

Summary of CCAFL Continuers HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements from 2010

In December 2008, the Board of Studies approved changes to the examination specifications and assessment requirements for a number of courses. These changes will be implemented for the 2010 HSC cohort. Details of the Board's decisions are available on the Board's website at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

The HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements for Armenian, Croatian, Dutch, Filipino, Hindi, Hungarian, Khmer, Macedonian, Maltese, Polish, Portuguese, Serbian, Swedish, Tamil, Turkish and Ukrainian Continuers are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

Written examination (75 marks)

A written examination of three hours including 10 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I: Listening and responding</i> Part A – answers in English • Short-answer and objective response questions	20
Part B – answers in [Language] • Short-answer and objective response questions	10
<i>Section II: Reading and responding</i> Part A • Short-answer and objective response questions in English	20
Part B • One text in [Language] with response in [Language]	10
<i>Section III: Writing</i> • One text to be written in [Language]	15
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Oral examination (25 marks)

Students engage in a conversation with the examiner about the student's personal world (7 minutes; 10 marks), and a discussion with the examiner on a topic chosen by the student (8 minutes; 15 marks).

Changes from current examination specifications

In the Oral examination, the marks for the Conversation and Discussion will be 10 and 15 respectively, rather than 15 and 10 as is currently the case. The proposed change better reflects the time allocation and the linguistic and conceptual demands of the respective tasks.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

There will be three to five assessment tasks. There are no changes to the components and weightings.