

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

General Notes to Applicants

As a general rule, only ONE service agreement will be offered to each applicant in the written papers (i.e. Paper 1 or Paper 2 or Paper 3). Applicants can indicate their marking preference and are encouraged to select more than one written paper in order to increase the chances of their application being successful. Markers will be chosen for a particular paper taking into consideration the overall needs and requirements of the subject as a whole.

Paper 1 (Reading)

The marking of this paper will be divided into centralised and non-centralised. The first two days of the marking will be centralised. Thereafter, markers will be expected to continue marking on their own until the marking is completed. The deadline for the completion of marking is usually two weeks after the centralised session, but marking is usually completed earlier than this.

Paper 2 (Writing)

Paper 2 will be divided into two rounds of marking.

In Round 1, markers will mark the compulsory question in Part A. Each marker is expected to mark around 200-300 scripts within the first two weeks of the marking period.

In Round 2, markers will be assigned to mark one elective question in Part B. Each marker is expected to mark around 200-300 scripts within a final two weeks of the marking period.

Therefore, applicants for Paper 2 will need to complete the standardization for two separate tasks (Question 1 in Part A and one question in Part B) and to mark around 400-500 scripts in total over the four-week marking period.

Paper 3 (Listening and Integrated Skills)

Markers will be assigned initially to one task, taking into consideration the overall needs and requirements of the marking of the paper as a whole. If the marking of one task finishes before the others, markers may be asked to mark a further task in the remaining part of the marking period.

Paper 4 (Speaking)

The public speaking examination has been cancelled according to special arrangements for streamlining 2021 HKDSE.