



# NORTH VISTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

## PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2025

### EXAMINATION FORMAT AND TOPICS

#### SECONDARY 4 EXPRESS / 5 NORMAL ACADEMIC

Class	Subject & Code	Chapter / Area of Focus	Format	Marks / % Overall	Duration
4E1-4E4 5N	English Language (1184)	Writing Reading Comprehension Listening Comprehension Oral Communication	Paper 1: Section A: Editing Section B: Situational Writing Section C: Continuous Writing  Paper 2: Section A: Visual Text Comprehension Section B: Narrative Text Comprehension Section C: Non-narrative Text Comprehension  Paper 3: Listening Comprehension  Paper 4: Oral Communication	Paper 1: 70m (35%)  Paper 2: 50m (35%)  Paper 3: 30m (10%)  Paper 4: 30m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h 50 min  Paper 2: 1 h 50 min  Paper 3: ~1 h
4E1-4E4	Higher Chinese (Revised) (1116)	- Email - Essay - Cloze Passage - Grammar - Comprehension - Summary - Oral Communication	Paper 1: Email and Essay Writing  Paper 2: Cloze passage, Grammar, Comprehension, Summary  Paper 3: Oral	Paper 1: 80m (40%)  Paper 2: 80m (40%)  Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 2 h  Paper 2: 1 h 45 min  Paper 3: 20 min
4E1 - 4E4	Chinese Language B (Revised) (1153)	- Writing - Cloze passage - Reading Comprehension - Listening Comprehension - Oral Communication	Paper 1: Email <u>or</u> Essay Writing  Paper 2: Section A: Cloze passage Section B & C: MCQ - Comprehension  Paper 3: Listening Comprehension (MCQ)  Paper 4: Oral Reading Aloud and Conversation	Paper 1: 20 m (20%)  Paper 2: 30m (30%)  Paper 3 (LC): 20m (20%)  Paper 3 (Oral): 30m (30%)	Paper 1: 50 min  Paper 2: 1 h  Paper 3 (LC): 30 min
4E1 - 4E4	Higher Malay (Revised) (1117)	Functional Writing Essay Writing	Paper 1: Functional Writing & Essay Writing  Paper 2: Section A: Grammar, Editing & Cloze passage Section B: Comprehension (MCQ) & Short-Structured Qns Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) & Short-Structured Qns Section D: Summary	Paper 1: 80m (40%) Paper 2: 80m (40%) Paper 3 (Oral): 50m (20%)	Paper 1: 2 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min
4E1 - 4E4 5N	Mathematics (4052)	Refer to Syllabus Outline (Issued to students)	Paper 1: There will be about 26 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions. Paper 2: There will be 9 to 10 questions of varying marks and lengths. The last question in this paper will focus specifically on applying mathematics to a real-world scenario. Candidates are required to answer all questions.	Paper 1: 90m (50%) Paper 2: 90m (50%)	Paper 1: 2 h 15 min Paper 2: 2 h 15 min
4E1 - 4E4 5N	Additional Mathematics (4049)	All chapters	Paper 1: There will be 12 – 14 questions of varying marks and lengths, up to 10 marks per question. Candidates are required to answer ALL questions. Paper 2: There will be 9 – 11 questions of varying marks and lengths, up to 12 marks per question. Candidates are required to answer ALL questions.	Paper 1: 90m (50%) Paper 2 : 90m (50%)	Paper 1: 2 h 15 min Paper 2: 2 h 15 min

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4E1 - 4E2	Chemistry (6092)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 3: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (30%) Paper 2: 80m (50%) Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min Paper 3: 1 h 50 min
4E1 - 4E4 5N	Science (Chemistry) (5086) / (5088)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 3: Structured & Free Response Paper 5: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (20%) Paper 3: 65m (32.5%) Paper 5: 30m (15%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 3: 1 h 15 min Paper 5: 1 h 30 min
4E1 - 4E2	Physics (6091)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 3: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (30%) Paper 2: 80m (50%) Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min Paper 3: 1 h 50 min
4E2 - 4E3 5N	Science (Physics) (5086)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 5: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (20%) Paper 2: 65m (32.5%) Paper 5: 30m (15%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 15 min Paper 5: 1 h 30 min
4E1 - 4E2	Biology (6093)	All Chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 3: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (30%) Paper 2: 80m (50%) Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min Paper 3: 1 h 50 min
4E1, 4E2, 4E4	Science (Biology) (5088)	All Chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 4: Structured & Free Response Paper 5: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (20%) Paper 4: 65m (32.5%) Paper 5: 30m (15%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 4: 1 h 15 min Paper 5: 1 h 30 min
4E1 - 4E4 & 5N	Social Studies (Revised) (2260/01) (2261/01) (2262/01)	All chapters (Issues 1, 2 & 3)	Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)  Section B: Structured-response Questions (SRQ)	50m (50%)	1 h 45 min
4E3	History (2174)	All chapters	Format for Paper 1 & 2  Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS) Section B: Structured-essay Questions (SEQ)	Paper 1: 50m (50%) Paper 2: 50m (50%)	1 h 50 min
4E4	Geography (2279)	All topics in 5 books: Geography in Everyday Life, Climate, Tourism, Tectonics & Singapore	Format for Paper 1 & 2  Data Response Questions (DRQs) & Level Resonse Question (LDQ)	Paper 1: 50m (50%) Paper 2: 50m (50%)	1 h 45 min 1 h 45 min
4E1 - 4E3 5N	Elective Geography (2260/02)	Geography in Everyday Life, Tectonics & Tourism	Data Response Questions (DRQs) & Level Resonse Question (LDQ)	50m (50%)	1 h 45 min
4E1, 4E2, 4E4 & 5N	Elective History (2261/02)	All chapters	Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)  Section B: Structured-essay Questions (SEQ)	50m (50%)	1 h 50 min
4E3	Design & Technology (7059)	All Chapters	Paper 1: Theory  Paper 2: Coursework Examination	Paper 1: 80m (40%) Paper 2: 60m (60%)	Paper 1: 2 h Paper 2: In Progress
4E3	Exercise & Sports Science (6081)	- Physiology - Psychology - Motor learning - Biomechanics - Sociology	Paper 1: Theory (E-paper)  Paper 2: Coursework	Paper 1: 80m (40%)  Paper 2: 60 m (60%)	Paper 1: 2 h  Paper 2: In progress
4E4	Nutrition & Food Science (6097)	All chapters	Section A - Multiple Choice Questions Section B - Structured Question Section C - Essay Question	100m (100%)	2 h

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4E4 5N	Art (6123/02)	Drawing/Painting - Realistic Observational Drawings - Exploration: Manipulation of Drawings - Toning, Shading & Highlights - Principle of Design (POD) & Foreshortening - Visual Hierachy	Paper 1: Coursework  Paper 2 : Drawing and Painting	Paper 1: 100m (60%) Paper 2: 100m (40%)	3 h