

Summary of Latin 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 Latin Extension are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

A written examination of one hour and 50 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I – Prescribed text</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Translation into English• Short-answer questions• A single question with an expected length of response of around three examination writing booklet pages (approximately 400 words).	8 12 10
<i>Section II – Non-prescribed text</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Translation of unseen Latin text into English• Short-answer questions related to the text• Additional translation of unseen Latin text into English, or composition of a Latin text from English.	10 5 5
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Changes from current examination specifications

In Section I, the expected length for the responses to the 10-mark question 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.

There is an increase of 5 marks in questions related to unseen texts (Section II), with a corresponding reduction of 5 marks in Section I. In Section II there will be a compulsory translation of Latin text into English, as well as short-answer questions related to the text, in addition to the current choice of translation from Latin to English or the composition of a Latin text from English.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

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