

Summary of Studies of Religion I 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 Studies of Religion I are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

A written examination of one hour and 30 minutes plus 5 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I – Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Objective response questionsOne short-answer question	10 5
<i>Section II – Religious Tradition Depth Study</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Five questions in parts, each from a different religious tradition.Students answer one question, on the religious tradition they have studied, with an expected length of response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words) in total.	15
<i>Section III – Religious Tradition Depth Study</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Five extended response questions, each from a different religious tradition.Students answer one question, on a different religious tradition from that chosen in Section II, with an expected length of response of around six examination writing booklet pages (approximately 800 words).	20
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Changes from current examination specifications

In Section II, the constraint that 'no part is worth more than 6 marks' has been removed.

In Sections II and III, the expected length for the responses 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.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

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

Component	Weighting
Knowledge and understanding of course content	20
Source-based skills	10
Inquiry and research skills	10
Communication of information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms	10
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