

## Summary of Studies of Religion II 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 II are outlined below.

### **Outline of HSC examination specifications**

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

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<p><i>Section I – Religion and Belief Systems in Australia post-1945, and Religion and Non-Religion</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Objective response questions</li> <li>Two short-answer questions</li> </ul>	<p>20</p> <p>10</p>
<p><i>Section II – Religious Tradition Depth Studies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five questions in parts, each from a different religious tradition.</li> <li>Students answer two questions, on the religious traditions they have studied, each with an expected length of response of around four examination writing booklet pages (approximately 600 words) in total.</li> </ul>	<p>15</p> <p>15</p>
<p><i>Section III – Religious Tradition Depth Study</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Five extended response questions, each from a different religious tradition.</li> <li>Students answer one question, on a different religious tradition from those chosen in Section II, with an expected length of response of around six examination writing booklet pages (approximately 800 words).</li> </ul>	<p>20</p>
<p><i>Section IV – Religion and Peace</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One extended response question with an expected length of response of around six examination writing booklet pages (approximately 800 words).</li> </ul>	<p>20</p>
	<p><b>100</b></p>

### 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, III and IV 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 three to five assessment tasks comprising the following components and weightings.

<b>Component</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Knowledge and understanding of course content	40
Source-based skills	20
Inquiry and research skills	20
Communication of information, ideas and issues in appropriate forms	20
	<b>100</b>