

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

Performance Standard
Mode of Assessment

English
Written Examination

Specific Information

Candidates will answer three questions, each in the form of an essay.

Format of the assessment

There will be three sections:

Section A: Close Reading of Unfamiliar Texts will require a comparison of two written texts – one prose and one poetry – with emphasis on aspects of content and crafting. There will be a single question for this section.

Section B: Literature and Language – Genre Based will require a response to literature and / or language studied. Candidates will be required to select one question from genre-based options including poetry, non-fiction, film, non-Shakespearean drama, Shakespearean drama, novel, short story, social media, and the internet.

Section C: Exploring Issues in Literature and Language will require an exploration of issues in literature and / or language studied. Candidates will be required to select one question from issues-based options.

Notes

In Sections B and C, candidates should demonstrate wide knowledge and wide reading, and an appreciation of aspects of genre and intertextuality.

Candidates should not include the same content or quotations for both Sections B and C.