

## NOTES ON CHANGES TO HKDSE ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORKS

The assessment frameworks of the following subjects have been revised for the 2026 HKDSE:

| Subject                      | Highlight of changes   |
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| Ethics and Religious Studies | <p>Schools wishing to present candidates for Paper 2 Module 1 Buddhism (English version) should make a written request to the Secretary General two school years prior to the year of the examination i.e. for the 2026 examination, such requests should reach the Secretary General of the Authority by 1st September 2024.</p> <p>If there is no school candidate going to take Module 1 Buddhism examination in English, the questions of this module will be available in Chinese only.</p> |
| Geography                    | <p><u>Paper 1</u><br/>Replace one of the three modules of fieldwork topics listed for the compulsory fieldwork-based question.</p>   |
| Literature in English        | <p><u>Paper 1</u><br/>Remove the film section from Part I. Candidates are required to answer one question from each of the remaining three sections. Part II is also removed.</p> <p><u>Paper 2</u><br/>Provide only one unseen poem in Section C.</p> <p><u>SBA</u><br/>SBA will focus on films only. Candidates are required to complete an analytical study or extended essay on the film(s) selected. Critical review and creative writing as SBA work are removed.</p>                      |
| Physical Education           | <p>The examination duration for Paper 1 is shortened from 2 hours 15 minutes to 2 hours and the examination duration for Paper 2 is lengthened from 1 hour 15 minutes to 1 hour 30 minutes.</p> <p>The assessment structure of Paper 1 and Paper 2, the total examination duration of the written examination and the weighting of different papers in the subject remain unchanged.</p>   |

Note: For details, please refer to the assessment frameworks of the above subjects.