

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

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

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

<b>Section/Part</b>	<b>Marks</b>
<i>Section I: Listening and responding</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short-answer and objective response questions</li></ul>	25
<i>Section II: Reading and responding</i> Part A <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Short-answer and objective response questions in English</li></ul> Part B <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One text in [Language] with response in [Language]</li></ul>	25 15
<i>Section III: Writing</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• One text to be written in [Language]</li><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>	5 10
	<b>80</b>

### **Oral examination (20 marks)**

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

### Changes from current examination specifications

In Section III, there will be no choice for the first task. There will be a choice of two for the second task, both of which require the same text type.

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

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