

SKSS Secondary 4 Express (4Exp) / 5 Normal Academic (5NA) Preliminary Examination
Assessment Information
Semester 2 2026

Subject / Subject Code	Assessment Format	Topics/Skills Tested
<p>English Language Subject Code: 1184</p>	<p>Paper 1: Writing (Sections A, B and C) Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes Total: 70 marks</p> <p>Paper 2: Comprehension (Sections A, B and C) Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes Total: 50 marks</p> <p>Paper 3: Listening (Sections A and B) Duration: ~ 1 hour Total: 30 marks</p> <p>Paper 4: Oral Communication (Parts 1 and 2) Duration: ~ 20 minutes (including 10 minutes of preparation time) Total: 30 marks</p>	<p>Paper 1 [70 marks] Section A: Editing [10 marks] Candidates identify and edit grammatical errors in a short written text. Section B: Situational Writing [30 marks] Candidates write 250–350 words on a given situation which will involve viewing a visual text. Section C: Continuous Writing [30 marks] Candidates write 350–500 words on one of four topics set.</p> <p>Paper 2 [50 marks] Section A [5 marks] Candidates respond to questions based on Texts 1 & 2, one of which is a visual text. Section B [20 marks] Candidates respond to a variety of questions based on Text 3 which is a narrative or a recount. Section C [25 marks] Candidates respond to a variety of questions based on Text 4, a non-narrative text, and write an 80-word response to a summary writing task.</p> <p>Paper 3 [30 marks] Section A [22 marks] Candidates respond to a variety of listening tasks based on a number of audio recordings which the candidates will hear twice. Section B [8 marks] Candidates listen to an audio recording and do a simple note-taking exercise. Candidates will hear the recording only once.</p> <p>Paper 4 [30 marks] The two parts in this paper may be thematically linked. Part 1: Planned Response [15 marks] Candidates plan and deliver a response to a video clip and accompanying prompt presented on a computer screen. Part 2: Spoken Interaction [15 marks] Candidates engage in a discussion with the Examiners on a topic based on the same video clip.</p>
<p>Science (Physics/Chemistry) Subject code: 5086</p> <p>Science (Chemistry/Biology) Subject code: 5088</p>	<p><u>Sci (Phy/Chem)</u> Paper 1 Duration: 1 hour 40 MCQ (20 Phy and 20 Chem) Total: 40 marks</p> <p>Paper 2 (Physics) Duration: 1h 15 min Section A 6-9 structured questions Section B 2 long questions, choose 1 Total: 65 marks</p> <p>Paper 3 (Chemistry) Duration: 1h 15 min Section A 6-9 structured questions Section B 2 long questions, choose 1 Total: 65 marks</p> <p>Paper 5 Practical Duration: 1h 30 min 2 questions, 1 from each component Total: 30 marks</p>	<p><u>Sci (Physics)</u> 1. Physical Quantities, Units and Measurement 2. Kinematics 3. Force and Pressure 4. Dynamics 5. Turning Effect of Forces 6. Energy 7. Kinetic Particle Model of Matter 8. Thermal Processes 9. General Wave Properties I: Introduction 10. General Wave Properties II: Sound 11. Electromagnetic Waves 12. Light 13. Electric Charge and Current of Electricity 14. D.C. Circuits 15. Practical Electricity 16. Magnetism and Electromagnetism 17. Radioactivity</p> <p><u>Sci (Chemistry)</u> 1. Experimental Chemistry 2. Kinetic Particle Theory 3. Atomic Structure 4. Chemical Bonding 5. Structure & Properties of Materials 6. Chemical Formulae & Equations 7. Mole Concept & Stoichiometry</p>

