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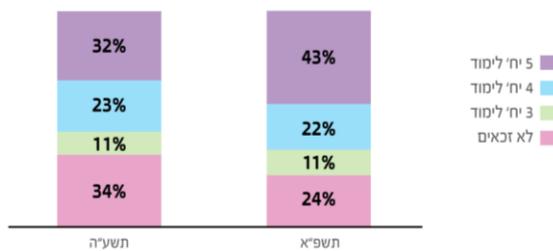
Dear High School English Coordinators and Teachers,

English as a school discipline forms the basis for quality employment, academic studies, tourism, and personal development. Additionally, it serves as a catalyst for social mobility. You English teachers are vital in helping students achieve these goals through instruction, practice and the assessment of all four English skills.

The MOE has recently published statistical data regarding [National results for 2021](#)¹ and Bagrut data, which call for a great round of applause for the remarkable achievements in English. For example, the number of students who complete their 5-point exam went up by more than 10% from 31% to 43% in the last 5 years. **These encouraging results reflect your professional work as English teachers.**



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The purpose of this letter is to further clarify information concerning the Bagrut requirements for 2022-2023, which can for the most part be found in the [Bagrut](#) section on the English Portal. Additionally, the focus for the modules, the '[mikud](#)', for 2022-23 appears on the Testing Department site.

The English modular Bagrut testing program consists of 4 different components at each level. The following charts provide a detailed explanation of each of the English Bagrut test programs:

¹ Every blue highlighted word or phrase is a link to a document or a webpage.

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3 point Bagrut program				
Module	Semel Sheelon	What the test includes	Internal grade /External exam	Comments
A	016381	Written reception 70% Spoken reception 30%	External exam	Module A now contains 2 short informative texts (rather than one long text)
B	016383	Literature: 2 short stories 1 poem	Internal grade	Final grade reported on the 'Shiluvit'
C	016382	Written reception 70% Production- writing task 30%	External exam	A list of composition topics appears on the 'mikud' document.
Oral exam	016385	Oral Exam 016385 Oral face-to-face exam. Test based on personal interview and project.	Tested by teacher	Available this year, 2023 only. Will not be available in 2024. -----
	016386-PILOT To register for the pilot, please complete this form.	BOOST Details can be found on the portal and provided in zoom district meetings		Will be mandatory from summer 2024

4 point Bagrut program				
Module	Semel Sheelon	What the test includes	Internal grade /External exam	Comments
C	016382	Written reception 70% Production-writing task 30%	External exam	A list of composition topics appears on the 'mikud' document.
D	016483	Literature: 3 short stories 3 poems	Internal grade	Final grade is reported on Shiluvit.
E	016471	Written reception 70% Vocabulary test item 30%	External exam	No (electronic) dictionary is permitted

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COBE	016486	For more information about the COBE exam , see the portal. You may also join zoom district meetings.	External exam	-Can be taken in 12 th grade ONLY. -See existing model on the iTEST site by Matach).
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5 point program				
Module	Semel Sheelon	What the test includes	Internal grade /External exam	Comments
E	016471	Written reception 70% Vocabulary test item 30%	External exam	No (electronic) dictionary is permitted
F	016583	Literature: 3 short stories 2 poems 1 play/novel	Internal grade	Final grade is reported on the 'Shiluvit'
G	016582	Written reception 60% Production-writing task 40%	External exam	
COBE	016586	For more information about the COBE exam	External exam	See existing model on the iTEST site by Matach).

***Several points to be noted and stressed:**

- The literature program** should be **fully** implemented (all literature texts) now that COVID accommodations are no longer in place. For more information, see [the literature handbooks](#) on the English portal.
- The “old” Module E (016481)** can be taken by 12th graders and 'mishne' students this year, winter and summer mo'adim of 2023. This test will be abolished as of summer 2024.
Winter moed of 2024 will be the last opportunity for 'mishne' students to be tested on 016481.
Students who take the “old” module E (016481) must take the “old” COBE (016487, 016587).
- The “new” Module E (16471)** focuses on learned vocabulary (according to the bands) and is done without the use of a dictionary during the test. In the summer of 2023, the “new” module E will be mandatory for students in the 11th grade.

4. The new module E Bagrut 016471 includes words from [Band1](#), [Band 2](#) and 900 words from CORE I of [Band 3](#), which will be integrated into the exam gradually and cumulatively starting with the winter 2023 Bagrut in the following manner:

[List A](#) - Winter 2023

[List B](#) - Summer 2023

[List C](#) - Winter 2024

[List D](#) - Summer 2024

For questions and clarifications regarding the New Module E, you may contact Shoshi Harris: shoshi133@gmail.com

5. ALL teachers who prepare students for Bagrut and who report the internal literature grades OR test special education students orally MUST be registered on the [Experts' Site](#) and approved as testers (בוחן+ בוחן הערכה חלופית). If you are not registered, please do so ASAP. The process includes uploading your paperwork (teaching certificate, recommendation from your principal and the list of courses you completed (השתלמויות) in the last two years, which must include an updated curriculum course/ PLC.

Testing special ed. students (07)

Students in special education schools and in special education classes, or those included in regular classes, may be tested in a face-to-face examination by a teacher in school, who is NOT the student's English teacher at the time of the exam.

This is true for ALL of the Bagrut modules: A,C,E,G and the Oral Bagrut modules : 016485 and 016585.

-Special education 4 and 5 points students should be encouraged to do the COBE if they can.

-Students taking the 3-point oral exam will continue to be tested by their own teacher in 2023.

For further questions related to Special Ed. students, you may contact Aharon Gvaryahu at gvaryahu@gmail.com 054-2818878

COBE Dates for 2023:

The 2023 winter COBE will take place on the following dates

- December 7, 2022
- December 12, 2022
- December 14, 2022

The 2023 summer COBE will take place on the following dates

- March 15, 2023

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- **March 16, 2023**
- **March 20, 2023**
- **March 21, 2023**

- **The 2023 moed bet COBE will take place on June 21, 2023**

Please take note of the following:

- ❖ 3 and 4 point students will not be permitted to take the oral test in the 11th grade. These tests will be blocked in the winter and summer of the 11th grade: 016385, 016485, 016486, 016487 to allow for more practice time as oral skills require.

- ❖ Unlike in previous years, there are NO specific and designated dates for the COBE simulations. Practice tests are available via the I-Test program. It cannot be reiterated enough how important it is for your students to have the opportunity to practice using the iTEST program so that they become familiar with the COBE and the technological elements that are required. This will also prevent confusion and surprises on the day of the exam.

For further questions related to the COBE, you may contact Ellyn Marciano at ellynmarc@gmail.com

Accommodations for New Olim in their English Bagrut Exams (According to General Director's Bulletin)

- New Olim are permitted to use an English-mother tongue or mother tongue-English electronic dictionary.
- Spelling errors are ignored on Module C for 3 and 4 pointers.
- Students of all levels may be tested with the accommodation of "Hashmaat Sheelon Habechina" which means they may "listen" to the exam with a chip or on the I-test.

- 10 additional points are added to the FINAL Bagrut grade **by the testing department and NOT by the school**, provided the student does NOT come from an English speaking country.

Wishing us all a healthy and productive school year,

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