



**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2026
EXAMINATION FORMAT AND TOPICS
SECONDARY 4 NORMAL TECHNICAL**

SECONDARY 4 NORMAL TECHNICAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION					
Teaching Groups	Subject & Code	Chapter/ Area of Focus	Format	Marks / % Overall	Duration
4E11, 4E16	English Language (1195)	Writing	Paper 1: Editing, Situational Writing, Continuous Writing	70m (30%)	1 h 20 min
		Language Use and Reading Comprehension	Paper 2: Language Use and Reading Comprehension	60m (40%)	1 h 20 min
		Listening Comprehension	Paper 3: Listening	20m (10%)	45 min
		Oral Communication	Paper 4: Reading Aloud, Spoken Interaction	40m (20%)	20 min (includes 10 min of prep time)
4CL9	Basic Chinese (1202)	Vocab Grammar Comprehension	Paper 1: cloze passage, vocab, Comprehension (MCQ), SMS/ informal email writing	30m (30%)	50 min
		Oral Communication	Paper 2: Oral	50m (50%)	10 min
		Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (20%)	30 min
4ML9	Basic Malay Language (1203)	Vocab Grammar Comprehension	Paper 1: Cloze passage, vocab, Compre text MCQ, Functional writing	30m (30%)	50 min
		Oral Communication	Paper 2: Oral	50m (50%)	10 min
		Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (20%)	30 min
4TL9	Basic Tamil Language (1204)	Functional writing Vocab	Paper 1: part A Functional writing Paper 1: part B	30m (30%)	50 min
		Idioms Grammar Comprehension	Idioms, Cloze PSG, visual stimulus MCQ, text MCQ		
		Oral Communication	Paper 2: Oral	50m (50%)	10 min
		Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (20%)	30 min



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4S11	Science (5148)	All chapters	Paper 1: e-examination	50m (50%)	1 h 15 min
			Section A: 30 multiple-choice questions and 2 to 5 selected response questions Section B will carry 10 marks and consist of 2 to 3 selected-response, short-answer and/or structured questions with video, animation or interactive stimuli. Paper 2: Short-answer and structured	Section A: 30 m + 10 m Section B: 10 m 50m (50%)	1 h



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4M11 and 4M16	Mathematics Syllabus T (4046)	All topics from Sec 1 to 4	Paper 1 11-13 short questions carrying 2-4 marks and 2 longer structured questions carrying 6-8 marks, developed around a context. Cover topics from: Number and Algebra Geometry and Measurement Real-World Contexts	50m (50%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 2 11-13 short questions carrying 2-4 marks and 2 longer structured questions carrying 6-8 marks, developed around a context. Cover topics from: Number and Algebra Statistics and Probability Real-World Contexts	50m (50%)	1 h 30 min
4U11 and 4U16	CPA (7018)	Computer Fundamentals (CPF)	Paper 1: MCQ and Short Structured Questions	60m (30%)	1 h 15 min
		Media Elements (MEL)	Paper 2: Practical	70m (35%)	1 h 30 min
		Document Processing (DOP)	Paper 3: Practical	70m (35%)	1 h 30 min
		Spreadsheets (SST)			
		Multimedia Communication (MMC)			
		Media Computing (MEC)			



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4RO1	RO (A301/01) (A301/02) (A301/03)	Paper 1 Students must be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding on • Types of retail store • Types of merchandise • Importance of housekeeping activities • Receiving and Storing Merchandise • Tagging of Merchandise • Replenishing Merchandise • Importance of inventory control • Updating the Stock Record Card • Stock Replenishment	Paper 1 Written Examination	30m (50%)	1 h
		Paper 2 • Students will be required to complete the documents related in the handling of retail processes (Delivery Order, Stock Card, E-delivery order and purchase order) • Students needs to apply their knowledge on handling retail process such as receiving items from suppliers, dispatching of merchandise for delivery order, managing the items using FIFO principles in storing and display area, housekeeping and ordering of goods)	Paper 2 Practical Examination – Handling Retail Processes	110m (30%)	30 mins per student, 4 students tested at one sitting.



