

New Zealand Scholarship

Assessment specifications

Scholarship Performance Standard	English
Mode of Assessment	Written Examination
For Year	2011

Specific Information

Candidates will answer **three** questions, in the form of an essay of at least 800 words for each.

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 an 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 14 genre-based options including poetry, non-fiction, film, non-Shakespearean drama, Shakespearean drama, novel, short story, social media and the internet.

Content or quotations used in Section C can not be used in Section B.

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 12 issues-based options.

Content or quotations used in Section B can not be used in Section C.

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

Marking

Each essay will be marked out of 8 to give a total of 24 marks.