



NORTH VISTA SECONDARY SCHOOL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2025
EXAMINATION FORMAT AND TOPICS
SECONDARY 4 NORMAL ACADEMIC

Class	Subject & Code	Chapter / Area of Focus	Format	Marks / % Overall	Duration
4N1 - 4N3	English Language Syllabus A (1190)	- 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 hr 50 min Paper 2: 1 hr 50 min Paper 3: ~1h
4N1 - 4N3 (OOS)	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 1: 70m (35%) Paper 2: 50m (35%) Paper 3: 30m (10%) Paper 4: 30m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 hr 50 min Paper 2: 1 hr 50 min Paper 3: ~1h
4N1 - 4N3	Chinese Language (1196)	- Email - Essay - Cloze Passage - Comprehension - Oral Communication - Listening Comprehension	Paper 1: Email & Essay Writing Paper 2: Section A: Cloze Passage Section B: MCQ Comprehension Section C: Open-ended Comprehension Paper 3 (LC): MCQ Paper 3 (Oral): Reading Aloud and Conversation	Paper 1: 60m (30%) Paper 2: 60m (30%) Paper 3 (LC): 20m (10%) Paper 3 (Oral): 60m (30%)	Paper 1: 2 hr Paper 2: 1 hr 30 min Paper 3 (LC): 30 min
4N1 - 4N3	Chinese Language B (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 hr Paper 3 (LC): 30 min
4N1 - 4N3	Malay Language (1197)	- Email - Essay - Grammar - Proverbs - Cloze Passage - Comprehension - Oral Communication - Listening Comprehension	Paper 1: Email & Essay Writing Paper 2: MCQ, Short-structured questions & Fill in the blanks Paper 3 (LC): MCQ Paper 3 (Oral): Reading Aloud and Conversation	Paper 1: 60 m (30%) Paper 2: 60m (30%) Paper 3 (LC): 20m (10%) Paper 3 (Oral): 60m (30%)	Paper 1: 2 hr Paper 2: 1 hr 30 min Paper 3 (LC): 30 min

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4N1 - 4N3	Mathematics Syllabus A (4045)	Refer to Syllabus Outline (Issued to students)	<p>Paper 1: There will be about 23 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions.</p> <p>Paper 2: Section A will contain 9-10 questions of varying lengths. The last question in this section will focus specifically on applying mathematics to a real-world scenario.</p> <p>Section B: There will be 2 questions of which candidates will be required to answer only one. The questions in this section will be based on the underlined content and there will be one question from the 'Geometry and Measurement' strand and one from the 'Statistics and Probability' strand. Each question carries the same number of marks, that is, either 7 or 8 marks.</p>	<p>Paper 1: 70m (50%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 70m (50%)</p>	<p>Paper 1: 2 hr</p> <p>Paper 2: 2 hr</p>
4N1 (OOS)	Mathematics (4052)	Refer to Syllabus Outline (Issued to students)	<p>Paper 1: There will be about 26 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Paper 1: 90m (50%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 90m (50%)</p>	<p>Paper 1: 2 h 15 mins</p> <p>Paper 2: 2 h 15 mins</p>
4N1 - 4N3	Science (Chemistry) (5105)	All Chapters	<p>Paper 3: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 4: Structured & Free Response</p>	<p>Paper 3: 20m (20%)</p> <p>Paper 4: 30m (30%)</p>	<p>Paper 3 & Paper 4: 1 hr 15 min</p>
4N1 - 4N3	Science (Physics) (5105)	All Chapters	<p>Paper 1: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 2: Structured & Free Response</p>	<p>Paper 1: 20m (20%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 30m (30%)</p>	<p>Paper 1 & Paper 2: 1 hr 15 min</p>
4N1 - 4N3 (OOS)	Science (Chemistry) (5086)	All chapters	<p>Paper 1: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 3: Structured & Free Response</p> <p>Paper 5: Practical</p>	<p>Paper 1: 40m (20%)</p> <p>Paper 3: 65m (32.5%)</p> <p>Paper 5: 30m (15%)</p>	<p>Paper 1: 1 hr</p> <p>Paper 3: 1 hr 15 min</p> <p>Paper 5: 1 h 30 min</p>
4N1 - 4N3 (OOS)	Science (Physics) (5086)	All chapters	<p>Paper 1: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 2: Structured & Free Response</p> <p>Paper 5: Practical</p>	<p>Paper 1: 40m (20%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 65m (32.5%)</p> <p>Paper 5: 30m (15%)</p>	<p>Paper 1: 1 hr</p> <p>Paper 2: 1 hr 15 min</p> <p>Paper 5: 1 h 30 min</p>
4N1 - 4N3	Social Studies (Revised) (2125/01) (2126/01) (2127/01)	All chapters (Issues 1, 2 & 3)	<p>Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)</p> <p>Section B: Structured-response Questions (SRQ)</p>	<p>50m (50%)</p>	<p>1 h 45 min</p>
4N1 & 4N2	Elective Geography (2125/02)	Geography in Everyday Life & Tectonics	Data Response Questions (DRQs) & Level Resonse Question (LDQ)	<p>50m (50%)</p>	<p>1 h 45 min</p>
4N3	Elective History (2126/02)	All chapters	<p>Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)</p> <p>Section B: Structured-essay Questions (SEQ)</p>	<p>50m (50%)</p>	<p>1 h 50 min</p>
4N3	Elective Literature (2127/02)	The Chrysalids Unseen Poetry	<p>Section A: Set Text (Choice of 2 Essays 1 PBQ)</p> <p>Section B: Unseen Poetry (Choice of Global or Local Poem)</p>	<p>50m (50%)</p>	<p>1h 40min</p>
4N1 - 4N3 (OOS)	Design & Technology (7059)	All Chapters	<p>Paper 1: Theory</p> <p>Paper 2: Coursework Examination</p>	<p>Paper 1: 80m (40%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 60m (60%)</p>	<p>Paper 1: 2 hr</p> <p>Paper 2: In Progress</p>
4N1 - 4N3 (OOS)	Exercise & Sports Science (6081)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physiology - Psychology - Motor learning - Biomechanics - Sociology 	<p>Paper 1: Theory (E-paper)</p> <p>Paper 2: Coursework</p>	<p>Paper 1: 80m (40%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 60 m (60%)</p>	<p>Paper 1: 2 h</p> <p>Paper 2: In progress</p>
4N1 - 4N3 (OOS)	Nutrition & Food Science (6097)	All Chapters	<p>Section A - Multiple Choice Questions</p> <p>Section B - Structured Question</p> <p>Section C - Essay Question</p>	<p>100m (100%)</p>	<p>2 hr</p>

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4N2 - 4N3	Art (6125)	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 hr