

NORTHBROOKS SECONDARY SCHOOL

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*Sec 2 Subject
Information:
**Humanities
(NA)***



Humanities subjects for NA stream:

- Humanities (Social Studies + Geography Elective)
- Humanities (Social Studies + History Elective)

Social Studies is a compulsory subject for all students.



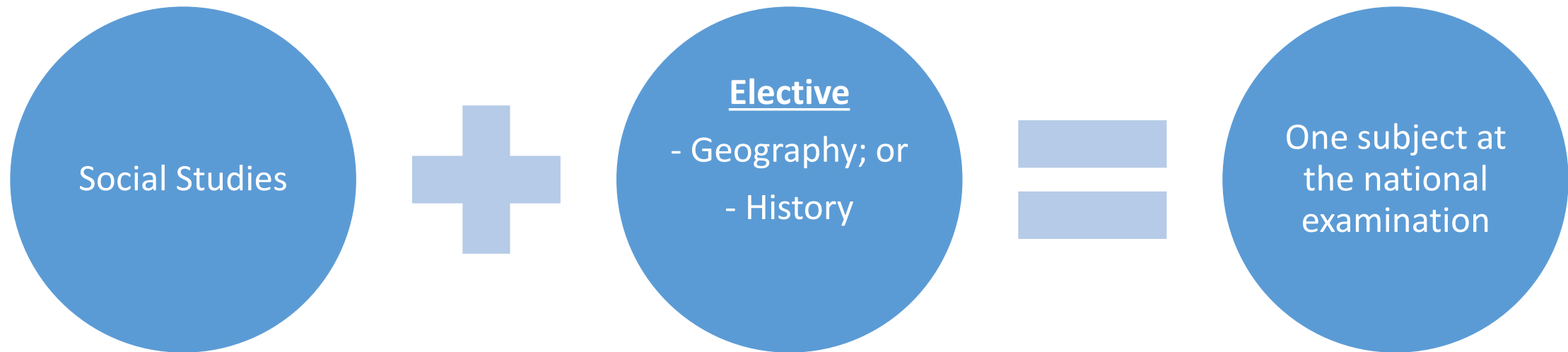
Humanities in a nutshell

Choose ONE humanities elective

- Humanities (Social Studies + **Geography**)
- Humanities (Social Studies + **History**)
- Humanities (Social Studies + **Literature in English**)



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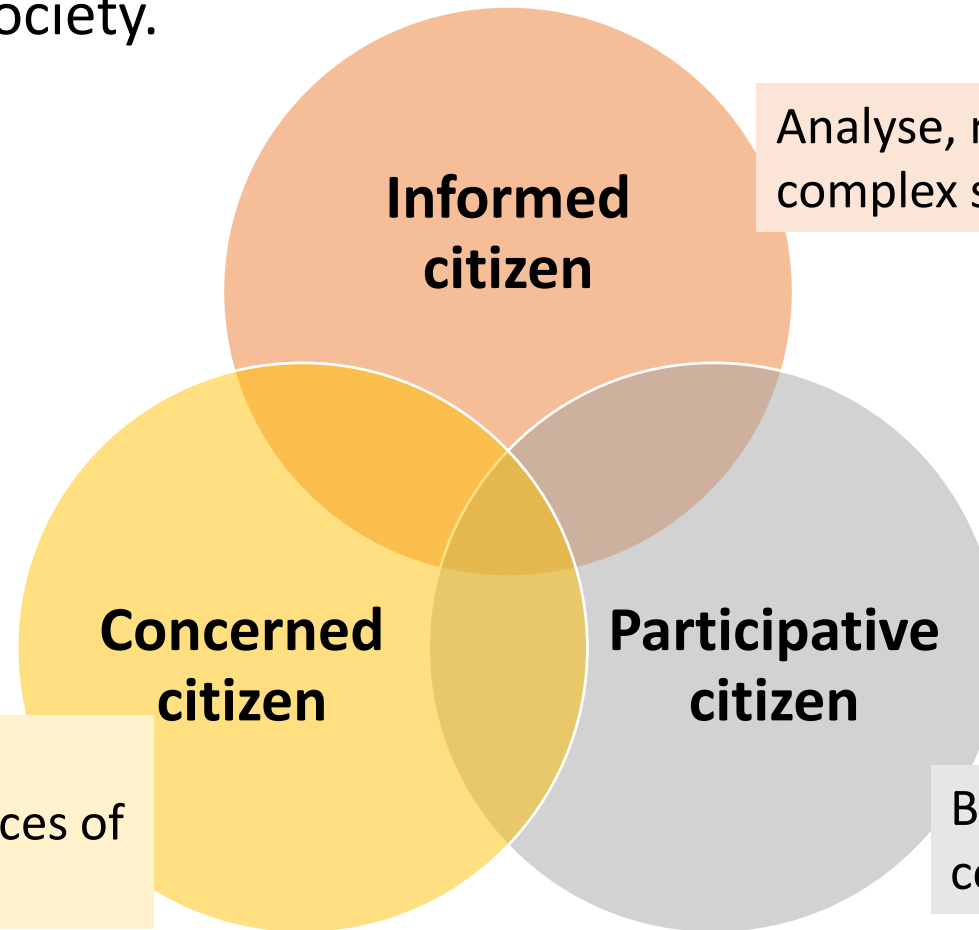


