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AGA KHAN UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION BOARD

**Exam Specifications
for HSSC Part II
Annual and Re-sit Examinations 2023 onwards**

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Introduction:

As a result of continued uncertainty and staggered opening of schools due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Aga Khan University Examination Board (AKU-EB) implemented the rationalised examination specifications (MCQs only) in all subjects of SSC and HSSC Annual and Re-sit Examinations of 2021 and 2022 except that of English Compulsory, Urdu Compulsory, Urdu Aasan, Literature in English, Sindhi, Fine Arts and Art and Model Drawing.

However, for the examination year 2023 and onwards, AKU-EB will revert to the original Examination Specifications with changes in the mark distribution in MCQs, CRQs, and ERQs. As a result, for the Examination year 2023 and onwards:

1. All topics will be assessed.
2. Practical examination will take place, as per practice before rationalisation.
3. The distribution of marks among MCQs, CRQs and ERQs have been revised.

The revision in distribution of marks among MCQs, CRQs and ERQs has been done on the basis of analysis of students' performance in MCQ-based papers and following international best practices of using various question types to ensure reliability, validity and fairness.

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Compulsory Subjects

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English Compulsory HSSC Part II

The English Compulsory Exam for HSSC Part II will consist of two papers of 100 marks in total. Paper I will have 40 multiple choice questions to be answered in 55 minutes. Paper II will consist of two constructed response and two essay type questions worth 60 marks to be done in 125 minutes (2 hours and 05 minutes).

Paper I

40 marks

Paper I will have two separate sections:

- Listening comprehension section will be of 20 marks. It will be of 25 minutes duration which includes the time for listening to the recorded passages. This part will have two listening passages; each passage will be followed by 10 MCQs.
- Reading comprehension section will be of 20 marks and 30 minutes long. This part will consist of TWO reading passages. Each passage will be followed by 10 MCQs. These MCQs will test the use of scanning, skimming, top-down and bottom up techniques.

Paper II

60 marks

This paper will be of 60 marks with the following tasks and marks allocation:

- A text-based passage paired with a visual text/ comic strip OR two comparative paired texts followed by literal and inference based questions which require skills to synthesise and interpret information 17 marks
- One cloze passage 10 marks
- Resume + Covering Letter OR report writing OR personal statement 15 marks
- Essay writing (a choice of any ONE from expressive/ reflective, persuasive/ argumentative and analytical essays) 18 marks

The students will be asked to give an elaborate response to the essay question. Their responses to the writing composition questions will be marked against the given tasks. Rote memorization and reproduction of irrelevant details will be discouraged. Responses will be marked for their content relevance, vocabulary, structure, expression and overall impression.

(Students should **NOT** mention their names, names of their schools or any other form of identification anywhere in the examination paper)

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Urdu Compulsory HSSC Part II

اُردو لازمی کا امتحان دو پرچوں پر مشتمل ہو گا جن کے کل نمبر 100 ہوں گے پرچہ اول میں 40 نمبر کے کثیر الانتخابی سوالات ہوں گے جن کے جوابات 55 منٹ میں دینے ہوں گے۔ پرچہ دوم 4 موضوعی / تحریری مختصر / فن تحریر سے متعلق سوالات پر مشتمل ہو گا اور جن کے نمبر 60 ہوں گے، ان سوالات کے جوابات 125 منٹ میں دینے ہوں گے۔ اس طرح یہ امتحانی پرچہ 180 منٹ پر مشتمل ہو گا۔

تفصیل پرچہ اول:

