

2018 MID-YEAR EXAM FORMAT & SCOPE
SEC 1 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

Level / Stream	Subject	Paper	Duration	Description	Mark Allocation	Marks	Weightage
Sec 1NA	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 180–250 words on a given situation which will involve viewing a visual text.	nil	30	
				Section C: Continuous Writing Candidates write 200 –300 words on one of three topics set.	nil	30	

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Sec 1NA	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 1NA	Mathematics (4045)	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 Chapter 6 Number Patterns					

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Sec 1NA	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: 22 marks Section 2C: 8 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 1NA	Geography	1	1 hour 15 min	Tropical Rainforest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Characteristics of a Tropical Rainforest · Causes of Deforestation · Impacts of deforestation · Responses to Deforestation 	Short Answer Question (5 marks) Structured Questions (30 marks)	35	15%

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Sec 1NA	History	1	1 hour 15 min	Early Past/ Singapore's Connections with World/ Why People came to Colonial Singapore	Inference X 5 (20m) Short Answer X 2 (15m)	35	15%

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				Sect A: Unseen Prose (Choice between 2 passages)	5 or 10 mark questions	25m	50%

Sec 1NA	English Literature	1 h 30 min	Sect B: Passage Based Questions on Set Text	5 or 10 mark questions	25m	50%
		Unseen Prose Set Text - "The Car" by Verena Tay				

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Sec 1NA	Tamil (1198)	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	40%
		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 (5questions) .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	60	40%
		Paper 3	30 mins	Listening Comprehension Conversation stories, passages and broadcast 10 MCQ questions	20 marks	20	20%

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Sec 1NA	Chinese 1196/1,2,3	1	1 hour 30 mins	Section A- email (informal)-Choose 1 out of 2 Section B-Composition –Choose 1 out of 4	Section A (20 marks per qn) Section B (40 marks per qn)	60	43%
		2	1 hour 30 mins	1. Fill in the blank 2. Cloze passage 3. Comprehension (1) MCQ 4. Comprehension (2) open ended	1. 12 Qns 12marks 2. 6 Qns 6 marks 3. 7 Qns 14 marks 4. 7 Qns 28marks	60	43%
		3	30 mins	Listening Comprehension -Conversation passages, story, news broadcast 1NA text book & workbook Chapter 1,2,4,6	10 MCQ Qns 20 marks	20	14%

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Sec 1NA	Malay (1197)	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 4. 1 Narrative, 1 Descriptive, 2 Narrative/Descriptive	Section A 20 marks Section B: 40 marks	60	40%
		Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Language Use & Comprehension Section A1: Grammar & Word Formation (5 questions) Section A2: Idioms (5 questions) Section A3: Cloze Passage (5questions) Section B: MCQ Comprehension 2 Authentic Passage (5 questions) Section C: Comprehension (5 Comprehension Questions, 2 Vocabulary Questions)	Section A: 10 marks Section A2: 5 marks Section A3: 5 marks Section B: 10 marks Section C: 30 marks	60	40%
		Paper 3	30 mins	Listening Comprehension Conversation stories, passages and broadcast 10 MCQ questions	20 marks	20	20%