

Summary of Languages 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 Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish Continuers are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

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

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I: Listening and responding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-answer and objective response questions	25
<i>Section II: Reading and responding</i> Part A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-answer and objective response questions in English Part B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One text in [Language] with response in [Language]	25 15
<i>Section III: Writing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One text to be written in [Language]• One text to be written in [Language]. There will be a choice of two tasks, both of which require the same text type.	5 10
	80

Oral examination (20 marks)

Students engage in a conversation with an examiner about the student's personal world.

Changes from current examination specifications

In Section III, there will be no choice for the first task. There will be a choice of two for the second task, both of which require the same text type.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

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