



Thai Language Culture and History

Curriculum Booklet Year 10 – 11 - 2025-2026

Purpose of study

Thai language forms an important part of the identity of the nation. The study of Thailand's historical and cultural heritage through the language enhances the understanding of what it is to be Thai, and/or live in Thailand, and it helps to preserve Thai values. **We consider the study of Thai language, culture, and history an essential element of an education in Thailand for students who speak Thai as a first language, as a second language or as a foreign language.**

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 candidates 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 nationals, according to the Thai Ministry of Education regulations, and must be studied up to year 11. Students who are unable to study at native language level will study a customized program utilizing curricular guidelines set by the Thai Ministry of Education and topics from the Cambridge IGCSE curriculum. This will allow them access to key elements relating to Thai language, Thai culture, and Thai history, through the key skills of reading, writing, listening and speaking.