مندرجہ ذیل حصوں اور نمبروں کی تخصیص کے ساتھ یہ پرچہ 40 نمبر کا ہو گا۔

☆ سنی تفہیم کا پرچہ 20 نمبر کا ہو گا جس کا دورانیہ 25 منٹ ہو گا جس میں ریکارڈڈ (Recorded) اقتباسات کا وقت شامل ہے۔ اس حصے میں دو سنی اقتباسات ہوں گے (جو مجموعہ نظم و نثر سے نہیں لیے گئے ہوں گے) جس کا ہر اقتباس 10 کثیر الانتخابی سوالات پر مبنی ہو گا۔ (20 نمبر)	سننے کی مہارت
☆ تفہیمی خواندگی کی عبارت کا پرچہ 20 نمبر کا ہو گا جس کا دورانیہ 30 منٹ ہو گا۔ اس حصے میں دو تفہیمی اقتباسات ہوں گے جو مجموعہ نظم و نثر سے نہیں لیے جائیں گے، ہر تفہیمی اقتباس 10 کثیر الانتخابی سوالات پر مبنی ہو گا۔ (20 نمبر)	پڑھنے کی مہارت

تفصیل پرچہ دوم:

مندرجہ ذیل حصوں اور نمبروں کی تخصیص کے ساتھ یہ پرچہ 60 نمبر کا ہو گا۔

☆ حصہ نثر: مرکزی خیال، خصوصیاتِ تحریر / تحریر پر تبصرہ / تعلیمی مقاصد پر مبنی سوالات ☆ حصہ نظم: جس کے سوالات مرکزی خیال، شاعر کی خصوصیات، اصطلاحات، اشعار / بند کے مفہوم پر مبنی ہوں گے۔ (15 نمبر) (20 نمبر)	پڑھنے کی مہارت از مجموعہ نظم و نثر
☆ تخلیقی تحریر: کسی ایک نفس مضمون (Theme) کے تحت آپ بیتی، انشائیہ، روزنامہ / ڈائری، مضمون، اصناف میں سے دو اصناف دی جائیں گی جن میں سے کسی ایک صنف پر طالب علم کو لکھنے کا حق حاصل ہو گا۔ ☆ مکتوب نگاری: درخواست / غیر رسمی خط۔ (15 نمبر) (10 نمبر)	لکھنے کی مہارت

Annual and Re-sit Examinations 2023**Pakistan Culture HSSC Part II**

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
6.	Sufis and their Shrines	5	Total 8 Marks (1 CRQ)		13
7.	Archaeological Treasures	6	Total 10 Marks (2 CRQs)		16
8.	Architecture and Historical Monuments	6	Total 10 Marks (2 CRQs)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	26
9.	Major Trends in Arts and Literature and Their Exponents	8	Total 10 Marks (2 CRQs)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	33
10.	Festivals, Social Customs and Dresses	5	Total 7 Marks (1 CRQ)		
Total		30	50	20	100

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.
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Pakistan Studies HSSC Part XII

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
1.	The Idea of Pakistan and its Historical Background	6	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
2.	Constitutional Development in Pakistan	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	6 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	22
7.	Foreign Policy of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		
3.	Administrative Structure of Pakistan and Good Governance	3	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		5
4.	Cultural Heritage of Pakistan	2			2
5.	Economic Planning and Development in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan	6	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
6.	National Integration and Prosperity	3			3
Total		30	14	6	50

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Islamiyat HSSC Part II

Total Marks	Marks Distribution			Topics	Topic No.
	ERQs	CRQs	MCQs		
16		Total 5 Marks (1 CRQ)	11	القرآن الکریم	-1
10		Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	6	الحديث	-2
21	6 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	Total 5 Marks (1 CRQ)	10	موضوعاتی مطالعہ	-3
3			3	مسلم ثقافتیں	-4
50	6	14	30	کل	

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Ethics HSSC Part XII

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
1.	Introduction to Ethics	8	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)		13
2.	Religions of Pakistan	11	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)		16
3.	Values	7	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)	6 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	21
4.	Personalities	4	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		
Total		30	14	6	50

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Science Elective Subjects

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Physics HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
11.	Electrostatics	6	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
12.	Current Electricity	5		7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	12
13.	Electromagnetism	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
14.	Electromagnetic Induction	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
15.	Alternating Current	4	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
16.	Physics of Solids	5	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
17.	Electronics	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
18.	Dawn of the Modern Physics	5		7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	12
19.	Atomic Spectra	5	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
20.	Nuclear Physics	6	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
Total		50	21	14	85
Practical*					15
Total					100

