

## E. Instructions for Individual Subjects

### 1. Category A Subjects

#### (a) Core Subjects

Subject	Paper	Points to Note
中國語文	一 閱讀能力	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 試卷一分甲、乙兩部分。甲部考核指定文言經典學習材料，佔全卷 30%；乙部為閱讀理解（擷取若干篇章，文白兼備），佔全卷 70%。</li> <li>◆ 考生作答乙部時，必須根據「閱讀能力考材」回答問題，並把答案寫在試題答題簿內指定位置。</li> <li>◆ 文字題宜用原子筆作答；為便於修正答案，多項選擇題宜用鉛筆作答。</li> <li>◆ 考試時間為 1 小時 30 分鐘。</li> </ul>
	二 寫作能力	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 試卷二分甲、乙兩部分。甲部考核實用寫作，佔全卷 30%；乙部為命題寫作，佔全卷 70%。</li> <li>◆ 甲部設有閱讀材料，供考生整理並加以發揮，完成一項寫作任務。考生須於試題答題簿內指定位置作答，設字數上限。</li> <li>◆ 使用姓名規定： <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 不可在答卷內寫上考生本人的姓名。</li> <li>— 試題如有指定的姓名，須依據題中姓名寫作。</li> <li>— 文中如須使用姓名而試題又沒有提供，必須使用試卷「考生須知」部分所示的名字。</li> <li>— 如違犯上述規定，<b>可被扣分</b>。惟倘因描述或引述古今中外知名人士的言行而須使用其真實姓名者，則不在此限。</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ 切勿背誦「模擬作文」應試，倘若發現答卷有背誦成分，該部分將<b>不予評閱</b>。</li> <li>◆ 考試時間為 2 小時 15 分鐘。</li> </ul>
English Language	1 (Reading) & 3 (Listening & Integrated Skills)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The graded approach is adopted for Papers 1 and 3. Both papers are divided into three parts: Part A is compulsory; but candidates have a choice of completing either Part B1 or Part B2.</li> <li>◆ Items ranging from 'easy' to 'difficult' are spread across the three parts of the paper: Part B1 consists of easier items, Part B2 consists of more difficult items, while the level of difficulty of items in Part A falls in between <b>Parts B1 and B2</b>.</li> <li>◆ When choosing whether to attempt Part B1 or B2, candidates should consider which part they think they will have the best chance of completing successfully. It is recommended that candidates decide which part they will attempt before they enter the examination centre as NO additional time will be given to look over the entire examination paper before the examination begins.</li> <li>◆ Candidates attempting Parts A and B1 will be able to attain as high as Level 4 in the paper concerned. If they attempt Parts A and B2, they will be able to attain as high as Level 5**.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must write their candidate number and stick their barcode label in the boxes provided in the Question-Answer Book they are going to attempt.</li> <li>◆ The invigilators will collect the used Question-Answer Books together. Candidates must fasten the two Question-Answer Books (Part A and either Part B1 or B2, whichever was attempted) using the green tag provided. The unattempted Question-Answer Book will be collected separately.</li> </ul>

