

Planned changes to Higher Latin from session 2018-19

Units and unit assessments will be removed from the Higher Latin course from session 2018-19 onwards. We are strengthening the course assessment to ensure that it continues to assess candidates on the full content of the course, and to maintain the current course value of 24 SCQF credit points.

In deciding the appropriate changes for the Higher course assessment, we consulted with our National Qualification Support Team (NQST), which includes teachers and lecturers, and a range of other subject specialists.

Overview of changes to the Higher course assessment

Current course assessment	Revised course assessment
Question paper 1 (Literary Appreciation): 60 marks (60%) Question paper 2 (Translating): 40 marks (40%)	Question paper 1 (Literary Appreciation): 80 marks (60%) Question paper 2 (Translating): 50 marks (40%)

Changes to question paper 1: Literary Appreciation

Current question paper	Revised question paper from 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours • 60 marks (60%) • Candidates attempt two sections from a selection of five (one for each author). Each section is worth 30 marks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 hours 40 minutes • 80 marks (60%) • Candidates attempt two sections from a selection of five (one for each author). Each section is worth 40 marks.

The question paper will be extended by 20 marks to allow more skills, knowledge and understanding to be sampled following the removal of units from the course. The duration of the exam will increase by 40 minutes to accommodate the additional marks.

Changes to question paper 2: Translating

Current question paper	Revised question paper from 2018-19
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour • 40 marks (40%) • Candidates translate 20 sense blocks of text 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 hour • 50 marks (40%) • Candidates translate 25 sense blocks of text

The question paper will be extended by 10 marks to enhance the reliability of the course assessment, by increasing the number of blocks (sense units) from 20 to 25.

Documents and assessment support materials

More detail on the requirements for the Higher course assessment will be provided in the revised Higher course specification, which will be published at the end of April 2018. Course support notes will be added to the revised course specification as an appendix by the end of September 2018, to provide additional clarity and guidance.

We will publish a revised specimen question paper for each question paper to reflect the above changes. These will be published between the end of May and the end of September 2018.

More information

For more information on changes to assessment in National Qualifications, please visit www.sqa.org.uk/nqchanges.

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