



PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2023 EXAMINATION FORMAT AND TOPICS SECONDARY 4 NORMAL ACADEMIC

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Class(es)	Subject & Code	Chapter/ Area of Focus	Format	Marks / % Overall	Duration
4N1 - 4N3	English Language (1190)	Writing Reading Comprehension Listening Comprehension Oral Communication	Paper 1: Grammar Editing, Situational Writing, Continuous Writing	70m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 2: Visual Text, Comprehension and Summary	50m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 3: Listening	30m (10%)	45 min
			Paper 4: Reading Aloud, Spoken Interaction	30m (20%)	20 min (includes 10 min of prep time)
4N OOS	English Language (1184)	Writing Reading Comprehension Listening Comprehension Oral Communication	Paper 1: Grammar Editing, Situational Writing, Continuous Writing	70m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 2: Visual Text, Comprehension and Summary	50m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 3: Listening	30m (10%)	45 min
			Paper 4: Reading Aloud, Spoken Interaction	30m (20%)	20 min (includes 10 min of prep time)
4N1 - 4N3	Chinese Language (1196)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: informal & formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, argumentative	60m (30%)	2 h
			Paper 2: cloze passage, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended)	60m (30%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
			Paper 3: Oral	60m (30%)	10 min

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4N OOS	Chinese Language (1160)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: informal & formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, descriptive argumentative	60m (30%)	2 h
			Paper 2: cloze passage, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended)	70m (35%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
			Paper 3: Oral	50m (25%)	10 min
4N1 - 4N3	Chinese B (1153)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: informal email and picture composition	20m (20%)	50 min
			Paper 2: language application and comprehension (MCQ)	30m (30%)	1 h
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (20%)	30 min
			Paper 3: Oral	30m (30%)	10 min
4N1 - 4N3	Malay Language (1197)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: informal & formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, descriptive	60m (30%)	2 h
			Paper 2: cloze passage, idioms, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended)	60m (30%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
			Paper 4: Oral	60m (30%)	10 min
4N OOS	Malay Language (1148)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: informal & formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, descriptive	60m (30%)	2 h
			Paper 2: cloze passage, idioms, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended)	70m (35%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
			Paper 3: Oral	50m (25%)	10 min

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4N1 - 4N3	Tamil Language (1198)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: informal & formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, story	60m (30%)	2 h
			Paper 2: cloze passage, idioms, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended), transformation of sentence	60m (30%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
			Paper 3: Oral	60m (30%)	10 min
4N OOS	Tamil Language (1157)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: Informal, formal email, and Composition - Narrative, expository	60m (30%)	2 h
			Paper 2: Idioms, transformation of sentence, cloze passage, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended)	70m (35%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
			Paper 3: Oral	50m (25%)	10 min
4N1, 4N3	Science (Physics / Chemistry) (5105)	Science Physics All chapters	Physics Paper 1 & Chemistry Paper 3 20 MCQ	20m per paper (20%)	1 h 15 min each for Paper 1 & 2 and Paper 3 & 4
		Science Chemistry All chapters	Physics Paper 2 & Chemistry Paper 4 Section A Short, structured questions & Section B Long questions, students choose 2 out of 3	30m per paper (30%)	
4N2	Science (Chemistry / Biology) (5107)	Science Chemistry All chapters	Chemistry Paper 3 & Biology Paper 5 20 MCQ	20 m per paper (20%)	1h 15 min each for Paper 3 & 4 and Paper 5 & 6
		Science Biology All chapters	Chemistry Paper 4 & Biology Paper 6 Section A Short, structured questions & Section B Long questions, students choose 2 out of 3	30 m per paper (30%)	

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4N1 & 3 OOS	Science (Physics / Chemistry) (5076)	Science Physics All chapters	Paper 1: 40 MCQ	40m (20%)	1 h
		Science Chemistry All chapters	Paper 2 (Physics) & Paper 3 (Chemistry) Section A Short, structured questions & Section B Long questions, students choose 2 out of 3	45m + 25 m (32.5% per paper)	1 h 15 min per paper
			Paper 5 Practical	30m (15%)	1 h 30 min
4N2 OOS	Science (Chemistry/ Biology) (5078)	Science Chemistry All chapters	Paper 1: 40 MCQ	40m (20%)	1 h
		Science Biology All chapters	Paper 3 (Chemistry) & Paper 4 (Biology) Section A Short, structured questions & Section B Long questions, students choose 2 out of 3	45m + 25 m (32.5% per paper)	1 h 15 min per paper
			Paper 5 Practical	30m (15%)	1 h 30 min
4N1	Mathematics (4052)	All topics from Sec 1 to 4	Paper 1 There will be about 26 short answer questions	90m (50%)	2 h 15 min
			Paper 2 Questions with varying lengths, the last question focuses specifically on applying mathematics to a real-world scenario.	90m (50%)	2 h 15 min

