



**NORTH VISTA SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2026**  
**EXAMINATION FORMAT AND TOPICS**  
**SECONDARY 4 NORMAL ACADEMIC**

| Class         | Subject & Code                     | Chapter / Area of Focus                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Format                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Marks / % Overall                                                                                             | Duration                                                            |
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| 4C - 4D       | English Language Syllabus A (1190) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing</li> <li>- Reading Comprehension</li> <li>- Listening Comprehension</li> <li>- Oral Communication</li> </ul>                                                                        | Paper 1<br>Section A: Editing<br>Section B: Situational Writing<br>Section C: Continuous Writing<br><br>Paper 2<br>Section A: Visual Text Comprehension<br>Section B: Narrative Text Comprehension<br>Section C: Non-narrative Text Comprehension<br><br>Paper 3<br>Listening Comprehension<br><br>Paper 4<br>Oral Communication | Paper 1: 70m (35%)<br><br>Paper 2: 50m (35%)<br><br>Paper 3: 30m (10%)<br><br>Paper 4: 30m (20%)              | Paper 1: 1 h 50 min<br><br>Paper 2: 1 h 50 min<br><br>Paper 3: ~1h  |
| 4C - 4D (OOS) | English Language (1184)            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing</li> <li>- Reading Comprehension</li> <li>- Listening Comprehension</li> <li>- Oral Communication</li> </ul>                                                                        | Paper 1:<br>Section A: Editing<br>Section B: Situational Writing<br>Section C: Continuous Writing<br><br>Paper 2:<br>Section A: Visual Text Comprehension<br>Section B: Narrative Text Comprehension<br>Section C: Non-narrative Text Comprehension<br><br>Paper 3: Listening Comprehension                                      | Paper 1: 70m (35%)<br><br>Paper 2: 50m (35%)<br><br>Paper 3: 30m (10%)<br><br>Paper 4: 30m (20%)              | Paper 1: 1 h 50 min<br><br>Paper 2: 1 h 50 min<br><br>Paper 3: ~1h  |
| 4C - 4D       | Chinese Language (1196)            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email</li> <li>- Essay</li> <li>- Cloze Passage</li> <li>- Comprehension</li> <li>- Oral Communication</li> <li>- Listening Comprehension</li> </ul>                                        | Paper 1: Email & Essay Writing<br><br>Paper 2:<br>Section A: Cloze Passage<br>Section B: MCQ Comprehension<br>Section C: Open-ended Comprehension<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): MCQ<br><br>Paper 3 (Oral): Reading Aloud and Conversation                                                                                                 | Paper 1: 60m (30%)<br><br>Paper 2: 60m (30%)<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): 20m (10%)<br><br>Paper 3 (Oral): 60m (30%)  | Paper 1: 2 h<br><br>Paper 2: 1 h 30 min<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): 30 min |
| 4C - 4D       | Chinese Language B (1153)          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Writing</li> <li>- Cloze passage</li> <li>- Reading Comprehension</li> <li>- Listening Comprehension</li> <li>- Oral Communication</li> </ul>                                               | Paper 1: Email <u>or</u> Essay Writing<br><br>Paper 2:<br>Section A: Cloze passage<br>Section B & C: MCQ - Comprehension<br><br>Paper 3: Listening Comprehension (MCQ)<br><br>Paper 4: Oral Reading Aloud and Conversation                                                                                                       | Paper 1: 20 m (20%)<br><br>Paper 2: 30m (30%)<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): 20m (20%)<br><br>Paper 3 (Oral): 30m (30%) | Paper 1: 50 min<br><br>Paper 2: 1 h<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): 30 min     |
| 4C - 4D       | Malay Language (1197)              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Email</li> <li>- Essay</li> <li>- Grammar</li> <li>- Proverbs</li> <li>- Cloze Passage</li> <li>- Comprehension</li> <li>- Oral Communication</li> <li>- Listening Comprehension</li> </ul> | Paper 1: Email & Essay Writing<br><br>Paper 2: MCQ, Short-structured questions & Fill in the blanks<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): MCQ<br><br>Paper 3 (Oral): Reading Aloud and Conversation                                                                                                                                               | Paper 1: 60 m (30%)<br><br>Paper 2: 60m (30%)<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): 20m (10%)<br><br>Paper 3 (Oral): 60m (30%) | Paper 1: 2 h<br><br>Paper 2: 1 h 30 min<br><br>Paper 3 (LC): 30 min |

