

2018 MID-YEAR EXAM FORMAT & SCOPE
SEC 1 EXPRESS

Level / Stream	Subject	Paper	Duration	Description	Mark Allocation	Marks	Weightage
Sec 1E	English Language Paper ONE	1	1 hr 40 mins	Section A: Editing Candidates identify and edit grammatical errors in a short written text.	1 mark each	10	50%
				Section B: Situational Writing Candidates write 200–250 words on a given situation which will involve viewing a visual text.	nil	30	
				Section C: Continuous Writing Candidates write 250–300 words on one of three topics set.	nil	30	

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Sec 1E	English Language Paper TWO	2	1 hr 40 mins	Comprehension Section A Candidates respond to questions based on Text 1, a visual text.	1-2 marks for each question	5	50%
				Section B Candidates respond to a variety of literal, inferential, quotation, vocabulary, own words or evaluative questions based on Text 2 which is a narrative	1-4 marks for each question	20	
				Section C Candidates respond to a variety of literal, inferential, quotation, vocabulary, own words or evaluative questions based on Text 3 which is a recount.	1-4 marks for each question	25	

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SEC 1E	Mathematics (4048)	Paper 1	1 hour	10 - 12 short-answer and structured questions. Answer all questions.	2 - 5 marks per question	40	40%
		Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Section A (28 marks) About 6 to 7 structured questions Section B (32 marks) About 5 structured and long-answer questions involving higher order thinking skills. Answer all questions.	4 - 7 marks per question	60	60%
		Topics : Chapter 1 Factors And Multiples Chapter 2 Real Numbers Chapter 3 Approximation And Estimation Chapter 4 Basic Algebra and Algebraic manipulation Chapter 5 Linear equations and simple inequalities Chapter 6 Functions and linear graphs Chapter 8 Percentages					

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Sec 1E	Lower Sec Science		1 h 30 min	Section 1 (Phy) Section 1A: 10 MCQ Section 1B: 3 to 5 Stru Qns Section 1C: One Free Response Qn	Section 1A: 10 marks Section 1B: 17 marks Section 1C: 8 marks	35 m	43.75%
				Section 2 (Bio) Section 2A: 15 MCQ Section 2B: 3 to 5 Stru Qns Section 2C: One Free Response Qn	Section 2A: 15 marks Section 2B: 20 marks Section 2C: 10 marks	45 m	56.25%
				Bio Topics: Understanding Diversity of Organisms, Model of Cells - The Basic Units of Life, Transport System in Organisms, Human Digestive System			

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Sec 1E	Geography	1	1 hour 15 min	Water & Tropical Rainforest	Short Answer Question (5 marks)	35	15%
				- Characteristics of Water Supply	Structured Questions (30 marks)		
				- Causes of Water shortage			
				- Impacts of Water Shortage			
				- Responses to Water Shortage			
				- Characteristics of a Tropical Rainforest			
- Causes of Deforestation							

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Sec 1E	History	1	1 hour 15 min	Early Past/ Singapore's Connections with World/ Why People came to Colonial Singapore	Inference X 3 (15m)	35	15%
					Comparison X 1 (5m)		
					Short Answer X 2 (1X 5m, 1 X 10m)		

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				Sec A: Unseen Prose (Choice between 2 prose)	10 mark questions	20m	40%

Sec 1E	English Literature	1 h 30 min	Set B: Passage Based Questions on Set Text	10 mark questions	30m	60%
		Unseen prose Set Text - "The Car" by Verena Tay				

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SEC 1E	Tamil (1157)	Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	Section A 2 E-mail questions; 1 formal, 1 informal. Choose either one. Section B: Composition. Choose 1 out of 3.	Section A 20 marks. Section B: 40 marks	60	35%
		Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Language Use & Comphension. Section A1: Grammar & Word Formation (5 questions). Section A2: Idioms (5 questions) Section A3: Cloze Passage (5 questions) Section B: MCQ Comprehension 2 Authentic Passage (5 questions) Section C: Comprehension (5 Comprehension Questions, 4 Vocabulary Questions)	Section A: 10 marks Section A2: 10 marks Section A3: 10 marks Section B: 10 marks Section C: 30 marks	70	45%
		Paper 3	30 mins	Listening Comprehension Conversation stories, passages and broadcast 10 MCQ questions	20 marks	20	20%

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SEC 1E	Chinese (1160)	Paper 1	1.5 hrs	Section A- Informal Email (choose 1 out of 2) Section B- Composition (Choose 1 out of 3)	Section A (20 marks per Qn) Section B (40 marks per Qn)	60	40%
		Paper 2	1.5 hrs	1. Vocabulary (Fill in the blank) 2. Cloze passage 3. Comprehension (1) MCQ 4. Comprehension (2) Open ended	1. 10 Qns 10 marks 2. 10 Qns 10 marks 3. 8 Qns 16 marks 4. 8 Qns 34marks	70	47%
		Paper 3	Listening Comprehension: 30 mins	Conversation stories, passages and news broadcast (MCQ)	10 Qns 20 marks	20	13%
		Topics : Chapter 1 to 9					
		Sec 1E Textbook (A), Workbook (A)					

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SEC 1E	Malay (1148)	Paper 1	1 hour 30 mins	Section A: 2 E-mail questions; 1 formal, 1 informal. Choose either one.	Section A 20 marks	60	35%
				Section B:Composition. Choose 1 out of 3.	Section B: 40 marks		
				1Narrative, 1 Descriptive, 1Narrative/Descriptive			
		Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Language Use & Comprehension		70	45%
				Section A1: Grammar & Word Formation (5 questions)			
				Section A2: Idioms (5 questions) Section A3: Cloze Passage (5 questions)			
				Section B: MCQ Comprehension 2 Authentic Passage (5 questions)	Section A: 10 marks Section A2: 10 marks Section A3: 10 marks Section B: 10 marks Section C: 30 marks		
				Section C: Comprehension (5 Comprehension Questions, 4 Vocabulary Questions)			
		Paper 3	30 mins	Listening Comprehension		20 marks	20
				Conversation stories, passages and broadcast			
				10 MCQ questions			