

# Planned changes to Advanced Higher Latin from session 2019–20



We are making some changes to the Advanced Higher Latin course assessment for session 2019-20 onwards, in light of units being removed from the course. This will protect the integrity of the course and maintain the current course value of 32 SCQF credit points.

## Summary of changes

Current course assessment		Revised course assessment	
Component	Marks	Component	Marks
Literary appreciation question paper	60	Literary appreciation question paper	60
Translating question paper	50	Translating question paper	60
Project–dissertation	60	Project–dissertation	60

## Advanced Higher Latin Literary appreciation question paper

Current question paper	Revised question paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 60 marks (35%)</li><li>◆ 1 hour and 30 minutes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 60 marks (33.3%)</li><li>◆ 1 hour and 45 minutes</li></ul>

### Reason for change

We are extending the duration of the Literary appreciation question paper by 15 minutes, to 1 hour and 45 minutes. Feedback from teachers has indicated that candidates find it challenging to complete the 20-mark question, and provide a sufficiently detailed response, within the allotted time. Extending the duration of the question paper should help to address this.

We are not making any changes to the structure or requirements of the question paper.

## Advanced Higher Latin Translating question paper

Current question paper	Revised question paper
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 50 marks (30%)</li><li>◆ 1 hour</li><li>◆ one translation task — candidates translate one complex unseen Latin prose text into English</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ 60 marks (33.3%)</li><li>◆ 1 hour and 30 minutes</li><li>◆ two translation tasks — candidates translate one complex unseen Latin prose text (40 marks) and one complex unseen Latin verse text (20 marks) into English</li></ul>

### Reason for change

We are extending the Translating question paper to include the translation of authentic Latin verse. This is currently assessed in the Translating unit that is being removed from the course.

We are increasing the duration of the exam by 30 minutes, to 1 hour and 30 minutes, to allow time for candidates to complete the verse translation.

### Advanced Higher project–dissertation

We are not making any changes to the project–dissertation, however from 2019–20 onwards it will have a weighting of 33.3%.

### Revised course specification

By the end of April 2019, we will publish a revised course specification that combines the current course specification, course assessment specification and coursework general assessment information. We will also add course support notes to the course specification as an appendix by the end of September 2019, to provide further clarity and guidance.

### Assessment support materials

Between the end of May and the end of September 2019, we will publish:

- ◆ Literary appreciation specimen question paper and marking instructions with minor changes only
- ◆ revised Translating specimen question paper and marking instructions
- ◆ coursework assessment task and marking instructions with minor changes to wording

### National Qualifications Support Team

To help us make the appropriate changes to the Advanced Higher course assessment, we consulted with our National Qualifications Support Team, which includes teachers and lecturers. We also engaged with a range of other stakeholders.

## **More information**

For more information on changes to assessment in National Qualifications, please visit [www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges](http://www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges).

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