



# Singapore Curriculum Table of Specifications

## Year 9

### Year 9 Examinations Schedule

Semester 1			Semester 2		
English Paper 1	14 Jan	unspecified	English Paper 1	30 May	unspecified
English Paper 2	15 Jan	120 minutes	English Paper 2	31 May	120 minutes
English Paper 3	18 Jan	35 minutes	English Paper 3	1 June	35 minutes
English Paper 4	11-13 Jan	105 minutes	English Paper 4	2-3 June	105 minutes

### Home Help Tips

In **English** students should revise all vocabulary and grammar rules covered in the semester. They should practise reading aloud whenever possible to help improve fluency and pronunciation. If there is an English speaker in the house then students should be encouraged to converse and to talk about their day at school or the book they are reading in English.

For **Mathematics** it is highly recommended that students not only read over the topics and learn the rules they have covered but also that they pick questions from their workbook and do them again so as to practise actually solving problems using the methods they have learnt.

For **Mathematics** and **Science** it is strongly recommend that students write a summary of important facts and formulas as they read over their textbooks. This allows the students to have all the important information in a short, and more easily studied, form. Also students have a far better chance of fully understanding and remembering information if they write it down rather than just read it.

Students need a quiet and comfortable study environment, with little or no distractions. Encourage them to think positively towards their school work, thus improving their focus and confidence. It is also important to partake in some exercise during this period, in order to reduce stress levels and improve concentration.

We recommend students setting up a homework schedule that allows plenty of time for regular revision of concepts leading up to the exam. Students should follow up with the teacher **before** the examinations if they are having any problems.

## Year 9 ENGLISH

### English Exam Format

Paper 1 Speaking	Paper 2 Language and Comprehension	Paper 3 Listening	Paper 4 Writing
Marks: 30 Percentage: 15% Time: N/A Task: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reading Aloud (10 marks)</li> <li>• Picture Discussion (10 marks)</li> <li>• Conversation (10 marks)</li> </ul>	Marks: 100 Percentage: 45% Time: 120 minutes Task: <p>Section 1: Text type 1                      Reading Comprehension (15 marks)                      Summary (15 marks)                      Vocabulary (5 marks)</p> <p>Section 2: Text type 2                      Reading Comprehension (10 marks)                      Vocabulary (5 marks)</p> <p>Section 3: Text type 3                      Reading Comprehension (10 marks)</p> <p>Section 4: Vocabulary (15x1 mark)</p> <p>Section 5: Grammar (15 marks)</p> <p>Section 6: Editing Mistakes (10 marks)</p>	Marks: 20 Percentage: 10% Time: 35 minutes Task: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 Graphics or text based MCQ</li> </ul> Test on a variety of texts: narratives, conversations, advertisements, instructions.	Marks: 60 Percentage: 30% Time: 105 minutes Task: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Situational Writing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 150-250 Words</li> <li>○ 30 Marks</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Continuous Writing                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Choose 1 topic</li> <li>○ 250-350 Words</li> <li>○ 30 Marks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### Paper 2 - Language and Comprehension

Semester 1 Content	Semester 2 Content
Unit 1 Forms and surveys Unit 2 Contemporary realistic short stories Unit 3 Informative texts	Unit 4 Informative brochures Unit 5 Formal Letters Unit 6 Recounts  Unit 7 Reviews (taught in Term 2 after exams) Unit 8 Interviews and transcripts Unit 9 Patriotic lyrics and inspirational poetry