English Language	1 Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Each candidate will receive three Reading Passages booklets for Paper 1 (Part A, Part B1 and Part B2). Enclosed inside each booklet is a Question-Answer Book that can be pulled out from the middle of the booklet. All answers must be put in the appropriate Question-Answer Book provided.</li> <li>◆ The colour of the Reading Passages booklet matches the colour of the Question-Answer Book. Part A is orange, Part B1 is blue and Part B2 is green. The Reading Passages booklet will not be collected at the end of the examination.</li> <li>◆ A variety of question types will be used, including multiple-choice questions and open-ended questions.</li> <li>◆ To allow sufficient time for the collection of scripts at the end of the Paper 1 examination, there will be a 60-minute break between Paper 1 and Paper 2.</li> </ul>
	2 Writing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The paper is divided into two parts. In Part A there is one question, which is compulsory. In Part B, candidates have a choice of completing one out of four questions. All answers must be put in the Question-Answer Book.</li> <li>◆ In Part A, candidates will be asked to complete a short, guided task of about 200 words.</li> <li>◆ In Part B, candidates will be asked to complete a longer, more open-ended task of about 400 words.</li> <li>◆ Candidates are free to choose from any of the questions given in Part B.</li> <li>◆ Candidates should write on each line of the Question-Answer Book to avoid unnecessary use of supplementary answer sheets.</li> <li>◆ Candidates are not allowed to use their real name in answering questions but, unless otherwise specified, they can use an alias such as 'Chris Wong', 'Mary', 'Peter' etc.</li> <li>◆ Rough-work sheets will be provided for planning and drafting of ideas.</li> <li>◆ Any memorised model answers incorporated will be disregarded by markers.</li> </ul>
	3 Listening & Integrated Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ For Paper 3, each candidate will receive one Question-Answer Book for the Listening component (Part A) and two Data File booklets (Part B1 and B2) for the integrated skills component of the paper. Enclosed in each Data File is a Question-Answer Book that can be pulled out from the middle of the Data File booklet. All answers must be put in the appropriate Question-Answer Book provided.</li> <li>◆ The colour of the cover page of the Question-Answer Book for Part A is orange. The colour of the Data File matches the colour of the Question-Answer Book. Part B1 is blue and Part B2 is green. The Data File will not be collected at the end of the examination.</li> <li>◆ For the Listening component of the paper, candidates will be required to listen to a recording that will last for about 50 minutes. In Part A, they will need to complete a variety of listening tasks.</li> <li>◆ In Part B, candidates will be required to process information by selecting and combining data from the recording and written sources in the Data File in order to complete a variety of writing tasks in a practical work or study situation. At least one of the writing tasks will require candidates to produce an extended piece of writing.</li> <li>◆ The information necessary to complete these tasks will be provided in the recording or the Data File.</li> <li>◆ Candidates should write on each line to avoid unnecessary use of supplementary answer sheets.</li> <li>◆ Please refer to <b>Section B, Part 7</b> for further details regarding the Listening component of this paper.</li> </ul>

English Language	4 Speaking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The paper is divided into two parts: Part A Group Interaction, and Part B Individual Response. The time allowed for Part A is 8 minutes for a group of 4 candidates (6 minutes for a group of 3 candidates). The time allowed for Part B is 1 minute per candidate.</li> <li>◆ The Speaking examinations will be held approximately between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must report to the reporting room supervisor in the centre at the time specified on their admission form. If a candidate is more than <b>15 minutes</b> late, he/she will <b>not be examined on that day</b> and will have to apply for rescheduling.</li> <li>◆ After candidates have entered the preparation/examination room, they will not be allowed to consult any books/notes/reference materials including those in the drawers of examination desks in the preparation room and the examination room. If they do not follow this instruction, <b>they will receive a mark penalty or be disqualified from the subject examination.</b></li> <li>◆ The examination procedure will be video-recorded.</li> <li>◆ Candidates can monitor the time remaining in the discussion by looking at a timer which will be facing them. If a candidate cannot see the timer when seated in the examination room, he/she should indicate this to the oral examiner before the start of the examination. For detailed procedures of the examination, please see <b>Section B, Part 8.</b></li> </ul>
Mathematics Compulsory Part	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates may use calculators, graduated rulers, flexible curves, set-squares, protractors and compasses.</li> <li>◆ The diagrams in the papers are not necessarily drawn to scale.</li> <li>◆ All questions are to be attempted.</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Unless otherwise specified, all working must be clearly shown.</li> <li>◆ Unless otherwise specified, numerical answers should be either exact or correct to 3 significant figures.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All questions are multiple-choice questions.</li> <li>◆ Candidates should mark all the answers on the MC answer sheet.</li> </ul>
Mathematics Extended Part	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates may use calculators, graduated rulers, flexible curves, set-squares, protractors and compasses.</li> <li>◆ The diagrams in the papers are not necessarily drawn to scale.</li> <li>◆ All questions are to be attempted.</li> <li>◆ Unless otherwise specified, all working must be clearly shown.</li> </ul>
	Module 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Unless otherwise specified, numerical answers should be either exact or given to 4 decimal places.</li> </ul>
	Module 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ In this paper, vectors may be represented by bold-type letters such as <b>u</b>, but candidates are expected to use appropriate symbols such as <math>\vec{u}</math> in their working.</li> <li>◆ Unless otherwise specified, numerical answers must be exact.</li> <li>◆ Formulas will be provided in the question paper for candidates' reference. For details, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject_Information/math/M2-Formulas-E.pdf">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject_Information/math/M2-Formulas-E.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Citizenship and Social Development	/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Answer <b>ALL</b> questions.</li> <li>◆ Write the answers in the spaces provided in the Question-Answer Book.</li> <li>◆ For multiple-choice questions, blacken the circle corresponding to the answer with an HB pencil.</li> </ul>