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***Practical:**

- Practical examination will be conducted separate from the theory paper.
- Practical examination will be based on the list of practical activities given in the examination syllabus. Schools may design their own practical manuals based on these activities.
- Practical journal/ portfolio should be developed by students and endorsed by a figure of authority, such as a teacher or principal, and submitted at the time of the practical examination.
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Biology HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
15.	Homeostasis	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	22
16.	Support and Movement	5	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		
17.	Co-ordination and Control	5	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)	7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	21
22.	Variation and Genetics	5	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		
18.	Reproduction	3	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		10
19.	Growth and Development	3	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		
20.	Chromosomes and DNA	4	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		13
21.	Cell Cycle	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		
23.	Biotechnology	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
24.	Evolution	4			4
25.	Ecosystem	3			8
26.	Some Major Ecosystems	3			
27.	Man and his Environment	2			
Total		50	21	14	85
Practical*					15
Total					100

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Chemistry HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
13.	s- and p-Block Elements	5			5
14.	d- and f- Block Elements	4			4
15.	Organic Compounds	3	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
16.	Hydrocarbons	4		7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	15
23.	Environmental Chemistry	4			
17.	Alkyl halides and Amines	4		7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	15
20.	Carbonyl Compound II: Carboxylic Acid and Functional Derivatives	4			
18.	Alcohols, Phenols and Ethers	5	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
19.	Carbonyl Compound I: Aldehydes and Ketones	5	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
21.	Biochemistry	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
22.	Industrial Chemistry	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
24.	Analytical Chemistry	3	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
Total		50	21	14	85
Practical*					15
Total					100

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Mathematics HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution		Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	
11.	MAPLE			-
12.	Functions and Limits	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	7
13.	Differentiation	8	Total 5 Marks Choose any TWO from THREE	18
14.	Higher Order Derivative and Application			
15.	Partial Fractions	8	Total 5 Marks Choose any TWO from THREE	18
16.	Integration			
17.	Plane Analytical Geometry (Straight Line)	10	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	14
18.	Linear Programming	1	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	5
19.	Circles	4	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	8
20.	Parabola	8	Total 4 Marks Choose any TWO from THREE	16
21.	Ellipse			
22.	Hyperbola			
23.	Translation and Rotation	1	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	5
24.	Vectors	6	Total 3 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	9
Total		50	50	100

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- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.

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Computer Science HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
9.	Operating System (OS)	6	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
10.	System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)	2	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		5
11.	Introduction to C++ Programming	10	Total 5 Marks (1 CRQ)	7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	33
12.	Control Structures	8	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		
13.	Arrays and Strings	3		7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	17
14.	Functions	7			
15.	Pointers	3			3
16.	Object Oriented Programming (OOP)	8	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		12
17.	File Handling	3	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
Total		50	21	14	85
Practical*					15
Total					100

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
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Humanities Elective Subjects

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Geography HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
7.	The Geography of the Continents	12	Total 15 Marks (3 CRQs)	7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	34
8.	Economic Geography	12	Total 15 Marks (3 CRQs)	8 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	35
9.	Population Geography	2	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
10.	The Environment	2	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
11.	Practical Geography	2	Total 2 Marks (1 CRQ)		4
Total		30	40	15	85
Practical*					15
Total					100

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Civics HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
4.	Ideology of Pakistan	17	Total 10 Marks (3 CRQs)		27
5.	Constitution of Pakistan	23	Total 14 Marks (4 CRQs)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	47
6.	Foreign Affairs of Pakistan	10	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	26
Total		50	30	20	100

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Education HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
6.	Human Growth and Development	9	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)		14
7.	Learning	9	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	24
8.	Curriculum, Syllabus, Textbook and Assessment	12	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)		17
9.	Policies and Plan of Education in Pakistan	9	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	24
10.	Problems of the Education Sector in Pakistan	5	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)		11
11.	Role of Various Organisations Contributing towards Education	6	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		10
Total		50	30	20	100

