

A/L General English Syllabus

Grammar Topics

1. Capitalization

2. Punctuation

- Full Stop
- Comma
- Apostrophe
- Colon
- Semicolon
- Quotation Marks
- Exclamation Mark
- Question Mark
- Hyphen
- Dash
- Parentheses

3. Parts of Speech

- Nouns
- Pronouns
- Verbs (Action, Linking, Helping)
- Adjectives (Comparative, Superlative)
- Adverbs
- Prepositions
- Conjunctions
- Interjections

4. Modifiers and Determiners

- Articles (a, an, the)
- Demonstratives (this, that, these, those)
- Quantifiers (some, any, many, much, few, several, a lot of, plenty of)
- Possessives (my, your, his, her, its, our, their)
- Numbers (cardinal and ordinal: one, two, first, second)
- Distributives (each, every, either, neither, both, all)
- Interrogative Determiners (what, which, whose)

5. Verb Forms and Usage

- Gerunds
- Infinitives

6. Sentence Structure

- Sentence Types (Declarative, Interrogative, Imperative, Exclamatory)
- Simple, Compound, Complex Sentences

7. Clauses and Phrases

- Clauses

- Main (Independent) Clauses
- Subordinate (Dependent) Clauses
 - Noun Clauses
 - Adjective (Relative) Clauses
 - Adverb Clauses (Time, Cause, Purpose, Condition, Contrast)
- Phrases
 - Noun Phrases
 - Verb Phrases
 - Prepositional Phrases
 - Adjective Phrases
 - Adverbial Phrases
 - Gerund Phrases
 - Infinitive Phrases
 - Participial Phrases
 - Absolute Phrases

8. Subject–Verb Agreement

9. Tenses

- Present, Past, Future
- Simple, Continuous, Perfect, Perfect Continuous

10. Active and Passive Voice

11. Direct and Indirect Speech (Reported Speech)

12. Modal Verbs

- Can, Could, May, Might, Shall, Should, Will, Would, Must, Ought to

13. Conditionals

- Zero
- First
- Second
- Third
- Mixed

14. Question Forms

- Yes/No Questions
- WH-Questions
- Tag Questions

15. Phrasal Verbs

16. Idioms and Proverbs

17. Word Formation

- Prefixes
- Suffixes
- Root Words

18. Vocabulary and Usage

- Collocations
 - Verb + Noun
 - Adjective + Noun
 - Noun + Noun
 - Verb + Preposition
 - Adverb + Adjective
- Synonyms
- Antonyms
- Word Choice (formal vs informal, suitable words for context)

Writing Skills

- Introduction to Essay Writing
- Note Writing
- Notice Writing
- Email Writing
- Agenda Writing
- Bar Graph
- Paragraph Writing
- CV Writing
- Dialogue Writing
- Summarization
- Report Writing

Formal Letters

- Inquiry Letter – Requesting information about a product, service, or opportunity.
- Complaint Letter – Addressing issues or dissatisfaction with a product or service.
- Permission Letter – Seeking approval for an action, event, or access.
- Invitation Letter – Formally inviting someone to an official event.
- Cover Letter – Sent with a résumé when applying for a job.

Informal Letters

- Friendly Letters – Writing to a friend or family member about personal matters.
- Apology Letters – Saying sorry to a friend or relative for a mistake or misunderstanding.
- Invitation Letters – Inviting someone to a personal event, like a birthday or wedding.

Types of Essays

1. Introduction to Essay Writing – Understanding structure, thesis statements, and paragraph organization.
2. Descriptive Essay – Describes a person, place, event, or experience using vivid details and sensory language.
3. Narrative Essay – Tells a story with a clear sequence of events, often

including personal experiences or fictional elements.

4. Argumentative Essay – Presents an argument with evidence to support a particular point of view, aiming to persuade the reader.

5. Expository Essay – Explains a topic logically and factually, without personal opinions, using examples and analysis.

LITERATURE

1. Short Story – The Nightingale and the Rose – Oscar Wilde

2. Poem – Big Match 1983 – Yasmine Gooneratne

3. Short Story – The Happy Prince – Oscar Wilde

4. Poem – The Demon Lover (Traditional Ballad)

5. Short Story – The Open Window – Saki (H.H. Munro)

6. Short Story – The Lumber Room – Saki (H.H. Munro)

7. Poem – Casabianca – Felicia Hemans

8. Short Story – Lamb to the Slaughter – Roald Dahl

9. Poem – The Huntsman – Edward Lowbury

10. Poem – Two's Company – Raymond Wilson

11. Short Story – The Gift of the Magi – O. Henry

12. Short Story – The Necklace – Guy de Maupassant