

**2018 MID-YEAR EXAM FORMAT & SCOPE  
SEC 5 NORMAL (ACADEMIC)**

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

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Sec 4ESN	English Language	2	1 hr 50 mins	<b>Comprehension Section A</b> Candidates respond to questions based on Text 1, a visual text.	1 - 2 marks for each question	5	45%
				<b>Section B</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	
				<b>Section C</b> 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 4ESN	English Language	3	About 45 minutes	<b>Listening Section A</b> 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%
				<b>Section B</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 4E/5NA	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 4ESN	Sc (Physics) (5076)	Paper 1	1 h	20 MCQ	20 marks	20 m	11.8%
		Paper 2	1 h 15 mins	Section A 7 to 9 Stru Qns	45 marks	65 m	38.2%
				Section B 3 long questions; Choose 2 out of 3 Qns	20 marks		
Topics: All topics except Magnetism and Electromagnetism							

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Sec 4ESN	Sc (Chem) (5076, 5078)	Paper 1	1 h	20 MCQ	20 marks	20 m	11.8%
		Paper 3	1 h 15 mins	Section A 7 to 9 Stru Qns	45 marks	65 m	38.2%
				Section B 3 long questions; Choose 2 out of 3 Qns	20 marks		
Topic: All Sec 3/4NA Topics, Stoichiometry and the Mole Concept, Acids, Bases and Salts, Air, Chemical Reactions (Redox and Speed of Reactions), Energy from Chemicals, Metals, Identification of Ions							

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Sec 4ESN	Sc (Bio) (5078)	Paper 1	1 h	20 MCQ	20 marks	20 m	11.8%
		Paper 4	1 h 15 mins	Section A 5 to 9 Stru Qns	45 marks	65 m	38.2%
				Section B 3 long questions; Choose 2 out of 3 Qns	20 marks		
Topics: All topics except Ecology							

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Sec 4E5NA	Additional Mathematics (4047)	Paper 1	2 hours	There will be 11 to 13 questions of varying marks and lengths. Candidates are required to answer ALL questions	3 – 10 marks per question	100	44%
		Paper 2	2 hours 30 mins	There will be 9 to 11 questions of varying marks and lengths. Candidates are required to answer ALL questions	4 – 11 marks per question	100	56%
Topics: Chapter 1 to 15.2 (Exclude Chap 10)							

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Sec 5N	Humanities (Social Studies) 2272/1 and 2273/1	1 h 45 min	Section A: Source-Based Question	5 sub-parts ranging from 5 to 8 marks	35m	35%
			Section B: Structured Essay Questions - Choose 1 out of 3 choices.	Part (a) 5 marks Part (b) 10 marks	15m	15%
Topics: SBQ Skills - Inference [5], Comparison [6], Reliability [7], Surprise [7], Assertion [10] Content - All topics (Chapter 1-11)						

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Sec 5N	Humanities (Geography Elective) 2272/2	1 h 40 min	Section A: Geographical Investigations on Global Tourism or Weather and Climate - Choose 1 out of 2 questions set.	no more than 5 parts	13m	13%
			Section B: Structured Questions on Weather and Climate and/or Global Tourism - Choose 1 out of 2 questions set.	no more than 3 parts, including an open-ended question marked according to level descriptors capped at a maximum of 8 marks	12m	12%
			Section C: Structured Questions on Plate Tectonics and/or Food Resources - Choose 1 out of 2 questions set.	no more than 5 parts, including an open-ended question marked according to level descriptors capped at a maximum of 8 marks	25m	25%
Topics: Living with Tectonic Hazards, Variable Weather and Changing Climate, Global Tourism, Food Resources (Gateway 1 only)						

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Sec 5N	Humanities (History Elective) 2273/2	1 h 40 min	Section A: Source-based Questions X 5	Source-based Question: 5 X SBQ (Ranging from 5 to 8m)	30	30%
			Section B: Structured Essay Question X 2	Structured Essay Question: 2 X SEQ (1 X 12m, 1 x 8m)	20	20%
Topics: SBQ Skills - Stalin Content - Entire Sec 3 Syllabus, Origins of Cold War, Korean War, Cuban Missile Crisis						

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Sec 4E5N	POA 7175	1 hour	Paper 1: Answer 4 compulsory structured questions.	8 – 12 marks per question	40	60%
		2 hours	Paper 2: Section A: Answer 3 compulsory structured questions.	20 marks for preparation of financial statement question. 14 marks average for the remaining questions each.	48	
			Section B: Answer any 1 out of 2 structured questions.	12 marks per question	12	
Topics : Chapters 1 to 19						

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Sec 4E5NA	Design and Technology (7051)	Paper 2		Design Project: Design Journal and Artefact	Planning and Monitoring - 10m Need definition, design brief and Specification - 10m Research - 20m ICD - 20m	70	60%
		Paper 1	2 hours	Part A - Answer all questions Structured 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	40	40%
				Part B - Answer all questions 1 Q - Structures 1 Q - Mechanism 1 Q - Electronics	20 marks per question	60	
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 5NA	Food and Nutrition (6087)	Paper 1	2 hours	Section A: Short-answer type question Section B: Structured question Section C: Open-ended type question	25m 30m 45m	100	100%
		Topics: Food Commodities, Meal Planning, Nutrients, Food Safety, Digestion, diet and health, Food Safety, Preservation					

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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 newsbroadcast	10 MCQ Qns 20 marks	20	20%
Sec 4 textbook (A), workbook, reading materials and Oral resources							

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Sec 4E5N	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 4E/5NA	Tamil (1157)	Paper 1	2 hours	<b>Section A</b> : 2 E-mail questions; 1 formal, 1 informal. Choose either one. <b>Section B</b> : Composition. Choose 1 out of 3.	Section A 20 marks Section B: 40 marks	60	30%
		Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	<b>Language Use &amp; Comphension. Section A1</b> : Grammar & Word Formation (5 questions). <b>Section A2</b> : Idioms (5 questions). <b>Section A3</b> : Cloze Passage (5question). <b>Section B</b> : MCQ Comprehension 2 Authentic Passage (5 questions). <b>Section C</b> : 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	35%
		Paper 3	List Comp:30 mins	<b>Listening Comprehension</b> Conversation stories, passages and broadcast 10 MCQ questions	20 marks	20	10%
			Oral: 15 mins	<b>Oral</b> Section 1: Read Aloud Section 2: Video Conversation	10 marks 40 marks	50	25%

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		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. Language Use & Comprehension	Section A 20 marks Section B: 40 marks	60	30%

SEC 4E/5NA	Malay (1148)	Paper 2	1 hour 30 mins	Section A1: Grammar & Word Formation (5 questions)	Section A: 10 marks Section A2: 10 marks Section A3: 10 marks Section B: 10 marks Section C: 30 marks	70	35%
				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)			
		Paper 3	List Comp:30 mins	Listening Comprehension	20 marks	20	10%
				Conversation stories, passages and broadcast			
				10 MCQ questions			
			Oral: 15 mins	Oral			
				Section 1: Read Aloud	10 marks	50	25%
	Section 2: Video Conversation	40 marks					