	<p><u>Sci (Chem/Bio)</u></p> <p>Paper 1 Duration: 1 hour 40 MCQ (20 Bio and 20 Chem) Total: 40 marks</p> <p>Paper 3 (Chemistry) Duration: 1h 15 min Section A 6-9 structured questions Section B 2 long questions, choose 1 Total: 65 marks</p> <p>Paper 4 (Biology) Duration: 1h 15 min Section A 6-9 structured questions Section B 2 long questions, choose 1 Total: 65 marks</p> <p>Paper 5 Practical Duration: 1h 30 min 2 questions, 1 from each component Total: 30 marks</p>	<p>8. Acids and Bases 9. Qualitative Analysis 10. Oxidation and Reduction 11. The Periodic Table 12. The Reactivity Series 13. Chemical Energetics 14. Rate of Reactions 15. Fuels and Crude Oil 16. Hydrocarbons 17. Alcohols and Carboxylic Acids 18. Polymers 19. Maintaining Air Quality</p> <p><u>Sci (Biology)</u> C1. Cell Structure & Organisation C2. Movement of Substances C3. Biological Molecules C4. Enzymes C5. Nutrition in Humans C6. Transport in Humans C7. Respiration in Humans C8. Infectious Diseases in Humans C9. Nutrition and Transport in Flowering Plants C10. Organisms and Their Environment C11. Molecular Genetics C12. Reproduction in Humans C13. Inheritance</p>
<p>Chemistry</p> <p>Subject code: 6092</p>	<p>Paper 1 Duration: 1 hour 40 MCQs Total: 40 marks</p> <p>Paper 2 Duration: 1h 45 min Section A 7-10 structured questions Section B 2 long questions answer 1 Total: 80 marks</p> <p>Paper 3 Practical 1h 50 min Physics: 2 sections, 55 mins each section Chemistry: variable number of compulsory questions Biology: 2-3 compulsory questions Total: 40 marks</p>	<p>1. Experimental Chemistry 2. Kinetic Particle Theory 3. Atomic Structure 4. Chemical Bonding 5. Structure & Properties of Materials 6. Chemical Formulae & Equations 7. Mole Concept & Stoichiometry 8. Acids and Bases 9. Salts 10. Ammonia 11. Qualitative Analysis 12. Oxidation and Reduction 13. Electrochemistry 14. The Periodic Table 15. The Reactivity Series 16. Chemical Energetics 17. Rate of Reactions 18. Fuels and Crude Oil 19. Hydrocarbons 20. Alcohols, Carboxylic Acids and Esters 21. Polymers 22. Maintaining Air Quality</p>
<p>Physics</p> <p>Subject code: 6091</p>		<p>1. Physical Quantities, Units and Measurement 2. Kinematics 3. Dynamics I: Mass and Weight 4. Dynamics II: Forces 5. Turning Effect of forces 6. Pressure 7. Energy 8. Kinetic Particle Model of Matter 9. Thermal Processes 10. Thermal Properties of Matter 11. General Wave Properties I: Introduction 12. General Wave Properties II: Sound 13. Electromagnetic Waves 14. Light 15. Static Electricity 16. Current of Electricity 17. D.C. Circuits 18. Practical Electricity 19. Magnetism 20. Electromagnetism 21. Electromagnetic Induction 22. Radioactivity</p>
<p>Biology</p> <p>Subject code: 6093</p>		<p>C1. Cell Structure & Organisation C2. Movement of Substances C3. Biological Molecules C4. Enzymes C5. Nutrition in Humans</p>

		C6. Transport in Humans C7. Respiration in Humans C8. Excretion in Humans C9. Homeostasis & Hormonal Control C10. The Nervous System and The Eye C11. Infectious Diseases in Humans C12. Nutrition and Transport in Flowering Plants C13. Organisms and Their Environment C14. Molecular Genetics C15. Modes of reproduction C16. Reproduction in Plants C17. Reproduction in Humans C18. Inheritance
Humanities (Social Studies) Subject codes: 2260 2261 2262	Duration: 1 hr 45 min Paper 1 Section A: 35 marks SBQ (5 parts – Qns. 1 to 5) Section B: 15 marks Qns. 6 AND 7 SRQ Total Marks [50 marks]	Topic(s): Issues 1, 2 & 3 (As per GCE O Level Syllabus 2023) SBQ Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Inferring Message/Purpose ● Drawing Comparison ● Assessing Reliability ● Evaluating Utility ● Evaluating ‘Surprised’ ● Comparing Reliability/Utility/Surprised ● Assertion - Use all sources (SBQ Qn.5) SRQ topics: Chaps 1 - 11 (Both SRQ 6 and 7 Qn type)
Humanities (Geography) Subject code: 2260	Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes Paper 2 Section A: 32 marks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question 1: Cluster 1 - Geography in Everyday Life (14m) ● Question 2: Cluster 2 - Tourism (18m) Section B: 18 marks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question 3: Cluster 4 - Tectonics (18m) <p><i>Each structured question will consist of no more than 8 sub-parts.</i></p> <p><i>Candidates will be required to answer one 9-mark question testing AO3 in either Question 2 or Question 3 (i.e. the 9-mark question could either test Tourism OR Tectonics).</i></p> <p><i>Note: In the O Level exam paper, Section B will consist of Question 3 Climate and/or Question 4 Tectonics. Candidates will choose Question 4 Tectonics as it is the school’s chosen topic.</i></p> Total: 50 marks	Section A Geography in Everyday Life AND Tourism Section B Tectonics
