and consistent use of examples. • Well-reasoned and developed suggested improvements to own work processes and the project outcome. 	16–20
3	<p><i>The Reflective Paper shows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mostly in-depth sound analysis and evaluation of the strengths and limitations of the project outcome in achieving the project aim. • Mostly in-depth sound analysis and evaluation of the strengths and limitations of own work processes. • There is a clear and appropriate balance between strengths and limitations. • Appropriate and mostly consistent use of examples. • Well-reasoned suggested improvements to own work processes and the project outcome. 	11–15
2	<p><i>The Reflective Paper shows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some developed analysis and evaluation of the strengths and limitations of the project outcome in achieving the project aim. • Some developed analysis and evaluation of the strengths and limitations of own work processes. • The balance between strengths and limitations is sometimes inappropriate. • Some appropriate use made of examples. • Some suggested improvements to own work processes and the project outcome. 	6–10

Level	Descriptors	Marks
1	<p><i>The Reflective Paper shows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited analysis of the strengths and/or limitations of the project outcome in achieving the project aim. Limited analysis and evaluation of the strengths and/or limitations of own work processes. Weak use of examples. The balance between strengths and limitations is sometimes inappropriate. Few suggested improvements to own work processes and/or the project outcome. 	1–5
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content. 	0

Table D: Level descriptors for Component 3 Team Project, Personal Element – Reflective Paper (25 marks)**AO2 Reflection**

The submitted work must be based on one of the topics specified in the syllabus for Component 3 Team Project.

Level	Descriptors	Marks
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear, insightful and balanced reflection on the benefits and challenges of working as a team. • Clear, insightful and balanced reflection on the strengths and weaknesses of own performance as a team member. • Clear, insightful reflection on what has been learned about different cultural perspectives. • Clear, insightful reflection on overall personal learning from the project. 	20–25
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear, sound and balanced reflection on the benefits and challenges of working as a team. • Clear, sound and balanced reflection on the strengths and weaknesses of own performance as a team member. • Clear and appropriate reflection on what has been learned about different cultural perspectives. • Clear and appropriate reflection on overall personal learning from the project. 	13–19
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some appropriate reflection on the benefits and challenges of working as a team. • Some appropriate reflection on the strengths and weaknesses of own performance as a team member. • Some appropriate reflection on what has been learned about different cultural perspectives. • Some appropriate reflection on overall personal learning from the project. 	7–12
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited reflection on the benefits and/or challenges of working as a team. • Limited reflection on the strengths and/or weaknesses of own performance as a team member. • Limited reflection on what has been learned about different cultural perspectives. • Limited reflection on overall personal learning from the project. 	1–6
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content. 	0

Table E: Level descriptors for Component 3 Team Project, Personal Element – Reflective Paper (15 marks)

AO3 Communication

The submitted work must be based on one of the topics specified in the syllabus for Component 3 Team Project.

Level	Descriptors	Marks
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Reflective Paper is very well-structured, cohesive and comprehensive. Key personal research findings are presented clearly and consistently. The connections between the team and personal elements are pertinent and clearly made. Citation and referencing of sources are in a consistent format and complete. 	12–15
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Reflective Paper is generally well-structured and comprehensive. Key personal research findings are generally presented clearly and consistently. The connections between the team and personal elements are appropriate and clearly made. Citation and referencing of sources are mostly in a consistent format and mostly complete. 	8–11
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Reflective Paper is structured but at times difficult to follow. Key personal research findings are sometimes presented clearly. The connections between the team and personal elements are often appropriate but at times lack clarity. Citation and referencing of sources is attempted but incomplete. 	4–7
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Reflective Paper lacks structure and is difficult to follow. Key personal research findings are presented but lack clarity. The connections between the team and personal elements are weak and/or lack clarity. Little or no citation and/or referencing of sources. 	1–3
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A mark of zero should be awarded for no creditable content. 	0

8. Other information

Equality and inclusion

We have taken great care in the preparation of this syllabus and assessment materials to avoid bias of any kind. To comply with the UK Equality Act (2010), we have designed this qualification with the aim of avoiding direct and indirect discrimination.

The standard assessment arrangements may present unnecessary barriers for candidates with disabilities or learning difficulties. Arrangements can be put in place for these candidates to enable them to access the assessments and receive recognition of their attainment. Access arrangements will not be agreed if they give candidates an unfair advantage over others or if they compromise the standards being assessed.

Candidates who are unable to access the assessment of any component may be eligible to receive an award based on the parts of the assessment they have taken.

Information on access arrangements is in the *Cambridge Handbook* at www.cambridgeinternational.org/examsOfficers

Language

This syllabus and the associated assessment materials are available in English only.

Making entries

Exams officers are responsible for submitting entries to Cambridge International. We encourage them to work closely with you to make sure they enter the right number of candidates for the right combination of syllabus components. Entry option codes and instructions for submitting entries are in the *Cambridge Guide to Making Entries*. Your exams officer has a copy of this guide.

Exam administration

To keep our exams secure, we produce question papers for different areas of the world, known as 'administrative zones'. We allocate all Cambridge schools to one administrative zone determined by their location. Each zone has a specific timetable. Some of our syllabuses offer candidates different assessment options. An entry option code is used to identify the components the candidate will take relevant to the administrative zone and the available assessment options.

Retakes

Candidates can retake the whole qualification as many times as they want to. This is a linear qualification so candidates cannot re-sit individual components.

Grading and reporting

Cambridge O Level results are shown by one of the grades A*, A, B, C, D or E, indicating the standard achieved, A* being the highest and E the lowest. 'Ungraded' indicates that the candidate's performance fell short of the standard required for grade E. 'Ungraded' will be reported on the statement of results but not on the certificate. The letters Q (result pending), X (no result) and Y (to be issued) may also appear on the statement of results but not on the certificate.

How students and teachers can use the grades

Assessment at Cambridge O Level has two purposes:

- to measure learning and achievement

The assessment:

- confirms achievement and performance in relation to the knowledge, understanding and skills specified in the syllabus, to the levels described in the grade descriptions.

- to show likely future success

The outcomes:

- help predict which students are well prepared for a particular course or career and/or which students are more likely to be successful
- help students choose the most suitable course or career.

