

# VCE Latin

## 2022–2026

## Written examination – End of year

### Examination specifications

#### Overall conditions

The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). [VCAA examination rules](#) will apply.

There will be 15 minutes of reading time and 2 hours of writing time.

The examination will be assessed by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 50 per cent to the study score.

#### Content

The *VCE Latin Study Design 2022–2026* is the document for the development of the examination.

All of the key knowledge and key skills that underpin the relevant outcomes in Units 3 and 4 are examinable.

#### Format

The examination will be in the form of a task book. Students will write their responses in a general answer book.

The examination will consist of two sections.

#### Section 1 – Translation of an unseen passage

This section will consist of an unseen passage of approximately 90 words in Latin prose for translation into English and will be worth a total of 45 marks.

#### Section 2 – Comprehension, interpretation and analysis of the prescribed seen text

This section will consist of three parts: Part A, Part B and Part C. The passage provided in each part of Section 2 will consist of lines drawn from the prescribed lines stated in the *VCE Latin Prescribed Text 2022–2026*.

In **Part A – Comprehension and analysis of the prescribed seen text**, a passage of approximately 20 lines drawn from the prescribed lines will be provided. Questions will relate to the prescribed book or the *Aeneid* as a whole. Students' responses are expected to include details from the passage provided.

In **Part B – Interpretation of the prescribed seen text**, a passage of approximately 20 lines drawn from the prescribed lines will be provided. Questions will require students to:

- identify and explain the author’s use of literary devices
- identify and explain the author’s use of stylistic and structural techniques.

In **Part C – Analysis of themes and ideas from the prescribed seen text**, a passage of approximately 20 lines drawn from the prescribed lines will be provided. Questions will require students to:

- analyse themes and ideas related to the passage
- discuss themes and ideas related to the prescribed book or the *Aeneid* as a whole.

There will be two questions relating to the prescribed seen text, one of which will be an extended-answer question.

Part A will be worth 15 marks, Part B will be worth 15 marks and Part C will be worth 20 marks. Section 2 will be worth a total of 50 marks.

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 95.

## Approved materials and equipment

- Normal stationery requirements (pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers)
- Any printed monolingual and/or bilingual dictionary in one or two separate volumes

## Relevant references

The following resources should be referred to in relation to the VCE Latin examination:

- *VCE Latin Study Design 2022–2026*
- [Advice for teachers – Latin](#)
- *VCE Latin Prescribed Text 2022–2026*
- *VCAA Bulletin*

## Advice

During the 2022–2026 accreditation period for VCE Latin, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the key knowledge and key skills from all outcomes in Units 3 and 4.

Students should use command/task words, other instructional information within questions and corresponding mark allocations to guide their responses.

A separate document containing a sample examination has been published on the VCE Latin '[Examination specifications, past examinations and examination reports](#)' page on the VCAA website.

The sample examination provides an indication of the format of the examination, and the types of questions teachers and students can expect until the current accreditation period is over.

The VCAA does not provide answers to sample examinations.