Social Studies and the Elective Humanities form one subject at the national examinations.



Social Studies in a nutshell

- Social Studies trains you to be a participative citizens, with a desire to contribute responsibly to the society.



Analyse, negotiate and manage complex situations.

Awareness of the ethical considerations and consequences of decision making.

Be motivated to identify issues of concern and take action.

Social Studies Syllabus content

Issue 1: Exploring Citizenship & Governance

Working for the good of society: Whose responsibility is it?



Issue 2: Living in a Diverse Society

Living in a diverse society: Is harmony achievable?



Issue 3: Being part of a Globalised World

Being part of a globalised world: is it necessarily good?



Objectives & Scheme of Assessment

- Assessment Objective 1: Knowledge with Understanding
- Assessment Objective 2: Interpreting and Evaluating sources / Given information
- Assessment Objective 3: Constructing explanations

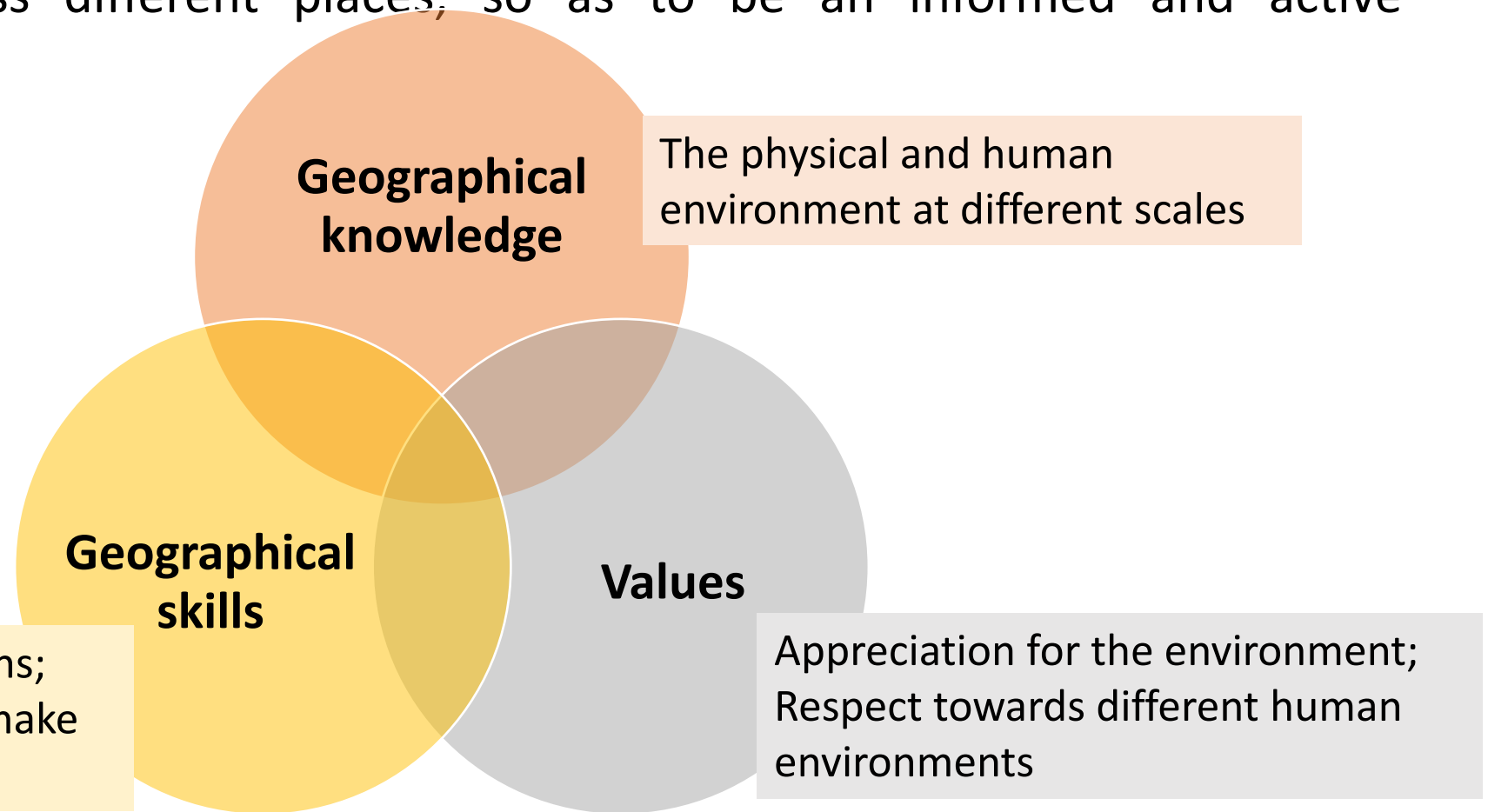
Objectives & Scheme of Assessment

- One paper of 1 hour 45 minutes
- Paper comprise of 2 sections:
 - Section A: 35 marks
 - One source-based case study testing Assessment Objectives 1 and 2.
 - Section B: 15 marks
 - Two structured-response questions testing Assessment Objectives 1 and 3.
- Candidates are required to answer the compulsory source-based case study from Section A and the compulsory structured-response questions from Section B.



Geography Elective in a nutshell

- Geography trains you to see the connections between people and their environment, across different places, so as to be an informed and active contributor.



Geography Elective Syllabus content

Geography Elective		
Physical Geography	Human Geography	Geographical skills & investigation
<u>Living with tectonic hazards</u> <i>Risk or opportunity?</i>	<u>Global Tourism</u> <i>Is tourism the way to go?</i>	<u>Map reading</u>
<u>Variable weather and changing climate</u> <i>A continuing challenge?</i>	<u>Food resources</u> <i>Is technology the panacea for food shortage?</i>	<u>Geographical data and techniques</u>
		<u>Geographical investigations</u>



Objectives & Scheme of Assessment

- Assessment Objective 1: Knowledge
- Assessment Objective 2: Critical understanding and constructing explanation
- Assessment Objective 3: Interpreting and evaluating Geographical Data

