

## Examination Content Areas

### 1. Descriptive and Prescriptive Grammar

- Rules-based (Prescriptive Grammar)
  - If I were you ...
- Actual practice (Descriptive Grammar)
  - Who do you work with?

### 2. Forms of the Future

- No unequivocal future tense
- Many ways to express future reference:
  - I will see you next week.
  - I am going to buy a new bicycle.
  - They are planning to move to London.

### 3. Modality

- Epistemic – Level of Probability
- Deontic – Permission, Volition, Obligation, etc.
- Will and Shall
- Must and Have to

### 4. Aspect, Mood, Voice, Conditional

- Progressive and Perfect aspects
- Moods: Indicative, Subjunctive, Imperative
- Voice: Passive and Active
- Conditional forms – different word order

## 5. Word Order

- Fronting:
  - So successful was the campaign that it will be continued for a further month.
  - Why this is the case is a matter of debate.
- Negative openings:
  - Only when we arrived **did we** realise ...
- Cleft sentences:
  - What we need is a new idea.
  - It is a new idea that we need.
- Reported speech:
  - “You are right”, said he.
- So do I/Nor do I

## 6. Phrasal Verbs

- Germanic origin: simple, spoken language, lower register
- Position: I look up the word/I look the word up
- Prepositional verb: more literal meaning, inseparable

## 7. Punctuation

- Colon (Introducing lists)
- Semi-colon (to avoid the comma splice)
- Comma (pause in spoken speech)
- Oxford comma (... red, blue, and yellow)

## 8. Development of English/Word Origins

- Germanic (basic, everyday)
- French/Latin (more elevated)
- Modern neologisms

## 9. Linguistic Devices

- Connotations (once upon time)
- Collocations (utterly depressing)
- Idioms
- Cliché
- Proverb

## 10. Register

- Genre-Style-Register
- Mode-Field-Tenor

## 11. Texts Types

- Narrative
- Descriptive
- Directive/Instructive
- Expository
- Argumentative

## 12. Textuality

- Cohesion (lexical and grammatical binding)
- Coherence (recognisable objective, logical)
- Intentionality
- Acceptability
- Informativity
- Contextuality/Situationality
- Intertextuality

## 13. Writing Academic English

- Structure
- Sentence form
- Lexis
- Punctuation
- Cohesion/Coherence