



Thai

IGCSE Thai as a First Language



YEAR 9 OPTION BOOKLET: 2024-2026

Subject: Thai

Course Title: IGCSE Thai as a First Language

Why study this subject: Cambridge IGCSE First Language Thai is designed for learners whose mother tongue is Thai. The course allows learners to:

- develop the ability to communicate clearly, accurately and effectively when writing
- learn how to use a wide range of vocabulary, and correct spelling, punctuation and grammar
- develop a personal style and an awareness of the audience being addressed.

Learners are also encouraged to read widely, both for their own enjoyment and to further their awareness of the ways in which Thai can be used. Cambridge IGCSE First Language Thai also develops more general analysis and communication skills such as synthesis, inference and the ability to order facts and present opinions effectively.

Cambridge IGCSE First Language Thai is accepted by universities and employers as proof of knowledge and understanding of language in Thai.

Aims of this subject:

The aims are set out below and describe the educational purposes of a course in First Language Thai for the Cambridge IGCSE examination. They are not listed in order of priority.

The aims are to enable learners to:

- read a wide range of texts, fluently and with good understanding, enjoying and appreciating a variety of language
- read critically, and use knowledge gained from wide reading to inform and improve their own writing
- write accurately and effectively, using appropriate, standard language
- work with information and ideas in language by developing skills of critical evaluation, analysis, comparison, synthesis and inference
- acquire and apply a wide vocabulary, alongside a knowledge and understanding of grammatical terminology and linguistic conventions.

Assessment at a glance:

Cambridge IGCSE First Language Thai comprises two papers. All candidate take Papers 1 and 2 and are eligible for the award of grades A* to G.

Paper 1: Reading and Directed Writing – 2 hours – 50 marks

Paper 2: Composition – 2 hours - 50 marks

Curriculum contents:

Paper 1 Reading and Directed Writing 2 hours / 50 marks

Candidates answer **all** questions.

Section 1 Comprehension and Use of Language (25 marks)

Candidates answer a series of questions on Passage 1, a fiction text.

Section 2 Directed writing (25 marks)

Candidates answer **one** question on Passages 2 and 3 which are non-fiction and have a linked theme. The passages will be taken from newspapers, magazines, online materials or other publications. Candidates write a response of about 250–350 words.

Paper 2 Composition 2 hours / 50 marks

Candidates answer **two** questions, one in Section 1 and one in Section 2.

Section 1 Argumentative/Discursive writing (25 marks)

Candidates answer **one** question from a choice of four and write a response of about 350–450 words.

Section 2 Descriptive/Narrative writing (25 marks)

Candidates answer **one** question from a choice of four and write a response of about 350–450 words.

Additional Information:

Thai language is a compulsory subject for all Thai students according to the Thai MoE regulations. They must study Thai until year 11. This means that those students, who don't want to take the IGCSE First Language Thai exam, will have to study both the Thai Ministry of Education and Cambridge IGCSE First Thai syllabi. For those who enter the IGCSE First Language Thai exam course, the focus will only be on the Cambridge syllabus.

Dictionaries may not be used in the examination.