

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

Performance Standard

English

Mode of Assessment

Written Examination

For Year

2012

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.

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.

Notes

- In Sections B and C, candidates should demonstrate wide knowledge and wide reading, and an appreciation of aspects of genre and intertextuality.
- Candidates cannot include the same content or quotations for both Section B and Section C.

Marking

Each essay will be marked out of 8, for a total of 24 marks.