SQA Update on Higher Modern Languages

SQA has up-dated the documentation on Higher Modern Languages.

Course Assessment Specification

This document gives a clear outline of the requirements for each paper in the external exam, including how the overall purpose question in reading will be marked and what the requirements for directed writing are. The relevant pages are pages 6 -8

The document can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_CourseAssessSpec_Higher_Languages_ModernLanguages.pdf

Unit Specifications

Unit specifications for Understanding Language and Using Language have been up-date and now include a third Assessment Standard:-

Using Language

Outcome 1

The learner will:

1. Use detailed and complex spoken language in conversation by:
    1.1 Using relevant ideas and content
    1.2 Applying grammatical knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex language
    1.3 Conveying meaning to a sympathetic listener with accuracy

Outcome 2

The learner will:

2. Use detailed and complex written language by:
    2.1 Using relevant ideas and content
    2.2 Applying grammatical knowledge and understanding of detailed and complex language
    2.3 Communicating with accuracy

The changes are outlined on page 3. The document can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_Unit_H_ModernLanguages_UsingLanguage.pdf

Understanding Language

Outcome 1

The learner will:

1. Understand detailed and complex written language by:
   1.1 Identifying and explaining overall purpose
   1.2 Identifying main points and supporting detail
   1.3 Applying knowledge and understanding of the modern language

Outcome 2

The learner will:

2. Understand detailed and complex spoken language by:
   2.1 Identifying overall purpose
   2.2 Identifying main points and supporting detail
   2.3 Applying knowledge and understanding of the modern language

The changes are outlined on page 3. The document can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

http://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/CfE_Unit_H_ModernLanguages_UnderstandingLanguage.pdf

Unit Assessment Support Packs

Packages 1 and 2 in all languages have been up-dated to include the three Assessment Standards as outlined above.

Judging evidence tables have been amended for clarity

Information has been added about time allowed and use of notes in writing

Advice has been inserted about candidates taking initiative in talking and use of notes

The Candidate Assessment record now includes the assessment task and the Assessment Standards

Unit Assessment Support Packs are available on the SQA Secure site.

A detailed list of changes is available by clicking on the following link to the SQA website:

http://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/65989.html