## (b) Elective Subjects

<b>Biology</b>	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Answers should be written in paragraph form wherever appropriate.</li> <li>◆ Candidates may use calculators.</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section A consists of multiple-choice questions, while Section B contains conventional questions printed separately in Question-Answer Book <b>B</b>. Attempt <b>ALL</b> questions. Candidates are advised to finish Section A in about 35 minutes.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section A must be marked on the MC answer sheet, while answers to Section B must be written in Question-Answer Book <b>B</b>.</li> <li>◆ The MC answer sheet and the Question-Answer Book will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are <b>FOUR</b> sections, A, B, C and D, in this paper. Candidates are required to attempt <b>ALL</b> questions in any <b>TWO</b> sections.</li> </ul>
<b>Business, Accounting and Financial Studies</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are two sections, A and B, in this paper. Section A consists of multiple-choice questions and Section B contains short questions.</li> <li>◆ Answer <b>ALL</b> questions.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section A should be marked on the MC Answer Sheet, while answers to Section B should be written in the Answer Book provided.</li> <li>◆ The MC Answer Sheet for Section A and the Answer Book for Section B must be handed in separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are three sections, A, B and C, in this paper.</li> <li>◆ Answer <b>ALL</b> questions in Sections A and B, and <b>ONE</b> of the two questions in Section C.</li> </ul>
<b>Chemistry</b>	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A Periodic Table will be printed in the Question-Answer Book of Paper 1 and the Question Paper of Paper 2 for candidates' reference. Atomic numbers and relative atomic masses of elements can be obtained from the Periodic Table.</li> <li>◆ Candidates may use calculators. However, the use of stencils designed for drawing of apparatus is <b>NOT</b> permitted.</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section A consists of multiple-choice questions, while Section B contains conventional questions printed separately in Question-Answer Book <b>B</b>. Attempt <b>ALL</b> questions. Candidates are advised to finish Section A in about 45 minutes.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section A must be marked on the MC answer sheet, while answers to Section B must be written in Question-Answer Book <b>B</b>.</li> <li>◆ The MC answer sheet and the Question-Answer Book will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are <b>THREE</b> sections, A, B and C, in this paper. Candidates are required to attempt <b>ALL</b> questions in any <b>TWO</b> sections.</li> </ul>
<b>中國歷史</b>	一	◆ 本試卷共分兩部分，第一部分為必答題，各考生均須作答。第二部分於甲部及乙部各設三題，考生須分別各選答一題。
	二	◆ 設六單元，每單元各設三題，考生從所選的一個單元中選答兩題，共答兩題完卷。

中國文學	一 文學創作	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 使用姓名規定： <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— 不可在答卷內寫上考生本人的姓名。</li> <li>— 試題如有指定的姓名，須依據題中姓名寫作。</li> <li>— 文中如須使用姓名而試題又沒有提供，必須使用試卷「考生須知」部分所示的名字。</li> <li>— 如違犯上述規定，可被扣分。惟倘因描述或引述古今中外知名人士的言行而須使用其真實姓名者，則不在此限。</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ 切勿背誦「模擬作文」應試，倘若發現背誦成分，該部分將<b>不予評閱</b>。</li> <li>◆ 文章須寫在 DSE(F)答題簿內。</li> </ul>
	二 文學賞析	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ 全卷共設四題，考生須選答兩題。</li> </ul>
Design and Applied Technology	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates may use calculators, T-squares, set-squares, graduated rulers, flexible rulers, protractors, compasses, French curves, flexi curves, circle and ellipse templates, drawing boards and colour pencils.</li> <li>◆ The use of marker pens and sign pens is not advised.</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper consists of two sections, A and B.</li> <li>◆ Section A is a compulsory design question. Section B has three questions and candidates are required to answer two questions in this section.</li> <li>◆ All answers must be written in the Question-Answer Book.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates should attempt <b>TWO</b> elective papers (2A - 2E) they chose when they registered for the examination. Answers written for papers that they have not registered for will not be marked.</li> <li>◆ The time allowed for two elective papers in Paper 2 is 2 hours. Candidates are advised to spend around one hour on each paper they attempt.</li> <li>◆ Answer any two questions for each of the paper attempted.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must write their answers of each of Papers 2A-2D they attempt in the Answer Book provided.</li> <li>◆ If candidates attempt Q.4 of Paper 2B, they must write their answers to that question in the Worksheet provided. They should fasten the Worksheet with string inside the Answer Book upon submission.</li> <li>◆ If candidates attempt Paper 2E, they must write their answers in the Question-Answer Book provided.</li> <li>◆ The Answer Book for Papers 2A-2D and the Question-Answer Book for Paper 2E will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>
Economics	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This is a multiple-choice paper. All questions are compulsory.</li> <li>◆ Mark all the answers on the MC answer sheet.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper consists of three sections, A, B and C. Answer all questions in sections A and B. Attempt any ONE question in section C.</li> </ul>
Ethics and Religious Studies	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper consists of two parts, Part A and Part B. Four to five questions will be set in Part A and candidates are required to answer ALL of them. In Part B, candidates are required to answer TWO out of four questions.</li> <li>[No open-book arrangement]</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper consists of two modules. Candidates must attempt the module they chose when they registered for the examination. Answers for the non-registered module will not be marked.</li> <li>◆ Module 1: Buddhism [No open-book arrangement] Candidates are required to answer ONE out of two questions in Part 1 and TWO out of four questions in Part 2.</li> <li>◆ Module 2: Christianity Candidates are required to answer THREE out of five questions.</li> <li>◆ Open-book examination arrangement is only adopted in Module 2 Christianity. Please note the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Candidates should bring into the examination centre a copy of one of the following approved versions of the whole Bible: Good News Bible/Today's English Version/Good News for Modern Man (N.T.)/Good News Bible (Illustrated) Good News Bible with Deuterocanonicals/Apocrypha Sunrise Good News Bible Revised Standard Version New Revised Standard Version The Jerusalem Bible The New Jerusalem Bible New American Standard Version New International Version English Standard Version</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

