

2018 MID-YEAR EXAM FORMAT & SCOPE
SEC 4 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)

Level / Stream	Subject	Paper	Duration	Description	Mark Allocation	Marks	Weightage
Sec 4NA	English Language	1	1 hr 50 mins	Section A: Editing Candidates identify and edit grammatical errors in a short written text.	1 mark each	10	45%
				Section B: Situational Writing Candidates write 250–350 words on a given situation which will involve viewing a visual text.	nil	30	
				Section C: Continuous Writing Candidates write 350–500 words on one of four topics set.	nil	30	

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Sec 4NA	English Language	2	1 hr 50 mins	Comprehension Section A Candidates respond to questions based on Text 1, a visual text.	1 - 2 marks for each question	5	45%
				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 4NA	English Language	3	About 45 minutes	Listening Section A Candidates respond to a variety of listening tasks based on a number of audio recordings which the candidates will hear twice.	1 - 2 marks for each question	24	10%
				Section B Candidates listen to an audio recording and do a simple note-taking exercise. Candidates will hear the recording only once.		6	

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Sec 4NA	Mathematics 4045	Paper 1	2 hours	There will be about 25 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions	2 – 6 marks per question	80	50%
		Paper 2	2 hours	There will be 2 sections: - Section A will contain 9 to 10 questions of varying lengths. Candidates are required to answer all questions - Section B will contain 2 questions of which candidates will be required to answer only one. - The questions in Section B will be based on the underlined content and there will be one question from the 'Geometry & Measurement' strand and one from the 'Statistics & Probability' strand. - Each question carries the same number of marks, that is, either 7 or 8 marks.	5-8 marks per question	60	50%
Topics: NA Level Exam Syllabus according to SEAB							

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Sec 411'O' Maths	Mathematics 4048	Paper 1	2 hours	There will be about 25 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions	2 – 6 marks per question	80	50%
		Paper 2	2 hours 30 mins	There will be 10 to 11 questions of varying marks and lengths. Candidates are required to answer all questions	5 – 11 marks per question	100	50%
Topics: O Level Exam Syllabus according to SEAB							

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Sec 4NA	Sc (Physics) (5105)	Paper 1	1 h 15 min	20 MCQ	20 marks	20 m	30%
		Paper 2		Section A 3 to 4 Stru Qns	Sect A: 14 marks	30 m	
				Section B 3 long questions; Choose 2 out of 3 Qns	Sect B: 16 marks		
Topics: Sec 3 and 4 work (All topics)							

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Sec 4NA	Sc (Chem) (5105, 5107)	Paper 3	1 h 15 min	20 MCQ	20 marks	20 m	20%
		Paper 4		Section A 3 to 4 Stru Qns	Sect A: 14 marks	30 m	30%
			Section B 3 long questions; Choose 2 out of 3 Qns	Sect B: 16 marks			
Topics: All Sec 3 Work, Acids, Bases and Salts, Formulae and the Mole Concept, Metals, Air, Fuels and Crude Oil, Alkanes							

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Sec 4NA	Sc (Bio) (5107)	Paper 5	1 h 15 min	20 MCQ	20 marks	20 m	20%
		Paper 6		Section A 3 to 4 Stru Qns	Sect A: 14 marks	30 m	30%
			Section B 3 long questions; Choose 2 out of 3 Qns	Sect B: 16 marks			
Topics: Respiration in Humans, Reproduction, Sec 3 Work							

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Sec 4NA	Additional Mathematics (4044)	Paper 1	1 hour 45 mins	There will be 13 to 15 questions of varying marks and lengths. Candidates are required to answer all questions Answer ALL questions.	3 – 7 marks per question	70	50%
		Paper 2	1 hour 45 mins	There will be 8 to 10 questions of varying marks and lengths. Candidates are required to answer all questions Answer ALL questions.	3 – 8 marks per question	70	50%
		Topics : NA Level Exam Syllabus according to SEAB					

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Sec 4NA	Humanities (Social Studies) 2175/1 and 2176/1	1 h 45 min	Section A: Source-Based Question	5 sub-parts ranging from 5 to 10 marks	35m	35%
			Section B: Structured Response Question	Part (a) 7 marks Part (b) 8 marks	15m	15%
Topics: SBQ Skills - Inference, Comparison, Reliability, Usefulness, Evaluating all sources Content - Chapters 1 to 9						

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Sec 4NA	Humanities (Geography Elective) 2175/2	1 h 40 min	Section A: Geographical Investigations	no more than 6 parts	13m	13%
			Section B: Structured Question on Global Tourism - Compulsory question	no more than 3 parts, including an open-ended question marked by level descriptors capped at maximum of 6 marks	12m	12%
			Section C: Structured Questions on Plate Tectonics and/or Weather and Climate - Choose 1 out of 2 questions set.	no more than 6 parts, including an open-ended question marked by level descriptors capped at maximum of 6 marks	25m	25%
Weather and Climate: Gateway 1 & 2 Living with Tectonics Hazards: Gateway 1 & 2 Tourism: Gateway 1, 2 & 3						

