

HOW TO ENTER AND PREPARE FOR THE EXAM?

The A Level is a British qualification often required to attend university. Exam entry is the responsibility of the English school that students attend. If the school does not provide any information regarding this exam then parents, as well as students, should be proactive, request more information and enter their own children.

The dates of the exams are published nationally (they usually are sat during May or June). Where the exams are sat and information regarding publication of results is the school's responsibility.

The Camões Institute's Portuguese teachers prepare students to sit these exams. On our website you can find information about schools where classes take place. We advise attending Portuguese lessons in order to achieve the best results.

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PORTUGUESE A LEVEL

PEARSON EDEXCEL LEVEL 3 ADVANCED GCE
PORTUGUESE



As of September 2018, Pearson has been responsible for the Portuguese A Level Exam. The switching of Exam board lead to various changes.

WHY SHOULD YOU DO A PORTUGUESE A LEVEL?

- ▶ Many University Courses accept Portuguese A Level as part of their entry requirements;
- ▶ An A is worth 56 UCAS points;
- ▶ Can look good on your personal statement, showing commitment and dedication to learning a new language and culture.

STRUCTURE

The exam is comprised of three papers that test the following abilities:

- Oral Comprehension
- Writing and Written Comprehension.

In order to be eligible to receive the qualification students must sit all three papers in May/June of the same year..

Duration of course: 2 years.

Start of course: 2018

Year of exam: 2020

Paper 1 (9PG0/01)

Duration: 2h30min

Total marks (250): 80

40%

Translation into English
Reading Comprehension
Writing (research question)

Paper 2 (9PG0/02)

Duration: 2h40min

Total marks (250): 110

30%

Translation into English
Writing (cinema and literature) in Portuguese

Paper 3 (9PG0/03)

Duration: 2h15min

Total marks (250): 60

30%

Oral Comprehension
Reading Comprehension
Writing

TOPICS

► General Topics:

Topic 1. Changes in Contemporary Portuguese society.

Topic 2. Political and artistic culture in Lusophone countries.

Topic 3. Migration in Portugal.

Topic 4. How has Portugal's history shaped its politics?

► Individual Research Topics:

Students must choose at least one topic to answer the research question (Section C) in Paper 1.

Topic 1: The importance of post-secondary education in Portugal.

Topic 2: Lusophony in the Modern World.

Topic 3: Migration in Portugal.

Topic 4: The Discoveries: Vasco da Gama's Voyage to India.

LITERATURE AND CINEMA

- *A Cidade e as Serras*, Eça de Queirós (1901)
- *A Viagem do Elefante*, José Saramago (2008)
- *Antes do Baile Verde*, Lygia Fagundes Telles (1970)
- *Capitães da Areia*, Jorge Amado (1937)
- *Pensageiro Frequente*, Mia Couto (2010)
- "Abril Despedaçado", Walter Salles (2001)
- "A Canção de Lisboa", Pedro Varela (2016)
- "Os Gatos não têm Vertigens", António-Pedro Vasconcelos (2014)
- "Que horas ela volta", Anna Muylaert (2015)

