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<b>4N1 - 4N3</b>	English Language (1190)	Writing Comprehension Listening Oral Communication	Paper 1: Editing, Situational Writing, Continuous Writing	70m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 2: Comprehension Texts and Summary Task	50m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 3: Listening	30m (10%)	45 min
			Paper 4: Planned Response, Spoken Interaction	30m (20%)	20 min (includes 10 min of prep time)
<b>4N OOS</b>	English Language (1184)	Writing Comprehension Listening Oral Communication	Paper 1: Editing, Situational Writing, Continuous Writing	70m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 2: Comprehension Texts and Summary Task	50m (35%)	1 h 50 min
			Paper 3: Listening	30m (10%)	45 min
			Paper 4: Planned Response, Spoken Interaction	30m (20%)	20 min (includes 10 min of prep time)
<b>4N1 - 4N3</b>	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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<b>4N OOS</b>	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
<b>4N1 - 4N3</b>	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
<b>4N1 - 4N3</b>	Malay Language (1197)	Functional Writing  Essay Grammar Vocab, Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: Written Interaction. Respond writing and Formal Email	60m (30%)	2 h
			Composition - narrative, expository, descriptive		
			Paper 2: cloze passage, 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
<b>4N OOS</b>	Malay Language (1148)	Functional Writing  Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: Written Interaction, respond writing formal email, Composition - narrative, expository, descriptive	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
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<b>4N1 - 4N3</b>	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) Editing	60m (30%)	1 h 30 min
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20m (10%)	30 min
			Paper 3: Oral	60m (30%)	15 mins
<b>4N1 - 4N3</b>	Tamil Language (B) (1152)	Email Essay Grammar Vocab Comprehension Oral Communication Listening Comprehension (LC)	Paper 1: informal email /Composition - narrative	20 (20%)	50 mins
			Paper 2: cloze passage, Comprehension (MCQ )	30 (30%)	1 hr
			Paper 3: LC (MCQ)	20 (20%)	30 mins
			Paper 3: Oral	30 (30%)	15 mins
<b>4N1, 4N3</b>	Science (Physics / Chemistry) (5105)	Science Physics All chapters  Science Chemistry All chapters	Paper 1: 40 MCQ Paper 2 (Physics) & Paper 3 (Chemistry) Section A Short, structured questions & Section B Long questions, students choose 2 out of 3  Paper 5 Practical	20m per paper (20%)  30m per paper (30%)	1 h 15 min each for Paper 1 & 2 and Paper 3 & 4
<b>4N2</b>	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



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<b>4N1 OOS</b>	Science (Physics / Chemistry) (5086)	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 1 out of 2  Paper 5 Practical	55m + 10 m (32.5% per paper)          30m (15%)	1 h 15 min per paper          1 h 30 min
<b>4N2 OOS</b>	Science (Chemistry/ Biology) (5088)	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 1 out of 2  Paper 5 Practical	55m + 10 m (32.5% per paper)          30m (15%)	1 h 15 min per paper          1 h 30 min
<b>4N1</b>	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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<b>4N2 - 4N3</b>	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: 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%)	2 h
<b>4N1</b>	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
<b>4N1 - 4N3</b>	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



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<b>4N1 &amp; 4N3</b>	Elective Geography (2125/02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Geography in Everyday Life</li><li>• Climate</li></ul>	Candidates answer <b>Question 1</b> in Section A, and <b><i>either</i> Question 2 <i>or</i></b> <b>3</b> in Section B.  <u>Section A</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Question 1:</b> Cluster 1 - Geography in Everyday Life (25 marks)</li></ul> <u>Section B</u> <i>Either</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Question 2:</b> Cluster2 - Climate (25 marks)</li></ul> <i>Or</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Question 3:</b> Cluster 3 - Tectonics (25 marks)</li></ul> 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
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4N2	Elective History (2126/02)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10</li></ul>	Section A: Source Based Question  Section B: Structured Essay Question	30 m  20 m  50m (50%)	1 h 50 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"><li>4 compulsory structured questions.</li><li>One question requires the preparation of financial statements for a business for one financial year (20m).</li><li>A scenario-based question (5m) will be part of one of the 3 remaining questions.</li></ul>	40m (40%)  60m (60%)	1 h  2 h



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<b>4N2</b>	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
<b>4N3</b>	Design & Technology (7055)	Paper 1 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 to 3: 36m out of 60m	1 h 30 min
		Paper 2 will assess a design and prototyping project.	Paper 2: Coursework (refer to subject syllabus document for details)	60m (60%)	20 weeks
<b>4N3 (OOS)</b>	Design & Technology (7059)	Paper 1 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 to 4: 54m out of 80m	2 h
		Paper 2 will assess a design and prototyping project.	Paper 2: Coursework (refer to subject syllabus document for details)	60m (60%)	22 weeks