

The UK Linguistics Olympiad 2021

Round 2 Cover sheet



Congratulations

Congratulations on being selected to compete in Round 2. This puts you in the top 5% of competitors in the Advanced competition, and at least within reach of the international competition. So be proud! However you perform in this competition, you've already shown that you're good at analysing language data.

What this pack includes

- The sheets for the five problems
- An answer booklet, including one blank sheet (at the end) for extended answers.

The problems

- There are five problems:
 - 1. Kakawin (15 marks)
 - 2. Hawu and Dhao (15 marks)
 - 3. Ainu (20 marks)
 - 4. Hmong (25 marks)
 - 5. Tawala (30 marks)
- As you can see, they are **not all worth the same number of marks**. This is a change from previous years.
- You should write all your answers **in the answer booklet**, and not on the problem sheets.

Explanations

You'll see that the last three problems all ask for an explanation.

- What we want you to explain is the solution, and NOT how you arrived at it; so your explanation should focus on the patterns in the data rather than the process of analysis.
- Your explanation should be **concise, clear** and **general**. Feel free to use tables and bullets rather than continuous prose.
- The explanations carry about **half of the marks** for each question.

The competition

- You have **three hours** to complete the test.
- Please write in **black ink** as your answer booklet will be scanned.
- Please make sure that your name is on every page of your answer booklet.
- After the test, please return both the answer booklet **and the problem sheets** to your teacher.
- If you have made special arrangements with your teacher, they should take priority over the instructions above.

Good thinking!