Ethics and Religious Studies	(con't) 2	<p>現代中文譯本／給現代學生的佳音／給現代人的福音（新約）／現代人的希望／現代中文譯本修訂版          聖經（思高聖經學會譯釋）          聖經（思高聖經學會譯釋）（修訂版）（即：橫排版）          新約全書（思高聖經學會譯釋）          新舊約全書（和合版／和合本）          聖經（和合本修訂版）          中文聖經新譯本（樂可門基金）／聖經新譯本—學生版（環球聖經公會）〔初版／第三版，綠、白色封面〕          聖經（新標點和合本）          聖經（新普及譯本）</p> <p>Booklets containing individual books from the Bible in the versions mentioned above are acceptable, as are bilingual combinations of these versions.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A list of bibles of different versions is available on the HKEAA website for reference. For details, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject_Information/ers/ERS-Christianity-InfoOpenBook-E.pdf">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject_Information/ers/ERS-Christianity-InfoOpenBook-E.pdf</a></li> <li>The following Bibles have NOT been approved. Candidates should not bring them into the examination centres:          《芥菜種—青少年聖經》（現代中文譯本修訂版）（香港聖經公會）          《聖經—和合本（祈禱應許版）》（漢語聖經協會）          《聖經新譯本—學生版》（環球聖經公會）第二版，2010年〔橙、白色封面〕</li> <li>Candidates may bring in two Bibles (or two copies of the New Testament) if they wish to do so in order to have different language versions or translations.</li> <li>The use of textbooks, commentaries or other reference books will not be permitted during the examination.</li> <li>Apart from the particulars of the owner (i.e. name, class, address), there must be NO writing in the Bibles. Attachments (e.g. labels and stickers) must NOT be added to the Bibles. Candidates are ONLY allowed to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>underline the texts in the Bible</li> <li>use highlighters to mark some verses</li> </ol>             Infringements of these regulations will incur penalties or even disqualification from the subject.           </li> <li>During the examination, invigilators will examine all copies of the Bible which candidates have brought into the centre. If any unauthorised material is found, the candidates concerned will be allowed to continue with using the books/materials but once the examination is over, the books/materials concerned will have to be retained by the Centre Supervisor/HKEAA for inspection. The HKEAA will decide whether the regulations have been violated and if so, the subsequent penalties.</li> <li>The use of unapproved versions will incur mark penalties.</li> <li>The use of Bibles which contain unauthorised materials, such as commentaries or handwritten notes, will lead to mark penalty or even disqualification from the subject.</li> </ol>
Geography	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates may use calculators, graduated rulers with gridlines (for grid reading), compasses and protractors.</li> <li>◆ Self-made transparent plastic sheets with gridlines are <b>NOT</b> allowed.</li> <li>◆ Do not use colour pencils, colour marker pens or highlighters to write the answers or draw diagrams.</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Answer <b>ALL</b> questions in <b>Section A</b>. <b>Section B</b> is a compulsory fieldwork-based question. Choose <b>any TWO</b> questions in <b>Section C</b>. Choose <b>ONE</b> question only in <b>Section D</b>.</li> <li>◆ A map extract is provided, which will be collected at the end of the examination.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section A must be marked on the MC answer sheet.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Sections B, C and D must be written in the Answer Book.</li> <li>◆ The MC answer sheet and the Answer Book must be handed in separately at the end of the examination.</li> <li>◆ The examination time is 2 hours 45 minutes.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Answer a total of <b>TWO</b> questions.</li> <li>◆ Choose <b>ONE</b> question from <b>Section E</b> and <b>ONE</b> question from <b>Section F</b>.</li> <li>◆ The two questions chosen can be taken from the <b>same or different electives</b>.</li> </ul>



