

**NON-TAMIL INDIAN LANGUAGES
(BENGALI / GUJARATI / HINDI / PANJABI / URDU)**

1 Purpose of the Examination

The purpose of the Non-Tamil Indian Languages (Bengali/Gujarati/Hindi/Panjabi/Urdu) examination is to assess candidates' competence in the four basic skills of the language: listening, speaking, reading and writing.

2 Examination Format

Pupils will be assessed in the following areas:

PAPER	COMPONENT	ITEM TYPE	NO OF ITEMS	MARK (Weighting)
1	<u>Writing</u> Guided Essay OR Picture-based Essay	OE	Choose 1 out of 2 questions	40 (20.0%)
2	<u>Language Use and Comprehension</u> <i>Booklet A</i> The following language items may be tested: Nouns, Numbers, Tenses, Adjectives, Synonyms, Antonyms, Homonyms, Gender, Postpositions/ Case Markers Cloze Comprehension MCQ Comprehension Vocabulary Comprehension (Graphic Stimulus)	MCQ MCQ MCQ MCQ MCQ	10 10 7 5 3	95 (47.5%) 10 20 14 5 6
	<i>Booklet B</i> Idioms/Proverbs/Word Pairs Completion of Sentences OE Comprehension	FIB OE OE	5 5 5	10 10 20
3	<u>Listening Comprehension</u> The following types of texts may be tested: news, announcements, advertisements, instructions, conversations, interviews, speeches and stories	MCQ	15	15 (7.5%)
4	<u>Oral</u> (a) Reading Aloud (b) Picture Description (c) Picture Interpretation/Explanation	OE	1 passage 1 picture	50 (25%) 20 20 10
Total				200 (100%)

Legend: MCQ – Multiple Choice Question, OE – Open-ended, FIB – Fill in the blank

3 Duration

Oral Examination

Each pupil is expected to read aloud a short passage and talk about a picture. For this paper, each pupil will spend about 11 minutes, which include 5 minutes of preparation time.

Listening Comprehension Examination

The Listening Comprehension examination, comprising 15 multiple-choice questions, should take about 30 minutes.

Written Examination

The time allocated to each of the written papers is as follows:

Paper 1: 50 minutes

Paper 2: 1 hour 40 minutes (for both Booklets A and B)

There will be a break between Papers 1 and 2

Candidates are permitted to use, for Paper 1 only, a monolingual dictionary (Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Panjabi or Urdu) which must be free of annotations.