

Summary of History Extension HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements from 2010

In December 2008, the Board of Studies approved changes to the examination specifications and assessment requirements for a number of courses. These changes will be implemented for the 2010 HSC cohort. Details of the Board's decisions are available on the Board's website at <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/>

The HSC examination specifications and assessment requirements for History Extension are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

A written examination of two hours plus 5 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One extended response question using an unseen passage as a stimulus to explore issues of historiography.• Students answer the question with an expected length of response of around eight examination writing booklet pages (approximately 1000 words).	25
<i>Section II</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One extended response question requiring analysis of a historiographical issue with specific reference to the case study.• Students answer the question with an expected length of response of around eight examination writing booklet pages (approximately 1000 words).	25
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Changes from current examination specifications

The expected length for the extended responses is included as a guide. It is presented as the approximate number of examination writing booklet pages (based on average-sized handwriting), and/or an approximate number of words. Students will not be penalised for responses of excess length: they may write less than or more than what is expected, and their responses will be marked on their merits.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

There will be two to three assessment tasks comprising the following components and weightings.

Component	Weighting
Knowledge and understanding of significant historiographical ideas and processes	10
Skills in designing, undertaking and communicating historical inquiry – the History Project	40
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