

CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

The assessment of this subject is based on the Curriculum and Assessment Guide (Secondary 4-6) for Citizenship and Social Development (CS) jointly prepared by the Curriculum Development Council and the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority. Candidates have to refer to the Guide for the knowledge, understanding and skills that they are required to demonstrate in the assessment.

ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this assessment are to evaluate candidates' abilities:

- to demonstrate an understanding of the key knowledge covered in the subject;
- to apply relevant knowledge in analysing mature contemporary topics;
- to recognise the influence of personal and social values in analysing contemporary topics;
- to understand and analyse the interconnectedness and interdependence among individuals, society, the country, the human world and the physical environment;
- to master the ever-changing personal, social, national and global circumstances, understand and analyse the complexities of the topics, and the challenges and processes of decision making;
- to analyse matters, solve problems, and make reasonable judgments, evaluations and suggestions, using multiple perspectives, creativity and appropriate thinking skills (including social moral values);
- to discern views, attitudes and values stated and implied in the given information, and to draw general conclusions;
- to interpret information from multiple perspectives, and to consider and comment on different viewpoints;
- to select appropriate information and ideas, and to present arguments and views in a systematic way;
- to demonstrate an understanding, appreciation and respect of different cultures and values; and
- to demonstrate empathy in the handling of different topics.

MODE OF ASSESSMENT

The table below outlines the public assessment of this subject in the 2025 HKDSE:

Mode	Description	Weighting	Duration
Public Examination	Data-response questions	100%	2 hours

The examination of this subject consists of one paper only.

Data-response questions

Candidates will be required to answer all questions with the data provided by the questions.

Various types of questions will be set, such as multiple choice questions, short questions, short essay questions, etc. depending on the nature of data and topics.

Note: In this examination, the term “data” is to be interpreted in the broadest possible sense to mean any type of information. The data provided in the questions of the examination may include, but not limited to, the following:

- articles, news items, reports, memos, letters, and advertisements;
- written dialogues;
- charts, graphs, tables, maps; and
- pictures, illustrations and cartoons.