

Appendix 1: Conversion tables between the easier section and more difficult section of Papers 1B and 3B

There were two parts in Papers 1 and 3. Candidates were required to answer ALL questions in Part A. In Part B, candidates could choose EITHER Part B1 (easier section) OR Part B2 (more difficult section). In the grading process, the marks for Part B1 were converted to the marks on the scale for Part B2 using the tables on the next page. For example, if we refer to the conversion table for Paper 1B, a score of 20 marks scored by a candidate taking Part 1B1 would be converted to 8 marks on the 1B2 scale.

These tables were generated using the percentile-equating method as described in the booklet 'Grading Procedures and Standards-referenced Reporting in the HKDSE Examination', which can be found on the HKEAA website (https://www.hkeaa.edu.hk/DocLibrary/Media/Leaflets/HKDSE_SRR_A4booklet_Mar2018.pdf).

Conversion tables between the easier section and more difficult section of Papers 1B and 3B.

Paper 1B	
1B1 (easier)	1B2 (more difficult)
0	0
1	0
2	1
3	1
4	1
5	2
6	2
7	3
8	3
9	4
10	4
11	5
12	5
13	5
14	6
15	6
16	6
17	7
18	7
19	7
20	8
21	8
22	9
23	9
24	10
25	10
26	11
27	12
28	13
29	14
30	15
31	16
32	17
33	18
34	20
35	22
36	24
37	26
38	28
39	30
40	32
41	35
42	38

Paper 3B	
3B1 (easier)	3B2 (more difficult)
0	0
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	3
6	3
7	4
8	4
9	5
10	5
11	6
12	6
13	7
14	7
15	7
16	8
17	8
18	9
19	9
20	10
21	10
22	11
23	11
24	11
25	12
26	12
27	13
28	13
29	14
30	14
31	15
32	15
33	16
34	17
35	17
36	18
37	19
38	19
39	20
40	21
41	22
42	23

Paper 3B	
3B1 (easier)	3B2 (more difficult)
43	24
44	26
45	27
46	28
47	30
48	32
49	34
50	37
51	40
52	43
53	46