

CLASSROOM Reading Headway Pre-HKDSE Targeted Practice
Introduction to HKDSE English Reading

Components of the paper	Question-answer Book Booklet of Reading Passages		
Parts	Part A: Compulsory (10%)	Part B: Part B1 (easier) (10%) OR Part B2 (harder) (10%)	
	Students who attempt Part A and Part B1 will be able to attain up to Level 4 at most, while students who attempt Part A and Part B2 will be able to attain the complete range of all reachable levels, with Level 5** being the highest.		
No. of questions	Part A: About 20	Part B: About 25 for either part	
Question formats	<p>Multiple-choice questions Short responses Cloze summary</p> <p>Circling Table completion Matching</p> <p>Proofreading True/False/Not Given Underlining</p> <p>Extended open-ended responses Sequencing Labelling pictures</p>		
No. of passages	Part A: 1-3	Part B1: 2-3	Part B2: 1-3
No. of words	About 800-1,200 words per passage on average		
Text types	A wide range of variety, e.g. feature article, online discussion, poem, news article, biography, advertisement, novel extract, fable and web page		
Key assessment areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and interpret the purpose and meaning of a broad range of texts • Identify the main theme and key details of a broad range of texts • Identify the contextual meaning of words and phrases • Interpret the tone and mood of the writer • Distinguish and evaluate views, attitudes or arguments in fairly complex texts • Understand the use of a range of language features in fairly complex texts • Interpret, analyse, select and organise ideas and information from various sources 		