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GCE O Level English Paper 1

Section A – Editing

Confident English. Powerful Results.

It's all about grammar. Here are Coach Carolyne's tips for tackling Section A with confidence.

Editing Do's & Don'ts

DO

Read the entire sentence — not just one line — before deciding there's an error.

DON'T

Look for errors on your first read-through. Read once for context, then again to hunt for mistakes.

DO

Watch out for the double comma — it often hides a subject-verb agreement error.

Know the **6 common errors** below and focus your search on these — they account for **90%** of mistakes in this section.

The 6 Common Errors

They appear 90% of the time — master these first.

P

Prepositions

Convey information about location, time, direction or detail. Where most students make errors.

A

Articles

A, An, The. Use A/An for any single item; use The for one specific item.

T

Tenses

Tenses must stay consistent within a sentence.

C

Connectors

The word-glue linking sentences — remember FANBOYS: For, And, Nor, But, Or, Yet, So.

W

Word Form

E.g. "I am from Singapore" vs. "I am Singaporean."

S

Subject-Verb Agreement

A singular subject takes a singular verb. E.g. "John runs the restaurant himself."

REMEMBER THE 6 COMMON ERRORS

Pay Attention To Coach Carolyne's Words & Score