<b>Health Management and Social Care</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>ALL</b> questions in Paper 1 are <b>COMPULSORY</b>.</li> <li>◆ Write all answers in the Question-Answer Book.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are two sections in this paper. <b>ALL</b> questions in Section A are <b>COMPULSORY</b>. In Section B, candidates are required to choose 2 out of 3 questions.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section A must be written in the Question-Answer Book.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section B must be written in the DSE(D) answer book.</li> <li>◆ The Question-Answer Book and the DSE(D) answer book will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>
<b>History</b>	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Where a question is divided into a number of sub-questions, candidates must divide their answers into different parts accordingly.</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper consists of data-based questions. Candidates should attempt all questions.</li> <li>◆ The examination time is 2 hours.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper consists of seven essay-type questions. Candidates should attempt any two questions.</li> </ul>
<b>Information and Communication Technology</b>	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Mark allocation for each sub-question will be provided.</li> <li>◆ Candidates may use flowcharting templates (with or without names of symbols printed on them).</li> </ul>
	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Answers for Section A must be marked on the MC answer sheet provided and answers for Section B must be written in the Question-Answer Book.</li> <li>◆ The MC answer sheet and the Question-Answer Book will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> <li>◆ A list of SQL commands and spreadsheet functions will be provided in the Question-Answer Book for candidates' reference. For details, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;16_5">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;16_5</a></li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are <b>THREE</b> sections, A, B and C in this paper. Candidates are required to attempt <b>ALL</b> questions in any <b>TWO</b> sections.</li> <li>◆ Answers to all sections must be written in the answer book provided.</li> <li>◆ Start each question (not part of a question) on a new page.</li> <li>◆ A list of SQL commands and symbols used in entity-relationship diagrams will be provided in the Question Paper for candidates' reference. For details, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;16_5">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;16_5</a></li> </ul>
<b>Literature in English</b>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper comprises three sections, A - C, covering three different genres, a novel, play and set of short stories respectively. There are four questions in sections A and B and two questions in section C.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must answer three questions from the paper, one from each section.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This paper is divided into three sections. Candidates must choose one question from a choice of four from Section A, one question from a choice of two from Section B and one question from Section C.</li> <li>◆ Section A carries a maximum of 20 marks per question. Each question has 2 to 3 sub-questions.</li> <li>◆ Answers to all sections must be written in the DSE(A) answer book.</li> </ul>