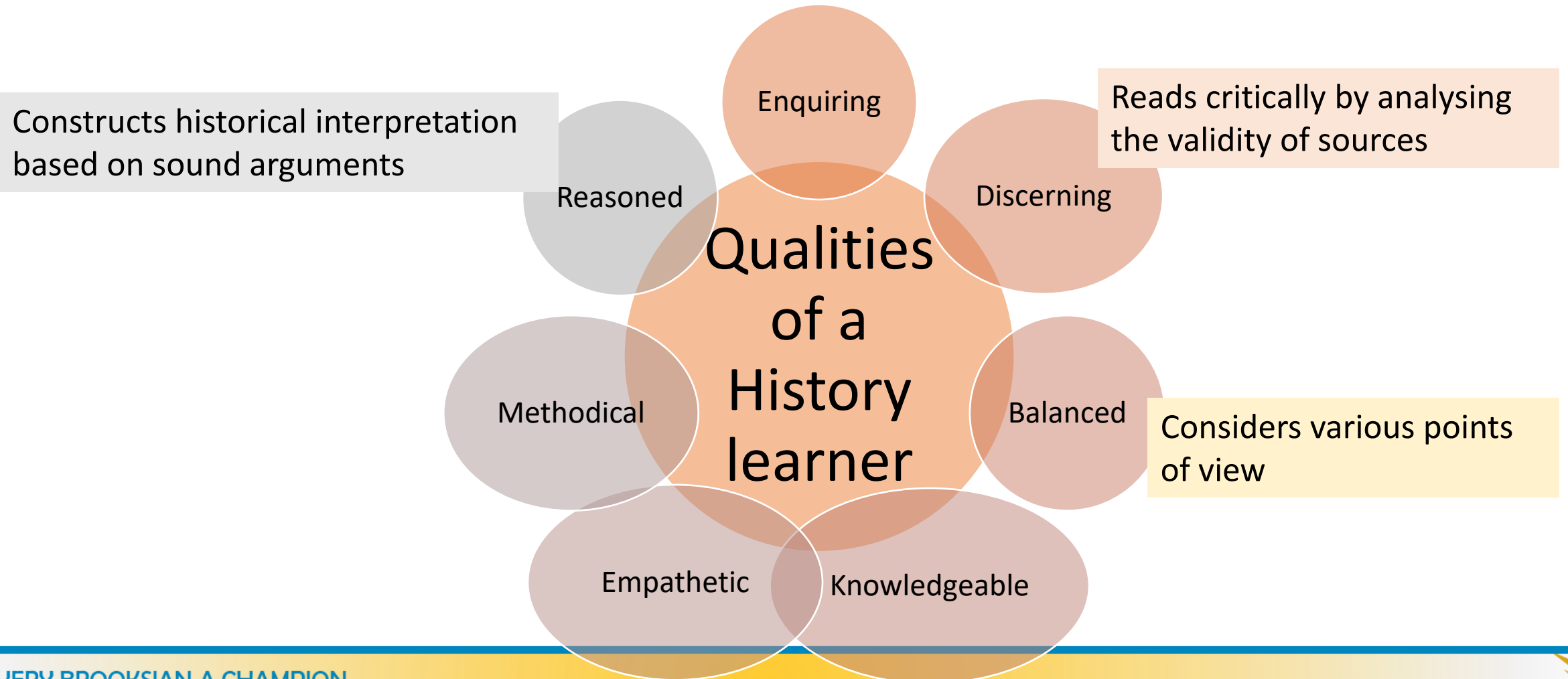


Objectives & Scheme of Assessment

- One paper of 1 hour 40 minutes
- Paper comprise of 3 sections:
 - Section A: 13 marks
 - Two structured questions
 - Section B: 12 marks
 - One structured question
 - Section C: 25 marks
 - Two structured questions

History Elective in a nutshell

- History trains you to interpret significant events of the past, in order to understand the present, and contribute to a responsible citizen.



History Elective Syllabus content

Units	Key content
The World in Crisis What forces and developments changed Europe and the Asia-Pacific in the first half of the 20th century?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Communist Russia• Nazi Germany• World War II
Bi-Polarity and the Cold War How did the Cold War impact the world order in the post-1945 years?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cold War• Korean War

Objectives & Scheme of Assessment

- Assessment Objective 1: Deploy knowledge
- Assessment Objective 2: Construct Explanation and Communicate Historical Knowledge
- Assessment Objective 3: Interpret and Evaluate Source Materials



Objectives & Scheme of Assessment

- One paper of 1 hour 40 minutes
- Paper comprise of 2 sections:
 - Section A: 30 marks
 - One source-based case study testing Assessment Objectives 1 and 3.
 - Section B: 20 marks
 - One structured-essay questions testing Assessment Objectives 1 and 2.



How do I know if Geography or History Elective is for me?

- Students are encouraged to explore their interest in the topics that would be covered for each syllabus in Upper Secondary.
- They should also consider their post-secondary course choices and identify the more relevant Humanities for the course.
- Students could speak to their subject teachers to find out the skill sets and dispositions that lend themselves well for the study of the Humanities subject. Having a strong command of the English language is also helpful for Humanities subjects that require extensive writing and elaboration/explanation of ideas/concepts.



Additional information

- Combined Humanities subject can be used for computation for PFP for selected courses. It can also be used as one of the subjects for admission to ITE courses.



Additional Information

Why Social
Studies?



<https://go.gov.sg/whystudyss>

Why Geography?



<https://go.gov.sg/whystudygeog>

Why History?



<https://go.gov.sg/whystudyhistory>