

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

General Information

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| Scholarship Performance Standard | Economics |
| Mode of Assessment | Written examination |
| For Year | 2011 |

Format of Assessment

The examination will consist of three questions, all of which should be attempted.

Questions may relate to either micro-economic theory or macro-economic theory. In some questions candidates may be required to use both micro-economic theory and macro-economic theory in their analysis.

Resource materials, designed to assist candidates in developing their answers, will be provided for each question.

All three questions will require candidates to produce a sophisticated economic analysis in a contemporary NZ context. This may involve abstraction, synthesis, generalisations, conclusions and evaluation. Candidates will also be expected to demonstrate economic literacy and in-depth critical thought. To assist candidates in meeting these expectations, each question will consist of a scaffolding section where an analysis is completed and an essay section that justifies and evaluates the analysis.

Each question will be marked on a standard 0-8 point scale with 24 marks being available for the whole paper.

Equipment to Bring

Ruler, standard scientific calculator

Content/Context Details

Questions will draw on specific examples from contemporary New Zealand contexts.