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		Paper 3 • Students will be required to do a research on the product • Students must be able to demonstrate ability to perform sales presentation on selected product • Students must be able to demonstrate ability to find information about the features and benefits of the chosen products, demonstrate sales presentations skill as well as cashier duties	Paper 3 Practical Examination – Demonstrate Selling Skills	120m (50%)	15 min per student (whole duration is 8:00 am - 2:00 pm)
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4D16	Design and Technology Syllabus T (7062)	Paper 1 questions will be design-centric. - Question 1 to 3 requires knowledge application of Section 1 Design. - Question 4 and Question 5 require knowledge application of Section 2 Technology; specifically mechanisms and electronics.	Paper 1 short answer type questions and proposed sketches by candidates.	50m (30%) Question 1 to 3: 18m out of 50m Question 4 and 5: 32m out of 50m	1 hour
		Paper 2 will assess a design and prototyping project.	Paper 2 Coursework (refer to subject syllabus document for details)	70m (70%)	20 weeks



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Out of Stream (OOS subjects)

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4E21, 4E22, 4E26	English Language (1190)	Writing	Paper 1: Editing, Situational Writing, Continuous Writing	70m (35%)	1 h 50 min
		Comprehension	Paper 2: Comprehension Texts and Summary Task	50m (35%)	1 h 50 min
		Listening	Paper 3: Listening	30m (10%)	45 min
		Oral Communication	Paper 4: Planned Response, Spoken Interaction	0m (20%)	20 min (includes 10 min of prep time)
4CL7	Chinese Language (1196)	Email Essay	Paper 1: informal & formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, argumentative	60m (30%)	2 h
		Grammar Vocab Comprehension	Paper 2: cloze passage, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended)	60m (30%)	1 h 30 min
		Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
		Oral Communication	Paper 3: Oral	60m (30%)	10 min



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4ML7	Malay Language (1197)	Functional Writing Essay	Paper 1: Written Interaction. Respond writing and Formal Email Composition - narrative, expository, descriptive	60m (30%)	2 h
		Grammar Vocab, Comprehension	Paper 2: cloze passage, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended)	60m (30%)	1 h 30 min
		Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
		Oral Communication	Paper 4: Oral	60m (30%)	10 min
4TL7	Tamil Language (1198)	Email Essay	Paper 1: informal & formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, story	60m (30%)	2 h
		Grammar Vocab Comprehension	Paper 2: cloze passage, idioms, Comprehension (MCQ & open-ended) Editing	60m (30%)	1 h 30 min
		Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
		Oral Communication	Paper 3: Oral	60m (30%)	15 mins



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4P21, 4P26, 4C21, 4C22, 4C26	Science (Physics / Chemistry) (5105)	Science Physics All Chapters Science Chemistry All chapters	Physics Paper 1 & Chemistry Paper 3 20 MCQ Physics Paper 2 & Chemistry Paper 4 Section A Short, structured questions & Section B Long questions, students choose 1 out of 2	20m per paper (20%) 30m per paper (30%)	1 h 15 min each for Paper 1 & 2 and Paper 3 & 4
4B21, 4B22, 4B26, 4C21, 4C22, 4C26	Science (Chemistry / Biology) (5107)	Science Chemistry All chapters Science Biology All chapters	Chemistry Paper 3 & Biology Paper 5 20 MCQ Chemistry Paper 4 & Biology Paper 6 Section A Short, structured questions & Section B Long questions, students choose 1 out of 2	20 m per paper (20%) 30 m per paper (30%)	1h 15 min each for Paper 3 & 4 and Paper 5 & 6
4M21, 4M22, 4M26	Mathematics Syllabus A (4045)	All topics from Sec 1 to 4	Paper 1 There will be about 23 short answer questions. Paper 2 Section A: There will be 9 -10 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%) 70m (50%)	2 h 2 h



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4O21, 4O22, 4O26	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
4G21, 4G22, 4G26	Elective Geography (2125/02)	Geography in Everyday Life Climate	Candidates answer Question 1 in Section A, and <u>either</u> Question 2 <u>or</u> 3 in Section B. <u>Section A</u> Question 1: Cluster 1 - Geography in Everyday Life (25 marks) <u>Section B</u> <i>Either</i> Question 2: Cluster 2 - Climate (25 marks) <i>Or</i> Question 3: Cluster 3 - Tectonics (25 marks) Candidates will be required to answer <u>one</u> 6-mark question testing AO3 in Question 2/Question 3.	50 m (50%)	1 h 45 min
4H21, 4H26	Elective History (2126/02)	Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10	Section A: Source Based Question Section B: Structured Essay Question	30 m 20 m 50m (50%)	1 h 50 min