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Sec 4NA	Humanities (History Elective) 2176/2	1 h 40 min	Section A: Source-Based Question	5 X Source Based Questions (Ranging from 5 to 8 m)	30	30%
			Section B: Structured Question	2 X Structured Essay Question (1 X 12m, 1 X 8m)	20	20%
Topics: SBQ Skills - Korean War Content - Entire Sec 3 Syllabus, Origins of Cold War, Korean War						

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Sec 4NA	POA 7088	1 hour	Paper 1: Answer 4 compulsory structured questions.	8 – 12 marks per question	40	40%
		2 hours	Paper 2:	24 marks for preparation of financial statement question.	48	60%
			Section A Answer 3 compulsory structure questions	12 marks average for the remaining questions each.		
			Section B Answer any 1 out of 2 structured questions.	12 marks per question	12	
Topics : Chapters 1 to 17 and 19 Business Entities (partial)						

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		Paper 2		Design Project: Design Journal	Planning and Monitoring - 10m Need definition, design brief and Specification - 10m Research - 10m ICD - 20m	70	60%
		Paper 1	1.5 hours	Part A - Answer all questions 5 short answer questions on Design (Design Method, Research, Project management, Need Definition, Idea Generation, Realisation plan, Evaluation, Design Communication, Ergonomics and Anthropometry) Chapter 2-10 & Design sustainability	1-6 marks per question	28	40%

Sec 4NA	Design and Technology (7054)		Part B - Answer two out of three structured questions. 1 Q - Structures 1 Q - Mechanism 1 Q - Electronics	21 marks per question	42	
		Topics for Paper 1:				
		Chapter 2: Design Method				
		Chapter 3: Project management				
		Chapter 4: Research				
		Chapter 5: Needs Definition				
		Chapter 6: Idea Generation & Development				
		Chapter 7: Realisation plan				
		Chapter 8: Evaluation				
		Chapter 9: Design Communication				
		Chapter 10: Ergonomics and Anthropometry				
		Design Sustainability				
		Chapter 12: Structures				
		Chapter 13: Mechanism				
Chapter 14: Electronics						

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Sec 4E4N 5N	CLB 1153	Paper 1	50 mins	P1: Writing (E-Exam) Email Writing (Informal) or Picture Composition Writing (Choose 1 out of 2)	20 marks	20	20%
		Paper 2	1 hr	P2: Language use and Comprehension (All MCQs) Section A. Short Passages and dialogue (Vocab and Grammar) Section B and C. Comprehension Passages	Section A. 10 Qns 10 marks Section B and C. 10 Qns 20 marks	30	30%
		Paper 3	15 mins	P3: Oral (E-exam) Section A. Passage reading Section B. Conversation	Section A. 10 marks Section B. 20 marks	30	30%
			30 mins	P3: Listening Comprehension conversation, story and news broadcast	10 MCQ Qns 20 marks	20	20%
Sec 4 textbook (A), workbook, reading materials and Oral resources							

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Sec 4NO	CL (1160)	Paper 1	2 hours	Section A - email (Informal)/ email (Formal) (Choose 1 out of 2) Section B-Composition (Choose 1 out of 3)	Section A (20 marks per question) Section B (40 marks per question)	60	30%
		Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	1. close passage (MCQ) 2. comprehension (MCQ) 3. Comprehension (Open ended)	1. 10 Qns 10 marks 2. 10 Qns 20 marks 3. 10 Qns 40 marks	70	35%
		Paper 3	Oral	1. passage reading, 2. Video Oral & Conversation	passages reading 10 marks, Video oral and conversation 40 marks	50	25%
		Paper 3	LC 30min	Conversation, story and news broadcast	10 MCQ qns 20 marks	20	10%
Topics: reading materials and oral resources							

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Sec 4NA	Chinese (1196)	Paper 1	2 hours	Section A- Informal) Email/ Formal Email (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	30%
		Paper 2	1.5 hrs	1. Cloze passage (MCQ) 2. Comprehension (MCQ) 3. Comprehension (Open-ended)	1. 10 Qns 10marks 2. 10 Qns 20marks 3. 8 Qns 30 marks	60	30%
		Paper 3	Listening Comprehension: 30	Conversation stories, passages and news broadcast (MCQ)	10 Qns 20 marks	20	30%
			Oral: 15 mins	Section 1: Read Aloud Section 2: Video Conversation	Section 1: 20 marks Section 2: 40 marks	60	10%

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Sec 4NA	Malay (1197)	Paper 1	2 hours	Section A: 2 E-mail questions; 1 formal, 1 informal. Choose either one.	Section A 20 marks	60	30%	
				Section B: Composition. Choose 1 out of 4.	Section B: 40 marks			
		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	30%
				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)				
Paper 3	List Comp: 30 mins	Listening Comprehension Conversation stories, passages and broadcast	20 marks	20	10%			
	10 MCQ questions Oral							

			Oral: 15 mins	Section 1: Read Aloud	20 marks		60	30%
				Section 2: Video Conversation	40 marks			

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Sec 4NA	Tamil (1198)	Paper 1	2 hours	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	30%
		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 (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	60	30%
		Paper 3	List Comp:30 mins	Listening Comprehension Conversation stories, passages and broadcast 10 MCQ questions	20 marks	20	10%
			Oral: 15 mins	Oral Section 1: Read Aloud Section 2: Video Conversation	20 marks 40 marks	60	30%