

Summary of Languages Beginners 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 Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Modern Greek and Spanish Beginners are outlined below.

Outline of HSC examination specifications

Written examination (80 marks)

A written examination of two hours and 30 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time.

Section/Part	Marks
<i>Section I: Listening and responding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-answer and objective response questions in English	30
<i>Section II: Reading and responding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short-answer and objective response questions in English	30
<i>Section III: Writing</i> Part A <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One text to be written in [Language]• One text to be written in [Language] Part B <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One text to be written in [Language]. There will be a choice of two tasks, both of which require the same text type.	4 6 10
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Oral examination (20 marks)

Students engage in a conversation with an examiner about the student's personal world.

Changes from current examination specifications

There are no changes to the examination specifications.

Outline of internal assessment requirements

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