

Official Notices

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IMPORTANT

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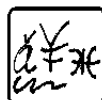
Arabic 3 Unit Examination Specifications

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81/96

The Board advises that the following changes have been made to the examination specifications for the 3 Unit written examination.

In Section I Writing Skills, where candidates must choose EITHER the composition OR translation of an unseen passage, the number of words required has been extended to 150–200 words.

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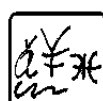
HSC Italian: Film Option

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84/96

The Board wishes to confirm that a Film Option has **not** been approved for the current (1981) Italian 2/3 Unit Syllabus, and a Film Option will **not** be examined in the 1997 HSC, contrary to a statement in the 1997 Prescribed Texts booklet.

A Film Option may be introduced in the revised Italian syllabus, on which work has been undertaken this year. Schools will be advised in due course.

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Chinese for Background Speakers 2/3 Unit Examination Specifications

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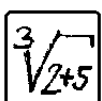
The Board advises that the following changes have been made to the examination specifications for the Chinese for Background Speakers 2/3 Unit Listening and Written examinations.

In the 2/3 Unit (Common) examination, answers may be written in EITHER Chinese OR English in the following questions:

- Listening Skills
- Reading Skills (Section II)
- Core Literature (Section I, Part B)

The Board also advises that in the Core Literature, **Act 3 only** of the play *Death of an Actor* by Tian Han is set for intensive study and examination. However, students should be familiar with the whole play.

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Pathways, Mathematics 2 Unit and 3 Unit

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Schools are advised that the following amendments are to be made regarding arrangements for the Mathematics 2 Unit and 3 Unit (Additional) courses under Pathways:

1. Programming the Mathematics 3 Unit course

The Board's division of the 3 Unit course into Preliminary and HSC components is retained (with the amendment below). Schools, however, may teach topics from the 3 Unit HSC course before all the topics of the 3 Unit Preliminary course have been taught.

2. Assessment of the Mathematics 3 Unit course

School assessment for the 3 Unit (Additional) HSC course can be based on the whole of the 3 Unit course (Preliminary and HSC courses). Assessment for this course should not begin until the school program of HSC assessments for other subjects begins (this is usually no earlier than Term 4 of Year 11).

3. Amendment to the Mathematics 3 Unit HSC course

The topic on Mathematical Induction (currently in the 3 Unit Preliminary course) is moved to the 3 Unit HSC course.

Note that the current arrangements for examining the Mathematics 3 Unit course will be maintained.

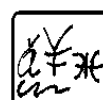
4. Amendment to the Mathematics 2 Unit HSC course

The current arrangement of dividing the 2 Unit course into Preliminary and HSC courses will be maintained. However the topic on Series (currently in the 2 Unit Preliminary course) is moved to the HSC course.

Note that the current arrangements for assessing and examining the 2 Unit course will be maintained.

The changes are to take effect from Year 11, 1997.

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German HSC Examination Report 1995 — 2 Unit Speaking Skills

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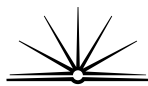
The Board advises of a correction to the 2 Unit (Common) Speaking Skills section of the 1995 Examination Report.

Situation 2

'Say that you had an argument': *wir haben gestritten/ Streit gehabt/Krach gehabt*

not acceptable: *wir haben ein Argument/einen Kampf gehabt*

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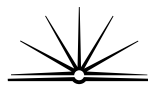
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