Music	1 (Compulsory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are two examination sessions in this paper, Paper 1 Part A and Paper 1 Part B.</li> <li>◆ All questions are compulsory.</li> <li>◆ The examination materials will be broadcast via the school PA system.</li> <li>◆ Candidates are not allowed to leave the examination centre during the examination.</li> <li>◆ For Part B, a <i>Hanyu Pinyin</i> table of common terms used in Chinese music is provided in the Question-Answer Book. For details of the table, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;18_5">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;18_5</a></li> <li>◆ Candidates sitting for the English version of the paper must use the <i>Hanyu Pinyin</i> printed on the table in presenting these Chinese music terms in their answers. Candidates sitting for the Chinese version of the paper may make reference to the table.</li> </ul>
	2, 3, 4A, 4B, 4C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ For the assessment guidelines of each paper, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;18">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;18</a></li> <li>◆ The language used throughout the examination will be the language that the candidate registered for the examination, including oral presentation in Paper 2, viva voce in Paper 4B and reflective reports in Papers 3 and 4C.</li> <li>◆ Candidates are allowed to duplicate and submit an identical softcopy in CD/USB for the video or audio recordings of Paper 2, 3 and 4C as a reserve.</li> <li>◆ Late submissions will not be accepted.</li> </ul>
	2 (Compulsory)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Individual schools should video-record candidates' ensemble performances, oral presentation and sight-singing and submit the recordings to the HKEAA for external assessment.</li> <li>◆ The video recording of the ensemble performances must be taken in one shot.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must not read directly from scripts or electronic devices during the oral presentation section.</li> <li>◆ The language used throughout the examination will be the language that the candidate registered for the examination.</li> <li>◆ Candidates need to submit a set of scores and/or lyrics and sight-singing melody that they performed.</li> <li>◆ Allowable file format for video: MP4, WMV, AVI and MOV</li> </ul> <p><u>Arrangement of Private Candidates</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Private candidates have to sit the practical examination according to the date, time and venue specified in the admission form.</li> <li>◆ The ensemble should consist of at least 2 and not more than 5 players.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must prepare a set of scores or lyrics that they will perform for the examiners. The examiners will return the scores and lyrics to the candidates on the spot after the examination.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must make sure that their accompanists are available on the date of examination. There is no re-arrangement of the examination due to absence of accompanists.</li> <li>◆ Candidates must perform on the instrument(s) and/or voice chosen upon registration. Performance on extra instrument(s) or voice not chosen during registration will not be assessed by examiners. Candidates who fail to perform on all instrument(s) or voice chosen during registration will receive a mark penalty.</li> <li>◆ The language used throughout the examination will be the language that the candidate registered for the examination.</li> </ul>
	3, 4A, 4C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ For the submission details of Paper 3, Paper 4A and Paper 4C, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;18_6">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;18_6</a></li> <li>◆ For submission of files stored in an electronic storage device (CD/USB), candidates should make sure that files are stored properly and can be retrieved and read. For any corrupted files or storage device, it does not warrant re-submission.</li> <li>◆ Allowable file format: Audio: MP3, WMA and WAV (No MIDI file is allowed) Video: MP4, WMV, AVI and MOV</li> </ul>



Music	4B (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates taking the practical examination (not applying for exemption) need to prepare a set of scores or lyrics that they will perform for the examiners. The examiners will return the scores and lyrics to them on the spot.</li> <li>◆ Candidates not applying for exemption must perform on all the instrument(s) or voice chosen upon registration; otherwise, they will receive a mark penalty. Performance on extra instrument(s) or voice not chosen during registration will not be assessed by examiners.</li> <li>◆ The language used throughout the practical examination will be the language that the candidate registered for the examination.</li> <li>◆ Candidates (applying for exemption) who need to update their qualifications have to submit the necessary documents on or before 15 December 2025.</li> </ul>
	4C (Optional)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Candidates who need to update their qualifications in applying for exemption have to submit the necessary documents on or before 15 December 2025.</li> </ul>
Physical Education	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All questions in Section A and Section B are compulsory.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section A must be marked on the MC answer sheet.</li> <li>◆ Answers to Section B must be written in the Question-Answer Book.</li> <li>◆ The MC answer sheet and the Question-Answer Book will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are <b>THREE</b> questions in the paper. Answer any <b>TWO</b> questions.</li> </ul>
	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Appropriate sportswear and protective equipment should be put on during the assessment.</li> <li>◆ Candidates should inform the assessor immediately if they feel unwell during the examination.</li> <li>◆ Candidates may apply for exemption (partial or full) from Athletics/Swimming practical examination by submitting officially certified results of recognised competitions organised by The Schools Sports Federation of Hong Kong, China/Hong Kong, China Association of Athletics Affiliates/Hong Kong China Swimming Association.</li> </ul>
Physics	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A list of data, formula and relationships will be provided in the question papers for candidates' reference. For details, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;20_5">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/hkdse/assessment/subject_information/category_a_subjects/hkdse_subj.html?A2&amp;2&amp;20_5</a></li> <li>◆ Candidates may use calculators.</li> </ul>
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	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are <b>FOUR</b> sections, A, B, C and D, in this paper. Each section in the Question-Answer Book contains eight multiple-choice questions and one structured question. Candidates are required to attempt <b>ALL</b> questions in any <b>TWO</b> sections.</li> <li>◆ Answers to the structured questions must be written in the answer book provided. For multiple-choice questions, blacken the appropriate circle printed alongside the question with an HB pencil.</li> <li>◆ The Question-Answer Book and the answer book will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>