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Psychology HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
7.	Developmental Psychology	9	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		12
8.	Social Psychology	9	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		12
9.	Personality	12	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		16
10.	Psychology of Health	10	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	25
11.	Guidance and Counselling	6			6
12.	Introduction to Statistics	4		10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	14
Total		50	15	20	85
Practical*					15
Total					100

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Sociology HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
5.	Social Institutions	7	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		11
6.	Deviance and Social Control	7	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	32
7.	Impact of Environment on Society and Communities	7	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		
8.	Social Change	7	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	10 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	37
9.	Social Problems	10	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)		
10.	Social Research	12	Total 8 Marks (2 CRQs)		20
Total		50	30	20	100

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Statistics HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topic	Marks Distribution		Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	
10.	Counting Techniques	6	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ) Choose any ONE from TWO	9
11.	Probability	8	Total 5 Marks (1 CRQ) Choose any ONE from TWO	13
12.	Random Variables and Probability Distribution	7	Total 5 Marks (1 CRQ) Choose any ONE from TWO	12
13.	Special Discrete Probability Distributions	6	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	10
14.	Special Continuous Probability Distribution	6	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	10
15.	Sampling and Sampling Distributions	5	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	9
16.	Estimation	2	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	5
17.	Hypothesis Testing	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	7
18.	Association of Attributes	3	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	7
19.	Design of Experiment	3		3
Total		50	35	85
Practical*				15
Total Marks				100

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.
- Extended Response Question (ERQ) requires students to answer in a more descriptive form. The answer should be in paragraph form, with diagrams where needed, and address all parts of the question.

***Practical:**

- Practical examination will be conducted separate from the theory paper.
- Practical examination will be based on the list of practical activities given in the examination syllabus. Schools may design their own practical manuals based on these activities.
- Practical journal/ portfolio should be developed by students and endorsed by a figure of authority, such as a teacher or principal, and submitted at the time of the practical examination.
- It is essential for each school to equip its laboratories with chemicals, instruments, apparatus, specimens etc. according to the requirements of the practical activities. Each school will be responsible to make sure that each student is provided the opportunity to do the practical activities.

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Economics HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
13.	Introduction of Macroeconomics	3	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
14.	National Income	5	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)	7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	26
21.	Economic Development and Planning	4	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)		
15.	Money	4	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
16.	Banks and Banking in Pakistan	4	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)		10
17.	Public Finance	3	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)		9
18.	International Trade	4	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)		10
19.	Economic System of Islam	3	Total 5 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
20.	Introduction to Pakistan Economy	4	Total 5 Marks (1 CRQ)		9
22.	Communication	3	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
23.	Human Resource	3	Total 5 Marks (2 CRQs)		8
Total		40	53	7	100

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.
- Extended Response Question (ERQ) requires students to answer in a more descriptive form. The answer should be in paragraph form, with diagrams where needed, and address all parts of the question.

Commerce Elective Subjects

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Principles of Accounting HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution		Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	
6.	Accounting for Incomplete Records/ Single Entry	6	Total 7 Marks (2 CRQs)	13
7.	Accounting for Non-Profit Organisation (NPO)	6	Total 7 Marks (2 CRQs)	13
8.	Accounting for Partnership	12	Total 20 Marks (4 CRQs)	32
9.	Accounting for Company's	12	Total 20 Marks (3 CRQs)	32
10.	Valuation of stock/ Inventory Valuation (IAS 2)	4	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)	10
Total		40	60	100

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.

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Banking HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
1.	Introduction to Banking and Banking System	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
2.	Commercial Bank	7	Total 6 Marks (2 CRQs)		13
3.	Central Bank	8	Total 7 Marks (2 CRQs)		15
4.	Banking Instruments	7	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	25
6.	Foreign Exchange	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		
5.	Bank Advance and Funds	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
7.	Pakistan Specialised Financial Institutions	3	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
Total		40	28	7	75

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.
- Extended Response Question (ERQ) requires students to answer in a more descriptive form. The answer should be in paragraph form, with diagrams where needed, and address all parts of the question.

