



HAMEED URDU ACADEMY | ORIGINAL STUDENT RESOURCE

9686

Cambridge International A Level

Urdu - Final-Series Transition Pack

A safe plan for final-series candidates and families moving to 9866

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LAST EXAMINATION SERIES: NOVEMBER 2026 | REPLACED BY 9866 FROM 2027

Always confirm the current specification and entry details with the school or examination centre.



01 | QUALIFICATION MAP

Know what the exam actually requires.

Use this page as an orientation map, then work from the official specification for your examination year. The academy pack does not replace the awarding body's syllabus, permitted-material rules or centre instructions.

IF ENTERED IN 2026

Verify 9686

Confirm the November 2026 entry and use the syllabus and official material for that final series.

IF PREPARING FOR 2027

Move to 9866

Cambridge states that Urdu Language & Literature 9866 replaces 9686 from assessment in 2027.

CRITICAL WARNING

Do not mix blueprints

Some language practice transfers, but 9686 papers are not a complete model for 9866.

ROUTE-CHECK QUESTION

Can you show the exact awarding body, syllabus code, tier or series on the student's entry information? If not, confirm that first. Preparation should never begin from a guessed route.



02 | HOW MARKS IMPROVE

Turn practice into visible decisions.

A useful practice task should reveal a decision the student can repeat next time. Score alone is not enough: record what caused each lost mark and what action will prevent it.

PRIORITY 1**Check the date**

The exam year and series decide which specification applies.

PRIORITY 2**Separate transferable skill**

Keep useful writing and language practice separate from paper-specific rehearsal.

PRIORITY 3**For 9866, plan three areas**

Reading, Writing and Literature each require deliberate preparation.

PRIORITY 4**Record the decision**

Keep the centre's confirmation with the student's plan.

THE FOUR-COLUMN ERROR LOG

Task / question

What went wrong

Why it happened

Next-time action



14-day practice sprint

03 | START SMALL

A focused two-week study sprint.

Use current official specimen or past material where a day requires exam-style practice. This schedule supplies the method; it does not reproduce copyrighted questions.

DAY 1

Photograph or save the statement of entry.

DAY 2

Confirm whether the student is a November 2026 9686 candidate or a 2027 9866 candidate.

DAY 3-4

Download the correct official syllabus and specimen material.

DAY 5

Remove mismatched paper labels from the study plan.

DAY 6-7

Complete one writing diagnostic and one reading diagnostic.

DAY 8

If 9866: confirm prescribed literature for the exam year.

DAY 9-10

Map strengths and gaps to the correct paper structure.

DAY 11-12

Build timed practice around the registered route.

DAY 13

Ask the centre to resolve any remaining discrepancy.

DAY 14

Begin the verified plan with three measurable priorities.



04 | MEASURE HONESTLY

What is ready - and what needs teaching?

READINESS CHECK

- ☐ I know whether my route is 9686 or 9866.
- ☐ I have confirmed the exam year and series.
- ☐ My folders use the correct paper names.
- ☐ I am not treating old 9686 papers as a 9866 mock.
- ☐ I have checked the current official source.

MY NEXT THREE PRIORITIES

1

2

3

OFFICIAL SOURCE USED

Cambridge International A Level Urdu 9686 qualification notice
<https://www.cambridgeinternational.org/programmes-and-qualifications/cambridge-international-as-and-a-level-urdu-pakistan-only-9686/>

TURN THE CHECKLIST INTO A PERSONAL PLAN

Send the qualification code and one recent answer to Hameed Urdu Academy on WhatsApp: +92 311 5114374. A diagnostic can identify focused next steps; it cannot guarantee a grade.