Humanities (History) Subject code: 2261	Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes Paper 2 Section A [30 marks] Source-based Case Study (5 sub-questions) Section B [20 marks] Essays (Choose 2 out of 3 questions) Total: 50 marks	Section A: SBCS Topics Unit 1 Chapter 2 Rise of Authoritarian Regimes - Case Study of Nazi Germany Unit 1 Chapter 4 Key Developments leading to the Outbreak of World War II in Europe Unit 2 Chapter 7 Origins and Development of the Cold War in Europe Unit 2 Chapter 8 Extension of the Cold War outside Europe - Case Study of the Korean War, 1950-53 Source-based Skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Making Inferences (Direct Inference, Inferring Message, Purpose, Supporter-Opponent) ● Drawing Comparisons ● Evaluating Reliability, Utility, and / or ‘Surprised’ ● Comparing Reliability, Utility, and / or ‘Surprised’ (‘Hybrid’ Questions) ● Drawing Conclusions / Testing Assertion Section B: Essay Topics Unit 1 Chapter 1 Aims and Terms of the Paris Peace Conference and its immediate impact on Europe in the 1920s

		<p>Unit 1 Chapter 2 Rise of Authoritarian Regimes - Case Study of Nazi Germany</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 3 Rise of Authoritarian Regimes - Case Study of Militarist Japan</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 4 Key Developments leading to the Outbreak of World War II in Europe</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 5 Key Developments leading to the Outbreak of World War II in Asia-Pacific</p> <p>Unit 2 Chapter 6 Reasons for the End of World War II in Europe and Asia</p> <p>Unit 2 Chapter 7 Origins and Development of the Cold War in Europe</p> <p>Unit 2 Chapter 8 Extension of the Cold War outside Europe - Case Study of the Korean War, 1950-53</p> <p>Unit 2 Chapter 9 Extension of the Cold War outside Europe - Case Study of the Vietnam War, 1954-75</p> <p>Unit 2 Chapter 10 Decline of the USSR and the End of the Cold War, 1980s-1991</p> <p>Essay Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse, explain and evaluate historical events and / or issues using key historical concepts and relevant historical knowledge and draw reasoned conclusions
<p>Humanities (Literature in English)</p> <p>Subject code: 2262</p>	<p>Paper 2: Prose and Unseen Poetry (Sections A and B)</p> <p>Duration: 1h 40 mins</p> <p>Total: 50 marks</p>	<p>Paper 2: Prose and Unseen Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There will be two sections in this paper. Candidates will select <u>one</u> question from each of the two sections. In total, candidates will answer <u>two</u> questions. Each question is 25% of the total weighting. <p>Section A: 'How We Live Now' [25 marks]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the set text, <u>one</u> passage-based question and <u>two</u> essay questions will be set. Candidates will answer one question [25%] based on the set text. <p>Section B: Unseen Poetry [25 marks]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no set texts in this section. There will be a choice of <u>two</u> unseen poems with <u>one</u> question set on each poem. Candidates will answer <u>one</u> of the two questions [25%]. For every year of examination, <u>one</u> question will be set on a Singapore text. <p>Students must know the following five areas of study in Literature:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Plot (e.g., narrative structure, conflict, relationship between scenes, the whole text) Character (e.g., character traits, character development, relationships between characters) Setting and Atmosphere (e.g., time and place, physical details, mood) Style (e.g., literary devices, sound, form) Theme (e.g., central ideas, main concerns)
