

2018 MID-YEAR EXAM FORMAT & SCOPE
SEC 2 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

Level / Stream	Subject	Paper	Duration	Description	Mark Allocation	Marks	Weightage
Sec 2NA	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 four topics set.	nil	30	

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Sec 2NA	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 or a recount.	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, a non-narrative text, and write an 80-word response to a summary writing task.	1-2 marks for each question and summary question is 15 marks	25	

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Sec 2NA	Mathematics (4045)	Paper 1	1 hour	12 - 14 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%	
		Chapter 1: Linear Expressions, linear equations and simple inequalities						
		Chapter 2: Functions and linear graphs						
		Chapter 3: Direct and Inverse Proportions						
		Chapter 4: Simultaneous linear equations						
		Chapter 5: Expansion and Factorisation of Algebraic Expressions						
		Chapter 6: Further expansion and factorization of algebraic expressions						
		Include Sec 1 topics: (10 - 15%)						
		List Sec 1 topics: Integers, rational numbers and real numbers, approximation and estimation, PERCENTAGES, RATE RATIO AND SPEED						

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Sec 211'O Maths	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: Direct and Inverse Proportion						
		Chapter 2: Linear Graphs and Simultaneous Linear Equations						
		Chapter 3: Expansion and Factorisation of Quadratic Expressions						
		Chapter 4: Further Expansion and Factorisation of Algebraic Expressions						
		Chapter 5: Quadratic Equations and Graphs						
		Chapter 6: Algebraic Fractions and Formulae						
		Chapter 7: Congruence and Similarity						
Includes Sec 1 topics (10-15%): Percentages, number patterns, approximation and estimation, integers, rational and real numbers, RATE RATIO AND SPEED.								

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Sec 2NA	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 (Chem) Section 2A: 15 MCQ	Section 2A: 15 marks Section 2B: 22 marks	45 m	56.25%

			Section 2B: 3 to 5 Stru Qns Section 2C: One Free Response Qn	Section 2B: 22 marks Section 2C: 8 marks	75 min	30.23%
Chemistry Topics: Atoms, Molecules and Ions, Chemical Formula, Elements, Compounds and Mixtures, Solutions and Suspensions, Separation Techniques						

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Sec 2NA	Geography	1	1 hour 15 min	Chapter 3: Housing Shortage	Map Reading: 5 marks Structured Questions: 30 marks	35	15%

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Sec 2NA	History	1	1 hour 15 min	Chapter 5: Japanese Occupation/ Post-War Chapter 6: Aspirations of People (1945-1959)	Section A: SBQ (20m) SBQ (a) – Inference 5m SBQ (b) – Purpose 7m SBQ (c) – Comparison 8m Section B: SEQ (15m) 1 X 5m, 1 X 10m	35	15%

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Sec 2NA	English Literature	1 h 30 min	Section A: Structured Questions on either Unseen Prose/Poetry	10 marks questions	20m	40%	
			Section B: Passage Based Questions on <i>The Boy In Striped Pyjamas</i>	10 marks questions	30m	60%	
<i>The Boy in Striped Pyjamas</i> Unseen poetry/prose							

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Sec 2NA	Food and Consumer Education	Paper 2	4 h	FCE MY Project	Planning & Proposal - 10m Preparation & Research - 20m Product & Outcome - 20m Reflection & Evaluation - 10m	60 m	40%
		Paper 1	1 h	Section A: Short-answer Qns and Fill in the Blanks Section B: Structured Qns and Data-Response Qn Section C: Structutred Qns, Data-Response Qn and Open-Ended Qns	Section A - 15m Section B - 25m Section C - 30m	70 m	60%
Topics for Paper 1:							
Chapter 1 : Food Preparation and Culinary Skills							
Chapter 2 : Food Presentation							
Chapter 3 : Evaluation of Food							
Chapter 4 : Food Culture							
Chapter 6 : Smart Shopping							
Chapter 7 : Advertising							

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Sec 2NA	CL 1196	Paper 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%
		Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	1. Fill in the blank 2. Close passage 3. Comprehension (1) MCQ. 4. Comprehension (2) open ended	1. 8 Qns 8marks 2. 10 Qns 10marks 3. 7 Qns 14 marks 4. 7 Qns 28marks	60	43%
		Paper 3 Listening Comprehe	30 mins	Conversation passages, story, news broadcast	10 MCQ Qns 20 marks	20	14%
Topics: Sec 2N textbook & workbook (A) Chapter 1-6							

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