



NORTH VISTA SECONDARY SCHOOL

PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION 2026

EXAMINATION FORMAT AND TOPICS

SECONDARY 4 EXPRESS / 5 NORMAL

Class	Subject & Code	Chapter / Area of Focus	Format	Marks / % Overall	Duration
4E - 4H 5A	English Language (1184)	Writing Reading Comprehension Listening Comprehension Oral Communication	Paper 1: Section A: Editing Section B: Situational Writing Section C: Continuous Writing Paper 2: Section A: Visual Text Comprehension Section B: Narrative Text Comprehension Section C: Non-narrative Text Comprehension Paper 3: Listening Comprehension Paper 4: Oral Communication	Paper 1: 70m (35%) Paper 2: 50m (35%) Paper 3: 30m (10%) Paper 4: 30m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h 50 min Paper 2: 1 h 50 min Paper 3: ~1 h
4E - 4H	Higher Chinese (1116)	- Email - Essay - Cloze Passage - Grammar - Comprehension - Summary - Oral Communication	Paper 1: Email and Essay Writing Paper 2: Cloze passage, Grammar, Comprehension, Summary Paper 3: Oral	Paper 1: 80m (40%) Paper 2: 80m (40%) Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 2 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min Paper 3: 20 min
4E - 4H 5A	Chinese Language B (1153)	- Writing - Cloze passage - Reading Comprehension - Listening Comprehension - Oral Communication	Paper 1: Email <u>or</u> Essay Writing Paper 2: Section A: Cloze passage Section B & C: MCQ - Comprehension Paper 3: Listening Comprehension (MCQ) Paper 4: Oral Reading Aloud and Conversation	Paper 1: 20 m (20%) Paper 2: 30m (30%) Paper 3 (LC): 20m (20%) Paper 3 (Oral): 30m (30%)	Paper 1: 50 min Paper 2: 1 h Paper 3 (LC): 30 min
4E - 4H	Higher Malay (Revised) (1117)	Functional Writing Essay Writing Cloze Passage & Editing Comprehension Summary Oral Communication	Paper 1: Functional Writing & Essay Writing Paper 2: Section A: Grammar, Editing & Cloze passage Section B: Comprehension (MCQ) & Short-Structured Qns Section C: Comprehension (MCQ) & Short-Structured Qns Section D: Summary	Paper 1: 80m (40%) Paper 2: 80m (40%) Paper 3 (Oral): 50m (20%)	Paper 1: 2 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min
4E - 4H 5A	Mathematics (4052)	Refer to Syllabus Outline (Issued to students)	Paper 1: There will be about 26 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions. 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.	Paper 1: 90m (50%) Paper 2: 90m (50%)	Paper 1: 2 h 15 min Paper 2: 2 h 15 min

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4E - 4H	Additional Mathematics (4049)	All chapters	Paper 1: There will be 12 – 14 questions of varying marks and lengths, up to 10 marks per question. Candidates are required to answer ALL questions. Paper 2: There will be 9 – 11 questions of varying marks and lengths, up to 12 marks per question. Candidates are required to answer ALL questions.	Paper 1: 90m (50%) Paper 2 : 90m (50%)	Paper 1: 2 h 15 min Paper 2: 2 h 15 min
4G - 4H	Chemistry (6092)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 3: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (30%) Paper 2: 80m (50%) Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min Paper 3: 1 h 50 min
4F, 4H 5A	Science (Chemistry) (5086) (5088)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 3: Structured & Free Response Paper 5: Practical	Paper 1: 20m (10%) Paper 3: 65m (32.5%) Paper 5: 15m (7.5%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 3: 1 h 15 min Paper 5: 1 h 30 min
4G - 4H	Physics (6091)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 3: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (30%) Paper 2: 80m (50%) Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min Paper 3: 1 h 50 min
4F, 4H 5A	Science (Physics) (5086)	All chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 5: Practical	Paper 1: 20m (10%) Paper 2: 65m (32.5%) Paper 5: 15m (7.5%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 15 min Paper 5: 1 h 30 min
4G - 4H	Biology (6093)	All Chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 2: Structured & Free Response Paper 3: Practical	Paper 1: 40m (30%) Paper 2: 80m (50%) Paper 3: 40m (20%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 2: 1 h 45 min Paper 3: 1 h 50 min
4E	Science (Biology) (5088)	All Chapters	Paper 1: MCQ Paper 4: Structured & Free Response Paper 5: Practical	Paper 1: 20m (10%) Paper 4: 65m (32.5%) Paper 5: 15m (7.5%)	Paper 1: 1 h Paper 4: 1 h 15 min Paper 5: 1 h 30 min
4E - 4H 5A	Social Studies (2260/01) (2261/01) (2262/01)	All chapters (Issues 1, 2 & 3)	Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS) Section B: Structured-response Questions (SRQ)	50m (50%)	1 h 45 min
4F	History (2174)	All chapters	Format for Paper 1 & 2 Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS) Section B: Structured-essay Questions (SEQ)	Paper 1: 50m (50%) Paper 2: 50m (50%)	1 h 50 min
4E	Geography (2279)	All topics in 5 books: Geography in Everyday Life, Climate, Tourism, Tectonics & Singapore	Format for Paper 1 & 2 Data Response Questions (DRQs) & Level Resonse Question (LDQ)	Paper 1: 50m (50%) Paper 2: 50m (50%)	1 h 45 min 1 h 45 min
4F, 4G, 4H 5A	Elective Geography (2260/02)	Geography in Everyday Life, Tectonics & Tourism	Data Response Questions (DRQs) & Level Resonse Question (LDQ)	50m (50%)	1 h 45 min
4E, 4G 5A	Elective History (2261/02)	All chapters	Section A: Source-based Case Study (SBCS) Section B: Structured-essay Questions (SEQ)	50m (50%)	1 h 50 min
5A	Elective Literature (2262/02)	The Chrysalids Unseen Poetry	Section A: Set Text (Choice of 2 Essays 1 PBQ) Section B: Unseen Poetry (Choice of Global or Local Poem)	50 m (50%)	1h 40min

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4F, 4H	Design & Technology (7059)	All Chapters	Paper 1: Theory Paper 2: Coursework Examination	Paper 1: 80m (40%) Paper 2: 60m (60%)	Paper 1: 2 h Paper 2: In Progress
4F	Exercise & Sports Science (6081)	- Physiology - Psychology - Motor learning - Biomechanics - Sociology	Paper 1: Theory (E-paper) Paper 2: Coursework	Paper 1: 80m (40%) Paper 2: 60 m (60%)	Paper 1: 2 h Paper 2: In progress
4E	Nutrition & Food Science (6097)	All chapters	Section A - Multiple Choice Questions Section B - Structured Question Section C - Essay Question	100m (100%)	2 h
4E 5A	Art (6114)	Visual Strategies Visual Hierachy Elements of Art Principles of Design Singapore Art History (30 artists)	Section A: Visual Analysis Section B: Exploratory Sketching	Paper 1: 50m (50%) Paper 2: 50m (50%)	2 h 15 m