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Class(es)	Subject & Code	Chapter/ Area of Focus	Format	Marks / % Overall	Duration
4N2 - 4N3	Mathematics Syllabus A (4045)	All topics from Sec 1 to 4	Paper 1 There will be about 23 short answer questions.	70m (50%)	2 h
			Paper 2 Section A: Questions with varying lengths, the last question focuses specifically on applying mathematics to a real-world scenario. Section B: Do 1 question from the 2 long structured questions.	70m (50%)	2 h
4N1	Additional Mathematics (4051)	Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10,11, 12, 14.1 to 14.3, 14.7 and 15.	Paper 1 There will be 13-15 questions with varying marks and lengths. Some questions may integrate ideas from more than 1 topic of the syllabus.	70m (50%)	1 h 45 min
			Paper 2 There will be 8 -10 questions with varying marks and lengths. Some questions may integrate ideas from more than 1 topic of the syllabus.	70m (50%)	1 h 45 min
4N1 - 4N3	Social Studies (2175/01) (2176/01)	Issue 1: Exploring Citizenship and Governance (Chapters 1-3) Issue 2: Living in a Diverse Society (Chapters 4-7) Issue 3: Being Part of a Globalised World (Chapters 8-9)	Section A: Source Based Questions Section B: Structured Response Questions	35 m 15 m 50m (50%)	1 h 45 min
4N1 4N3	Elective Geography (2175/02)	Physical Geography: Chapter 1 Tectonics Chapter 2 Weather and Climate Human Geography: Chapter 1 Tourism	Section A: Geographical Investigation Global Tourism Weather and climate Section B: Tourism Section C: Tectonics Weather and Climate	13 m 12 m 25 m 50m (50%)	1 h 40 min

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4N2	Elective History (2176/02)	Unit 2 – The World in Crisis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of World War • Rise of authoritarian regimes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Case Study of Communist Russia 2. Case Study of Nazi Germany • Outbreak of War II in Europe • Germany’s defeat in World War II • Outbreak of World War II in the Asia Pacific • Japan’s Defeat in World War II Unit 3 – Bi-Polarity and the Cold War <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for the Cold War in Europe • The Korean War 	Section A: Source Based Question Section B: Structured Essay Question	30 m 20 m 50m (50%)	1 h 40 min
4N1	Principles of Accounts (7086)	Chapters 1 – 15	Paper 1 3 to 4 compulsory structured questions. Paper 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 compulsory structured questions. • One question requires the preparation of financial statements for a business for one financial year (20m). • A scenario-based question (5m) will be part of one of the 3 remaining questions. 	40m (40%) 60m (60%)	1 h 2 h

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4N2	Art (6125)	Paper 1: Coursework 1. Gathering and Investigation of Information 2. Exploration and Development of Ideas/Concepts 3. Aesthetic Qualities 4. Selection and Control of Materials and Technical Processes 5. Personal Response	Paper 1: Coursework	100m (60%)	22 weeks
		Paper 2: Drawing & Painting 1. Investigation and Interpretation of Theme 2. Exploration and Development of Theme 3. Aesthetic Qualities 4. Control of Materials and Technical Processes 5. Personal Response	Paper 2: Drawing & Painting • 5 Pages of A3 sized Preparatory Studies and a Final Artwork	100m (40%)	3 h
4N3	Design & Technology (7055)	The questions will be design-centric. • Question 1 requires knowledge application of Section 1 Design. • Question 2 to Question 3 require knowledge application of Section 2 Technology; specifically structures, mechanisms and electronics.	Paper 1: short answer type questions and proposed sketches by candidates.	60m (40%) Question 1: 24m out of 60m Question 2- 3: 36m out of 60m	1 h 30 min
			Paper 2: Coursework	60m (60%)	20 weeks
4N3 (OOS)	Design & Technology (7059)	The questions will be design-centric. • Question 1 requires knowledge application of Section 1 Design. • Question 2 to Question 4 require knowledge application of Section 2 Technology; specifically structures, mechanisms and electronics.	Paper 1 short answer type questions and proposed sketches by candidates.	80m (40%) Question 1: 26m out of 80m Question 2- 4: 54m out of 80m	2 h
			Paper 2 Coursework	60m (60%)	22 weeks