

**Gan Eng Seng School
Preliminary Examination 2026
Sec 5 Normal Academic**

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English Language	1184	1	1 h 50 min	<p>Writing (Weighting: 35%)</p> <p>Section A: Editing (10 marks) Candidates identify and edit grammatical errors in a short written text.</p> <p>Section B: Situational Writing (30 marks) Candidates write 250–350 words on a given situation which will involve viewing a visual text.</p> <p>Section C: Continuous Writing (30 marks) Candidates write 350–500 words on one of four topics set.</p>	All units covered in Sec 1 - 4/5.
		2	1 h 50 min	<p>Comprehension (Weighting: 35%)</p> <p>Section A (5 marks) Candidates respond to questions based on Texts 1 and 2, one of which is a visual text.</p> <p>Section B (20 marks) Candidates respond to a variety of questions based on Text 3 which is a narrative or a recount.</p> <p>Section C (25 marks) Candidates respond to a variety of questions based on Text 4, a non-narrative text, and write an 80-word response to a summary writing task.</p>	All units covered in Sec 1 - 4/5.
		3	Appx 45 mins	<p>Listening (Weighting: 10%)</p> <p>Section A (22 marks) Candidates respond to a variety of listening tasks based on a number of audio recordings which the candidates will hear twice.</p> <p>Section B (8 marks) Candidates listen to an audio recording and do a simple note-taking exercise. Candidates will hear the recording only once.</p>	All units covered in Sec 1 - 4/5.
		4	Appx 20 mins	<p>Oral Communication (Weighting: 20%)</p> <p>The two parts in this paper may be thematically linked.</p> <p>Part 1: Planned Response Candidates plan and deliver a response to a video clip and accompanying prompt presented on a computer screen.</p> <p>Part 2: Spoken Interaction Candidates engage in a discussion with the Examiners on a topic based on the same video clip.</p>	All units covered in Sec 1 - 4/5.

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Mathematics	4052	1	2 h 15 min	There will be about 26 short answer questions. Candidates are required to answer all questions. [Weighting: 50%]	N1 Numbers and their operations N2 Ratio and Proportion N3 Percentage N4 Rate and Speed N5 Algebraic Expressions and Formulae N6 Functions and Graphs N7 Equations and Inequalities N8 Set Language and Notation N9 Matrices G1 Angles, triangles and polygons G2 Congruence and similarity G3 Properties of Circles G4 Pythagoras' theorem and trigonometry G5 Mensuration G6 Coordinate Geometry G7 Vectors in two dimensions S1 Data handling and analysis S2 Probability
		2	2 h 15 min	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 [Weighting: 50%]	
Additional Mathematics	4049	1	2 h 15 min	Answer ALL 12 to 14 questions of various marks and lengths, up to 10 marks per question. [Weighting: 50%]	A1 Quadratic functions A2 Equations and inequalities A3 Surds A4 Polynomials and partial fractions A5 Binomial Expansions A6 Exponential and logarithmic functions G1 Trigonometric functions, identities and equations G2 Coordinate geometry in two dimensions G3 Proofs in plane geometry C1 Differentiation and integration
		2	2 h 15 min	Answer ALL 9 to 11 questions of various marks and lengths, up to 12 marks per question. [Weighting: 50%]	

