

Fung Kai Liu Man Shek Tong Secondary School
2013-2014 S4 English Language
First Exam: Revision Guidelines

Paper 1: Reading (1 hour 30 minutes)

- Two reading passages covering different topics
- A variety of question types
- A PENCIL must be used to answer all questions
- Time management is important

Paper 2: Writing (1 hour 30 minutes)

- Part A: Short task (about 150 words)
- Part B: Long task (about 250 words)
- Part B: Students choose ONE of the THREE given topics
- Possible text types in Part B: *a film review, a letter of advice, a letter of complaint, a short story and an article*
- A PEN must be used to attempt both writing tasks
- Write on EVERY line (but students may skip one line to start a new paragraph)
- Rough work sheet will be provided for each student

Paper 3: Listening & Integrated Skills (about 2 hours)

- Part A: Short tasks 1-4 (a PENCIL must be used)
- Part B: Integrated tasks 5-7 (a PEN must be used)
- Possible text types in Part B: *a letter of complaint, a letter asking for sponsorship, a report and an article.*
- When the recording ends, students have 1 hour 15 minutes to complete Part B.
- Students should make sure that all answers are clear and tidy enough

Paper 4: Speaking

Part A: Group discussion

- Preparation time: 8 minutes (ideas should be written down on a notecard)
- Discussion time: 6 minutes (a group of 4 candidates)
5 minutes (a group of 3 candidates)

Part B: Individual response

- No preparation time (Candidates A-D take turns to answer examiner's question)
- 1-minute response
- Students can ask the examiner to repeat the question ONCE and request the examiner to ask another question ONCE, but the timer won't be stopped.

Suggested Revision Materials:

- 1) Performance for the HKDSE Book 4 Papers 1-4 Modules 1-2
- 2) UT & UQ papers
- 3) Writing Handbook
- 4) Dictation Book
- 5) Newspaper cutting
- 6) Handy Guide
- 7) Other supplementary materials