

Summary of Modern Languages Extension 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 Extension are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

Written examination (40 marks)

A written examination of 2 hours including 10 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I: Response to prescribed text</i> Part A • 4–6 short-answer questions in response to an extract from the prescribed text Part B • One text to be written in [Language]	15 10
<i>Section II: Writing in [Language]</i> • One text to be written in [Language]. There will be a choice of two tasks, both of which require the same text type.	15
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Oral examination (10 marks)

Students will present a monologue in response to a question related to the prescribed issues. There will be a choice of two questions. The monologue will be approximately 3 minutes in length, with a preparation time of 7 minutes.

Changes from current examination specifications

In the written paper, there are no changes in Section I. In Section II, there will be a choice of two tasks, as is currently the case. However, the tasks will both require the same text type.

In the oral examination, the two 2-minute monologues have been replaced by a single 3-minute monologue.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

There will be two to three assessment tasks comprising the following components and weightings.

Component	Weighting
Speaking skills (Objective 1)	10
Analysis of written text that is in [Language] (Objective 2)	15
Response to written text that is in [Language] (Objective 2)	10
Writing skills (Objective 1)	15
	50