Technology and Living (Fashion, Clothing & Textiles)	All papers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Candidates may use colour pencils.</li><li>◆ Candidates may bring miniature figures and basic blocks (bodice, sleeve, skirt and trousers) in 1/5 scale for answering the questions. Samples of acceptable miniature figures and basic blocks in 1/5 scale can be found in the ‘Other Resources’ section of the HKDSE Technology and Living webpage (<a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject_Information/tnl/HKDSE_TL_FCTsamples.pdf">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/HKDSE/Subject_Information/tnl/HKDSE_TL_FCTsamples.pdf</a>) for reference of teachers and students.</li><li>◆ The 1/5 scale basic blocks <u>must not be labelled or inscribed with words</u>.</li><li>◆ 1/5 scale basic blocks should be drafted according to the following measurements:</li></ul>																																																																																																
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	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ This paper consists of three sections.</li><li>◆ Attempt any <b>TWO</b> sections only and answer <b>ALL</b> questions in the chosen sections.</li></ul>

Tourism and Hospitality Studies	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Answer <b>ALL</b> questions in Section A and 2 out of 3 data-based questions in Section B.</li> <li>◆ Answers to <b>Section A</b> must be marked on the <b>MC answer sheet</b> while answers to <b>Section B</b> must be written in the <b>Answer Book</b>.</li> <li>◆ The MC answer sheet and the Answer Book will be collected separately at the end of the examination.</li> </ul>
	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ There are five questions in this paper. Candidates are required to answer any <b>THREE</b> questions.</li> <li>◆ The examination time is 1 hour 45 minutes.</li> </ul>
Visual Arts	1 & 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ For <b>Part A</b>, candidates must write their answers in the answer book which will be collected 45 minutes after the start of the examination.</li> <li>◆ For <b>Part B</b>, candidates must draw on the appropriate side of the white cartridge paper or <i>Xuanzhi</i> provided by the HKEAA. Candidates who draw on unauthorised stationery other than the cartridge paper or <i>Xuanzhi</i> provided by the HKEAA will result in their scripts not being accepted. Normally <b>zero marks</b> will be given to the part/paper concerned.</li> <li>◆ Candidates <b>must not</b> write their names or identification document numbers on the cartridge paper or bond paper.</li> <li>◆ For <b>Paper 1</b>, candidates must not cover the cartridge paper using any paper or materials which are approximately A2-size. Answers on these paper or materials <b>will not be marked</b>. (<b>NOT</b> applicable to Paper 2)</li> <li>◆ Candidates must not cut the cartridge paper in any way. Candidates who are found to have not used the cartridge paper provided or to have cut the paper will receive <b>a mark penalty</b>.</li> <li>◆ Candidates who are found to have used the '<b>Materials NOT Allowed</b>' as described below will receive <b>a mark penalty</b>. Candidates who bring dangerous materials and smoking devices will be disqualified from the examination.</li> <li>◆ <b>Materials NOT Allowed:</b> English and Chinese dictionaries (including excerpts from dictionaries), slow drying materials (e.g. oil paint), retarder, dangerous materials (e.g. aerosol paints, air-brushes, aerosol fixatives, etc.) and burning and smoking devices.</li> <li>◆ <b>Materials Allowed:</b> <b>Paper 1</b> Painting materials and instruments (e.g. pencils, paint brushes, colours, palettes, drawing boards, clips, pins, erasers, adhesive tapes, paper, etc.), small quantity of materials for collage, and reference materials (e.g. books, magazines, art dictionaries, etc.). <b>Paper 2</b> Design materials, drawing instruments and aids (e.g. pencils, paint brushes, colours, palettes, rulers, drawing boards, clips, pins, compasses, eraser, colour paper/adhesive paper, ready-made transfer letters, stencil devices, etc.), materials for cutting, sticking and collage materials, reference materials (e.g. books, type specimen books, magazines, scrap books, art dictionaries, etc.).</li> <li>◆ Candidates are reminded that reference materials should be used for reference only.</li> <li>◆ During the examination, invigilation staff may examine the materials which candidates have brought into the examination centre.</li> <li>◆ Cutting boards are not provided at the examination centres.</li> </ul>
	Portfolio (for private candidates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Private candidates are required to submit one portfolio to the HKEAA for assessment on 9 and 10 January 2026. Late submissions will not be accepted. For details, please refer to <a href="http://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/sub_info_sba/dse_subject.html?25&amp;4">www.hkeaa.edu.hk/en/sba/sub_info_sba/dse_subject.html?25&amp;4</a></li> </ul>

### (c) School-based Assessment (for school candidates only)

School-based Assessment (SBA) is administered in schools and marked by the candidates' own teachers. The SBA marks will form part of the candidates' public assessment results. All school candidates have to complete the SBA of the subject(s) concerned.