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Principles of Accounts	7087	1	1 h	Answer 3 to 4 compulsory structured questions. [Weighting: 40%]	Key Understanding 1: Accounting and non-accounting information is used to support and facilitate decision-making Key Understanding 2: Accounting is a language used to represent business activities Key Understanding 3: Accounting is an information system to measure business activities.
	7087	2	2 h	Answer 4 compulsory structured questions. • One question requires the preparation of financial statements for a business for one financial year. (20 marks) • A scenario-based question (7 marks) will be part of one of the 3 remaining questions. [Weighting: 60%]	
Humanities (Social Studies)	2260 OR 2261	1	1 h 45 min	Section A (35m) Candidates are to answer all 5 questions. Section B (15m) Candidates are to answer BOTH questions.	Section A: Source-Based Case Study (SBCS) Skills tested: 1. Inference 2. Purpose 3. Comparison 4. Reliability 5. Utility 6. Surprised skill 7. Evaluation Section B: Structured-Response Question Issue 1: Exploring Citizenship & Governance Chapters 1 - 3 Issue 2: Living in a Diverse Society Chapters 4 - 7 Issue 3: Being Part of a Globalised World Chapters 8 - 11
Humanities (Geography)	2260	2	1 h 45 min	Section A Question 1: Geography in Everyday Life (14 marks) Question 2: Tourism (18 marks) Candidates are to answer BOTH question in Section A Section B Candidates are to answer the question on Tectonics (18 marks)	Section A: 1) Geography in Everyday Life (including Fieldwork Techniques) 2) Tourism Section B: 1) Tectonics
Humanities (History)	2261	2	1 h 50 min	Section A (Source Based Case Study, 30m) Candidates are to answer all questions. Section B (Structured Essay Questions, 20m) Candidates are to answer two out of three questions.	Unit 1 Chapters 1-5 (Sec 3 textbook) Unit 2 Chapters 6 - 10 (Sec 4 textbook)

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Design & Technology	7059	1	2 h	<p>Paper 1 Written Examination (2 hours) [40% of the total mark for the subject.]</p> <p>Candidates are to answer all questions. The questions will be design-centric. Question 1 requires knowledge application of Section 1 Design. Question 2 to Question 4 require knowledge application of Section 2 Technology (specifically structures, mechanisms and electronics.)</p> <p>The mark allocation is: Question 1: 26 out of 80 marks Question 2 – 4: 54 out of 80 marks</p>	<p>Section 1 Design Section 2 Technology</p> <p>Refer to 7059 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY GCE ORDINARY LEVEL SYLLABUS document.</p>

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Science (Chem, Bio)	5088	1	1 h	Weighting: 20% (40 marks) 40 multiple choice questions Qn 1-20: Sc(Chem) Qn 21-40: Sc(Bio)	Same as 5088/03 & 5088/04
		3	1 h 15 min	Weighting: 32.5% (65 marks) <u>Section A (55 marks)</u> Compulsory structured questions. The last question will carry 10 marks. <u>Section B (10 marks)</u> Choose 1 out of 2 questions	Chapter 1. Experimental Chemistry Chapter 2. Kinetic Particle Theory Chapter 3. Atomic Structure Chapter 4. Elements, Compounds and Mixtures Chapter 5. Chemical Bonding, Structure and Properties of Materials Chapter 6. Chemical Formulae and Equations Chapter 7. Mole Concept and Stoichiometry Chapter 8. Acids and Bases Chapter 9. Qualitative Analysis Chapter 10. Oxidation and Reduction Chapter 11. The Periodic Table Chapter 12. Reactivity Series Chapter 13. Chemical Energetics Chapter 14. Rate Of Reactions Chapter 15. Fuels and Crude Oil Chapter 16. Hydrocarbons Chapter 17. Alcohols and Carboxylic Acids Chapter 18. Polymers Chapter 19. Maintaining Air Quality
		4	1 h 15 min	Weighting: 32.5% (65 marks) <u>Section A (55 marks)</u> Compulsory structured questions. The last question will carry 10 marks. <u>Section B (10 marks)</u> Choose 1 out of 2 questions	Chapter 1. Cell Structure and Organisation Chapter 2. Movement of Substances Chapter 3. Biological Molecules Chapter 4. Enzymes Chapter 5. Nutrition in Humans Chapter 6. Transport in Humans Chapter 7. Respiration in Humans Chapter 8. Infectious Diseases in Humans Chapter 9. Nutrition and Transport in Flowering Plants Chapter 10. Organisms and their Environment Chapter 11. Molecular Genetics Chapter 12. Reproduction in Humans Chapter 13. Inheritance
		5	1 h 30 min	Weighting: 15% (30 marks) Two compulsory questions on each of the two Sciences.	Same as 5088/03 & 5088/04