

## Summary of Korean, Modern Hebrew and Vietnamese Continuers 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 Korean, Modern Hebrew and Vietnamese Continuers are outlined below.

### **Outline of HSC examination specifications**

#### **Written examination (75 marks)**

A written examination of three hours including 10 minutes reading time.

| <b>Section/Part</b>  | <b>Marks</b> |
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| <i>Section I: Listening and responding</i><br>Part A – answers in English <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short-answer and objective response questions</li></ul>                          | 20           |
| Part B – answers in [Language] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short-answer and objective response questions</li></ul>   | 10           |
| <i>Section II: Reading and responding</i><br>Part A <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short-answer and objective response questions in English</li></ul>                                     | 20           |
| Part B <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One text in [Language] with response in [Language]</li></ul>  | 10           |
| <i>Section III: Writing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One text to be written in [Language]. There will be a choice of two tasks, both of which require the same text type.</li></ul> | 15           |
|  | <b>75</b>    |

#### **Oral examination (25 marks)**

Students engage in a conversation with the examiner about the student's personal world (7 minutes; 10 marks), and a discussion with the examiner on a topic chosen by the student (8 minutes; 15 marks).

#### **Changes from current examination specifications**

In Section III of the written examination, there will be a choice of two tasks, rather than two to four as is currently the case. Both tasks will require the same text type.

In the oral examination, the marks for the Conversation and Discussion will be 10 and 15 respectively, rather than 15 and 10 as is currently the case. The proposed change better reflects the time allocation and the linguistic and conceptual demands of the respective tasks

#### **Outline of internal assessment requirements**

There will be three to five assessment tasks. There are no changes to the components and weightings.