Languages Continuers

Rules Governing the Conduct of the Written Examination

(including Section 1: Listening and Responding)

Applies to
- Korean Continuers
- Modern Hebrew Continuers
- Vietnamese Continuers
Rules Governing the Conduct of the 2001 HSC Continuers Written Examinations in Korean, Modern Hebrew and Vietnamese

1 Students have THREE hours to complete the examination. This includes 10 minutes reading time.

2 Section I of the examination is the listening component. Before the commencement of the examination, presiding officers will check that the cassette recorder to be used is in good working order, and that the location and the acoustics of the room to be used are suitable for a listening examination.

3 The presiding officer will distribute the examination papers and then say:

This is the 2001 Higher School Certificate [Language] Continuers examination. You must NOT open your examination paper until instructed to do so. You have a total of three hours, including ten minutes reading time, to complete this examination. You must complete Section I first. Times for each section are suggestions only. Once the recorded examination for Section I is completed, you may use the remaining time to complete the rest of the paper as you wish. All sections of the paper will be collected at the end of the examination.

4 When instructed by the presiding officer, students will have 10 minutes reading time for the whole paper.

5 After 10 minutes the presiding officer will advise students that the examination will begin. The presiding officer will then start the examination by pressing the Play button on the cassette recorder.

6 The cassette recorder should NOT be stopped or paused during the course of the examination.

If, due to unforeseen circumstances, the cassette recorder is stopped during the course of the examination, a precise written report of those circumstances must be submitted to the Board of Studies. The report must also include precise details of the students who were affected by the interruption to the examination. A copy of the report should be enclosed with the students’ Answer Booklets.

If an interruption is due to a faulty cassette, the cassette should also be returned to the Board of Studies. In such a situation, the back-up cassette supplied by the Board of Studies should then be opened and used. In the unlikely event that the back-up cassette also proves to be faulty, the presiding officer will contact the Board of Studies urgently for advice on how to proceed.
The following instructions printed in italics are the instructions that are recorded on the examination cassette.


- There are TWO parts in this section of the examination, Part A and Part B.

- The texts in each part will be read TWICE.

- There will be a pause after the first reading of each text, in which you may make notes.

- You will be given adequate time after the second reading to complete your answer.

- Part A

- You will hear [x] texts.

- The question for each text will be read ONCE before the first reading of the text.

- Listen carefully to each text and then answer the corresponding question in the spaces provided. Answer the questions in ENGLISH. In the case of multiple-choice questions, tick the box that corresponds to the correct response.

- You will now hear [y] short text[s] to familiarise you with the speakers’ voices. This is NOT part of the examination.

  Sample text[s] is/are read.

- The examination will now begin.

- Question 1

  The question/s is/are read.

  Please note that the alternatives for multiple-choice questions will NOT be read.

  This is then followed by the first reading of the text.
  There is a pause of approximately ten seconds.
  The text is read for the second time.
  Sufficient time is then allowed for students to answer the question/s.

  After the last text in Part A has been read for the second time, and the time allowed for students to answer the question has elapsed, Part B will commence.
• **Part B**

• **You will hear TWO texts.**

• **The question for each text will be read ONCE in ENGLISH and ONCE in [LANGUAGE].**

• **Listen carefully to each text and then answer the corresponding questions in the spaces provided. Answer the questions in [LANGUAGE].**

• **Question [m]**

  The question/s is/are read in both ENGLISH and [LANGUAGE].
  The text is then read for the first time.
  There is a pause of approximately 10 seconds.
  The text is read for the second time.
  Sufficient time is then allowed for students to answer the question/s.

• **Question [n]**

  The same procedure is followed as for Question [m].

  After the second text in Part B is read for the second time, and the time allowed for students to answer the question has elapsed, the following instruction is heard on the cassette:

  • **You may now proceed to Section II.**

8 Immediately after this instruction is heard, the presiding officer will press the *Stop* button and turn off the cassette recorder. The presiding officer will NOT rewind the cassette.

When the Listening cassette has been turned off, students will NOT be told to put pens down. Students are allowed to continue to write until the end of the three hour examination.

9 Students’ responses to all sections of the examination paper will be collected at the end of the three hour written examination.