<p>History</p> <p>Subject code: 2174</p>	<p>Paper 1 (E-paper on laptop) Extension of European control in Southeast Asia and challenges to European dominance, 1870s-1942</p> <p>Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes</p> <p>Section A [30 marks] Source-based Case Study (5 sub-questions)</p> <p>Section B [20 marks] Essays (Choose 2 out of 3 questions)</p> <p>Total: 50 marks</p> <p>Paper 2 (E-paper on laptop) Developments in the post-World War II world: The Cold War and decolonisation in Southeast Asia, 1940s-1991</p> <p>Duration: 1 hour 50 minutes</p> <p>Section A [30 marks] Source-based Case Study (5 sub-questions)</p>	<p>Paper 1</p> <p>Section A: SBCS Topics</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 1 Extension of European Control in Southeast Asia - Case Study of British Malaya, 1870s-1920s</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 5 Rise of Authoritarian Regimes - Case Study of Nazi Germany</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 7 Key Developments leading to the Outbreak of World War II in Europe</p> <p>Section B: Essay Topics</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 1 Extension of European Control in Southeast Asia - Case Study of British Malaya, 1870s-1920s</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 3 Extension of European Control in Southeast Asia - Case Study of French Vietnam, 1870s-1920s</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 4 Aims and Terms of the Paris Peace Conference and its immediate impact on Europe in the 1920s</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 5 Rise of Authoritarian Regimes - Case Study of Nazi Germany</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 6 Rise of Authoritarian Regimes - Case Study of Militarist Japan</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 7 Key Developments leading to the Outbreak of World War II in Europe</p> <p>Unit 1 Chapter 8 Key Developments leading to the Outbreak of World War II in Asia-Pacific</p>

	<p>Section B [20 marks] Essays (Choose 2 out of 3 questions)</p> <p>Total: 50 marks</p>	<p>Paper 2 Section A: SBCS Topics Unit 2 Chapter 10 Origins and Development of the Cold War in Europe Unit 2 Chapter 11 Extension of the Cold War outside Europe - Case Study of the Korean War, 1950-53 Unit 2 Chapter 13 Decolonisation and Establishment of Newly-Independent Nations in Southeast Asia - Case Study of British Malaya, 1945-1957</p> <p>Section B: Essay Topics Unit 2 Chapter 9 Reasons for the End of World War II in Europe and Asia Unit 2 Chapter 10 Origins and Development of the Cold War in Europe Unit 2 Chapter 11 Extension of the Cold War outside Europe - Case Study of the Korean War, 1950-53 Unit 2 Chapter 12 Extension of the Cold War outside Europe - Case Study of the Vietnam War, 1954-75 Unit 2 Chapter 13 Decolonisation and Establishment of Newly-Independent Nations in Southeast Asia - Case Study of British Malaya, 1945-1957 Unit 2 Chapter 15 Decolonisation and Establishment of Newly-Independent Nations in Southeast Asia - Case Study of French Vietnam, 1945-1954 Unit 2 Chapter 16 Decline of the USSR and the End of the Cold War, 1980s-1991</p> <p>Source-based Skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Making Inferences (Direct Inference, Inferring Message, Purpose, Supporter-Opponent) ● Drawing Comparisons ● Evaluating Reliability, Utility, and / or 'Surprised' ● Comparing Reliability, Utility, and / or 'Surprised' ('Hybrid' Questions) ● Drawing Conclusions / Testing Assertion <p>Essay Skills Analyse, explain and evaluate historical events and / or issues using key historical concepts and relevant historical knowledge and draw reasoned conclusions</p>