The following subjects have a School-based Assessment (SBA) component in the 2026 HKDSE:

<b>Core subjects</b>	Chinese Language and English Language
<b>Elective subjects</b>	Biology, Chemistry, Chinese Literature, Design & Applied Technology, Health Management and Social Care, Information and Communication Technology, Literature in English, Physics, Technology and Living and Visual Arts

#### Essential Points to Note in Completing the SBA

- ◆ Candidates should complete their SBA according to the work schedule set by their schools. Late submission of work may be subject to a **penalty** in accordance with the school's assessment policy.
- ◆ The SBA marks awarded represent candidates' own achievement. Work submitted for assessment must be candidates' original work.
- ◆ Candidates are required to sign a declaration form to declare that all SBA tasks/assignments completed are their own work and to agree to adhere to a code of honour in completing the SBA for all subjects. The SBA work may be subject to authentication check by the HKEAA using appropriate means, including plagiarism detection tools.
- ◆ Candidates will be subject to **severe penalties** for proven plagiarism, either by the HKEAA or the school. Zero marks will be given to the task in which serious plagiarism is proven. In addition, a penalty of **downgrade by one level** will be imposed in the subject concerned. For extreme cases, e.g. repeated offence of serious plagiarism, candidates may be **subject to disqualification from the subject(s) concerned or the whole examination**.
- ◆ The HKEAA will moderate SBA marks submitted by different schools to iron out possible differences among schools in marking standards.
- ◆ Candidates should keep a proper record of their SBA-related work till the end of the examination cycle and present it for inspection at the request of the school or the HKEAA.
- ◆ Candidates are encouraged to adopt the following good practices in completing their assessment tasks, which will help them achieve the best:
  - **Timeliness**: be aware of the due dates and complete the tasks in accordance with the schedule stipulated by their teachers.
  - **Start early**: be aware of the requirements and start working on the tasks early.
  - **Good planning**: break an extended task into smaller sub-parts and complete them in stages.
  - **Good record keeping**: keep a complete record of their work, including drafts and backup copies of computer files.
  - **Originality**: ensure the work they submit is their own, record the sources of information used and acknowledge them properly in their work.

### Queries about SBA results

- ◆ Candidates should discuss with their subject teachers if they have any concerns regarding their SBA results. For unresolved issues, candidates may consider to consult the management of the school for further handling according to stipulated procedures.
- ◆ Any queries regarding SBA results should be resolved before the SBA marks are submitted by the school to the HKEAA.
- ◆ After the release of public assessment results, candidates may submit an application to the HKEAA for rechecking of the results of the SBA component. However, they cannot appeal for a re-assessment of their performance in SBA.

## 2. Category B Applied Learning Subjects

- ◆ There are 59 Applied Learning subjects including three ApL Chinese subjects (for non-Chinese speaking students). Candidates taking Applied Learning subjects are not required to sit for public examinations. They are required to duly complete the assessment tasks administered by the respective Course Providers and in accordance with the stipulated regulations and assessment requirements. The HKEAA is responsible for the moderation of the final assessment results.
- ◆ Students taking Applied Learning subjects must register for these subjects in the HKDSE through their schools in order that their assessment results can be released accordingly.
- ◆ Any queries regarding the results of individual assessment tasks completed during the course and the fulfillment of the attendance requirement should be resolved with the Course Providers before the marks are submitted to the HKEAA.
- ◆ After the release of examination results, candidates may submit an application to the HKEAA for rechecking of marks only. They cannot apply for a re-assessment of their performance in Applied Learning subjects.

## 3. Category C Other Languages Subjects

- ◆ For Category C subjects, queries / appeals for other language subjects will be handled by the respective examination providers in accordance with their standard policies and procedures. Candidates should contact the respective examination providers directly and resolve any queries on the results before 1 March of the year of the Examination. Neither Rechecking nor Remarking will be provided for Category C Other Languages Subjects.