

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

Performance standard Classical Studies

Mode of Assessment Written Examination

Format for the assessment

There will be two sections in the examination. Candidates will answer two questions from the first section and one question from the second section.

In the first section candidates must select two contexts from the list below:

- Alexander the Great
- Augustus
- Socrates
- Virgil's *Aeneid*
- Aristophanic comedy
- Athenian Vase Painting
- Roman Art and Architecture.

For each context there will be two questions from which candidates will choose one. Candidates are expected to answer in essay format.

In the second section candidates must select one concept from the list below:

- Culture and Identity, with specific focus on religion and ideology
- Conflict, with specific focus on political and military conflict.

Candidates must answer one question from this section, with reference to either ancient Greece or ancient Rome. They will be required to analyse and interpret unfamiliar sources of evidence (extracts and images) in relation to their selected concept. Candidates are expected to answer in paragraph or essay format.

A separate answer booklet will be provided.