



## SEAG VS AQE VS GL – VISUAL COMPARISON CHART

Feature	SEAG (Current Test)	AQE (Old Test)	GL (Old Test)
<b>Status</b>	Replaced AQE & GL – now the <i>one main test</i> for most grammar schools.	Discontinued – replaced by SEAG.	Discontinued – replaced by SEAG.
<b>Who Uses It?</b>	Used by 62 grammar schools across Northern Ireland.	Previously used by some grammar schools.	Previously used by other grammar schools; not all used the same test.
<b>Number of Tests</b>	2 papers (1 hour each) on separate Saturdays.	3 papers across 3 weeks.	2 papers on the same day.
<b>Subjects Tested</b>	English + Maths in both papers.	English + Maths.	English + Maths.
<b>Question Types</b>	Mix: multiple-choice + written answers.	Mainly written answers.	Mostly multiple-choice.
<b>Practice Section</b>	Yes – warm-up section not marked, helps pupils settle.	No	No
<b>Based On NI Curriculum?</b>	Yes – fully aligned with Key Stage 2 curriculum.	Yes, but question styles varied.	Yes, but different style from AQE.
<b>Scoring</b>	Standardised score + Band 1–5/6 + percentile.	Had its own scoring system.	Had its own scoring system.
<b>Main Aim</b>	One fair, consistent system for all families.	Selection for grammar schools (older system).	Selection for grammar schools (older system).

## IN SIMPLE TERMS

### **Old System (AQE + GL):**

- 2 different tests
- Different styles
- Some pupils had to sit both
- More confusing for parents and children

### **New System (SEAG):**

- One test for almost all grammar schools
- Easier to understand
- Fairer and consistent scoring
- Fewer test days and less stress