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Commercial Geography HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	ERQs	
1.	Introduction to Commercial Geography	2	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		5
2.	Geographical Significance of Pakistan	2	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		5
3.	Environment, Economic and Commercial Activities	2	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		5
4.	Natural Vegetation (Forest)	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
5.	Agriculture (Livestock)	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
6.	Agriculture (Agriculture Farming)	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		8
7.	Irrigation	3	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
8.	Mineral Resources, Energy Resources and their Reserves	3	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		6
11.	Human Resource	5		7 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	17
9.	Manufacturing and Industries	5			
10.	Transportation and Trade	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)		7
Total		40	28	7	75

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.
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Business Statistics HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topics	Marks Distribution		Total Marks
		MCQs	CRQs	
9.	Introduction to Statistics	3		3
10.	Presentation of Statistical Data	5	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	8
11.	Measures of Central Tendency and Quartiles	7	Total 3 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	10
12.	Measures of Dispersion	4	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	7
13.	Index Number	2	Total 4 Marks (1 CRQ)	6
14.	Counting Techniques and Probability	7	Total 4 Marks Choose any ONE from TWO	11
15.	Scatter Diagram and Correlation	2	Total 3 Marks (1 CRQ)	5
Total		30	20	50

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Constructed Response Question (CRQ) requires students to respond with a short text (few phrases/ sentences), calculations or diagrams.

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Literature in English HSSC Part II

The Literature in English Exam for HSSC Part II will consist of one paper of 100 marks in total.

This paper will comprise three sections; plays, essays/ short stories and poetry. Each section will consist of constructed response questions and two extended response questions (a choice will be given in the extended response questions).

Section I: (Plays)

Section I will have two parts A and B representing the two recommended plays. Students will attempt one of these parts. This section will be of 35 marks with the following tasks and marks allocation.

A reading passage from the play followed by constructed response questions. 20 Marks

Two questions based on theme, plot, setting or characters which imply an extended response. Students will have to attempt any one question. 15 Marks

Section II: (Short Stories/ Essays)

Section II will be of 30 marks with the following tasks and marks allocation.

Constructed response questions from the recommended essays and short stories. 15 Marks

Two questions based on theme, setting, symbolism or author's viewpoint which imply an extended response. Students will have to attempt any one question. 15 Marks

Section III: (Poetry)

Section III will have 35 marks in total. It will be comprised of the following tasks and marks allocation.

Reference to context questions from the recommended poems. 20 Marks

Two questions based on theme, setting, symbolism, figurative language or author's viewpoint which imply an extended response. Students will have to attempt any one question. 15 Marks

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Fine Arts HSSC Part II

Topic No.	Topic	Marks Distribution			Total Marks
		MCQs	ERQs	Portfolio*	
5.	Fundamentals of Drawing, Painting and Design	5	30 Marks each (2 ERQs) Choose any ONE from TWO	5 pieces of artwork to be submitted at the time of examination which represents all the medium (submission of work created under 8.1.3 is mandatory)	100
6.	Creativity and Artistic Expressions	5			
7.	Art Appreciation	10			
Total		20	60	20	100

- Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) requires candidates to choose one best/ correct answer from four options for each question. Each MCQ carries ONE mark.
- Extended Response Questions (ERQ) will require answers to assess skills and techniques of fine arts.

*Portfolio

- Submission of portfolio is compulsory for all candidates. The assessment of portfolio aims to reflect the artistic development of the candidate based on a selection of his/ her artwork over a period of time. For each candidate, 5 pieces of artwork in various media will be required.
- Portfolio should comprise of work of different media practiced during the school year.
- Portfolio should be developed by students and endorsed by a figure of authority, such as a teacher or principal, and submitted at the time of examination.