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| 4C - 4D       | Mathematics Syllabus A (4045)                | Refer to Syllabus Outline (Issued to students) | <p>Paper 1: There will be about 23 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions.</p> <p>Paper 2:<br/> <b>Section A</b> will contain 9-10 questions of varying lengths. The last question in this section will focus specifically on applying mathematics to a real-world scenario.</p> <p><b>Section B:</b> There will be 2 questions of which candidates will be required to answer only one. The questions in this section will be based on the underlined content and there will be one question from the 'Geometry and Measurement' strand and one from the 'Statistics and Probability' strand. Each question carries the same number of marks, that is, either 7 or 8 marks.</p> | <p>Paper 1: 70m (50%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 70m (50%)</p>                              | <p>Paper 1: 2 hr</p> <p>Paper 2: 2 hr</p>                                 |
| 4C - 4D (OOS) | Mathematics (4052)                           | Refer to Syllabus Outline (Issued to students) | <p>Paper 1: There will be about 26 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions.</p> <p>Paper 2: There will be 9 to 10 questions of varying marks and lengths. The last question in this paper will focus specifically on applying mathematics to a real-world scenario. Candidates are required to answer all questions.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>Paper 1: 90m (50%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 90m (50%)</p>                              | <p>Paper 1: 2 h 15 mins</p> <p>Paper 2: 2 h 15 mins</p>                   |
| 4C - 4D       | Science (Chemistry) (5105)                   | All Chapters                                   | <p>Paper 3: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 4: Structured &amp; Free Response</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Paper 3: 20m (20%)</p> <p>Paper 4: 30m (30%)</p>                              | <p>Paper 3 &amp; Paper 4: 1 hr 15 min</p>                                 |
| 4C - 4D       | Science (Physics) (5105)                     | All Chapters                                   | <p>Paper 1: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 2: Structured &amp; Free Response</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p>Paper 1: 20m (20%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 30m (30%)</p>                              | <p>Paper 1 &amp; Paper 2: 1 hr 15 min</p>                                 |
| 4C - 4D (OOS) | Science (Chemistry) (5086)                   | All chapters                                   | <p>Paper 1: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 3: Structured &amp; Free Response</p> <p>Paper 5: Practical</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Paper 1: 20m (10%)</p> <p>Paper 3: 65m (32.5%)</p> <p>Paper 5: 15m (7.5%)</p> | <p>Paper 1: 1 h</p> <p>Paper 3: 1 h 15 min</p> <p>Paper 5: 1 h 30 min</p> |
| 4C - 4D (OOS) | Science (Physics) (5086)                     | All chapters                                   | <p>Paper 1: MCQ</p> <p>Paper 2: Structured &amp; Free Response</p> <p>Paper 5: Practical</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <p>Paper 1: 20m (10%)</p> <p>Paper 2: 65m (32.5%)</p> <p>Paper 5: 15m (7.5%)</p> | <p>Paper 1: 1 h</p> <p>Paper 2: 1 h 15 min</p> <p>Paper 5: 1 h 30 min</p> |
| 4C - 4D       | Social Studies (2125/01) (2126/01) (2127/01) | All chapters (Issues 1, 2 & 3)                 | <p>Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)</p> <p>Section B: Structured-response Questions (SRQ)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 50m (50%)                                                                        | 1 h 45 min                                                                |
| 4D (OOS)      | Social Studies (2261/01)                     | All chapters (Issues 1, 2 & 3)                 | <p>Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)</p> <p>Section B: Structured-response Questions (SRQ)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 50m (50%)                                                                        | 1 h 45 min                                                                |
| 4C            | Elective Geography (2125/02)                 | Geography in Everyday Life & Tectonics         | <p>Data Response Questions (DRQs) &amp; Level Response Question (LDQ)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 50m (50%)                                                                        | 1 h 45 min                                                                |
| 4D            | Elective History (2126/02)                   | All chapters                                   | <p>Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)</p> <p>Section B: Structured-essay Questions (SEQ)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 50m (50%)                                                                        | 1 h 50 min                                                                |
| 4D (OOS)      | Elective History (2261/02)                   | All chapters                                   | <p>Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS)</p> <p>Section B: Structured-essay Questions (SEQ)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 50m (50%)                                                                        | 1 h 50 min                                                                |
| 4C            | Elective Literature (2127/02)                | The Chrysalids<br>Unseen Poetry                | <p>Section A: Set Text (Choice of 2 Essays 1 PBQ)</p> <p>Section B: Unseen Poetry (Choice of Global or Local Poem)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 50m (50%)                                                                        | 1h 40min                                                                  |

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| 4C - 4D<br>(OOS) | Design & Technology (7059)       | All Chapters                                                                                                          | Paper 1: Theory<br><br>Paper 2: Coursework Examination                                                 | Paper 1: 80m (40%)<br>Paper 2: 60m (60%)      | Paper 1: 2 h<br>Paper 2: In Progress     |
| 4C - 4D<br>(OOS) | Exercise & Sports Science (6081) | - Physiology<br>- Psychology<br>- Motor learning<br>- Biomechanics<br>- Sociology                                     | Paper 1: Theory (E-paper)<br><br>Paper 2: Coursework                                                   | Paper 1: 80m (40%)<br><br>Paper 2: 60 m (60%) | Paper 1: 2 h<br><br>Paper 2: In progress |
| 4C - 4D<br>(OOS) | Nutrition & Food Science (6097)  | All Chapters                                                                                                          | Section A - Multiple Choice Questions<br>Section B - Structured Question<br>Section C - Essay Question | 100m (100%)                                   | 2 h                                      |
| 4C - 4D          | Art (6127)                       | Visual Strategies<br>Visual Hierachy<br>Elements of Art<br>Principles of Design<br>Singapore Art History (30 artists) | Section A: Visual Analysis<br><br>Section B: Exploratory Sketching                                     | Paper 1: 50m (50%)<br><br>Paper 2: 50m (50%)  | 2 h 15 m                                 |