<p>Mathematics Subject code: 4052</p>	<p>Paper 1: 2 hours 15 mins (90 marks) Paper 2: 2 hours 15 mins (90 marks)</p>	<p>N1 Numbers and their operations N2 Ratio and proportion N3 Percentage N4 Rate and speed N5 Algebraic expressions and formulae N6 Functions and graphs N7 Equations and inequalities N8 Sets language and notation N9 Matrices G1 Angles, triangles and polygons G2 Congruence and similarity G3 Properties of circles G4 Pythagoras theorem and trigonometry G5 Mensuration G6 Coordinate geometry G7 Vectors in two dimensions S1 Data handling and analysis S2 Probability</p>
<p>Additional Mathematics Subject code: 4049</p>	<p>Paper 1: 2 hours 15 mins (90 marks) Paper 2: 2 hours 15 mins (90 marks)</p>	<p>A1 Quadratic equations A2 Equations and inequalities A3 Surds A4 Polynomials and partial fractions A5 Binomial expansions A6 Exponential and logarithm functions G1 Trigonometric functions, identities and equations G2 Coordinate geometry in two dimensions G3 Proofs in plane geometry C1 Differentiation and integration</p>
<p>Exercise and Sports Science Subject code: 6081</p>	<p>E-Paper 1 (6081/01) (E-paper on laptop) Duration: 2 hours Total: 80 Marks</p> <p>Section A [20 marks] Variety of item types (e.g., Multiple-choice Questions,</p>	<p>All Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exercise Physiology ● Sports Psychology ● Motor Learning & Development ● Biomechanics ● Sports Sociology

	<p>Matching, Drag and Drop, Checking of Boxes, Fill-in-the Blanks and Short Answer) based on texts, images and short videos/animations.</p> <p>Section B [40 marks] Structured Questions based on texts, images and short videos/animations.</p> <p>Section C [20 marks] Structured Questions based on one or two videos</p>	<p>Refer to: https://www.seab.gov.sg/files/O%20Lv%20Syllabus%20Sch%20Cddts/2025/6081_y25_sy.pdf</p>
<p>NFS Subject code: 6097</p>	<p>Paper 1 Duration: 2 hours Total: 100 marks</p> <p>Section A: 15 marks (multiple choice questions) Section B: 55 marks (short-answer-type questions and data-response-type questions) Section C: 30 marks (open-ended questions)</p>	<p>All Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Nutrients, Water and Dietary Fibre ● Diet and Health Problems ● Diet & Meal Planning ● Meal Analysis ● Convenience Food ● Reactions in Food during Preparation, Cooking and Sensory Evaluation ● Food Safety ● Preparation and Cooking of Food
<p>D&T Subject code: 7059</p>	<p>Paper 1: Written Examination [40% of total mark for the subject]</p> <p>Duration: 2 hours Total: 80 marks</p>	<p>Question 1: One case-based design question set based mainly on the Design content section (26 marks)</p> <p>Question 2-4: Three design application questions relating to structures, mechanisms and electronics from the Technology content section; one question on each area (54 marks) (18 marks X 3 = 54 marks).</p>
<p>Art Subject code: 6114</p>	<p>Paper 1: Visual Response</p> <p>Section A: Visual Analysis [10 marks]</p> <p>Section B: Exploratory Sketching [40 marks] One practical task in response to a visual stimulus.</p> <p>Duration: 2hr 15mins Total: 50 marks</p>	<p>Section A: Visual Analysis One question will be set with 2 sub-parts for visual analysis and discussion. The question is accompanied by one unseen visual stimulus.</p> <p>Section B: Exploratory Sketching One practical task in response to a visual stimulus. Candidates will provide sketches with annotations, culminating in a sketch that shows their concept for the visual response.</p> <p>Assessment Criteria: Visual Analysis (10 marks) Exploration of Visuals and Ideas (10 marks) Creative Synthesis (10 marks) Artistic Perception & Visual Communication (10 marks) Personal Interpretation (10 marks)</p>

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