

Summary of Classical Hebrew 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 Classical Hebrew Continuers are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

A written examination of three hours plus 5 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I – Prescribed Text – Tanakh</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-answer questions• A single question with an expected length of response of around three examination writing booklet pages (approximately 400 words).	40 10
<i>Section II – Prescribed Text – Mishna</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-answer questions	20
<i>Section III – Unseen Texts</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-answer questions	30
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Changes from current examination specifications

Section I will include a question on an extract or extracts from one or more of the prescribed texts, worth 10 marks. There will be no choice. The expected length for the response is included as a guide. It is presented as the approximate number of examination writing booklet pages (based on average-sized handwriting), and/or an approximate number of words. Students will not be penalised for responses of excess length: they may write less than or more than what is expected, and their responses will be marked on their merits.

The total number of marks in Sections I and II is reduced from 85 marks to 70 marks, with a corresponding increase in Section III. The additional marks in Section III include grammar questions on unseen texts.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

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