# HSC Hub – Business Studies Examination preparation video supplementary resource

This resource contains supplementary information to support the Business Studies examination preparation video. The content from each slide is contained below, along with a number of useful links from the NESA website pertaining to the contents within the video.

## Key slide content

### Before the exam day

* Download the HSC timetable and highlight all of your exams
* Plan your revision schedule to match up with your exams
* Get a good night sleep before each exam. Late nights will harm your performance
* Eat your breakfast
* Make sure you have all of your equipment ready

### Materials

NESA allows the following items for **all** HSC examinations:

* **Black** pen (bring spares!)
* Ruler
* Highlighters
* Pencils (2B)
* Sharpener
* Bottle of water in a clear bottle

NESA approved calculators are also allowed in the Business Studies exam

### Exam layout

In Business Studies, the exam has 4 sections:

* Section I – multiple choice (20 marks)
* Section II – short answer (40 marks)
* Section III – business report (20 marks)
* Section IV – extended response (20 marks)

You will have 5 minutes reading time before you begin the 3 hours of writing time

### Section I – multiple choice (20 marks)

* 20 multiple choice questions
* All syllabus content will be examined - questions tend to examine definitions and concepts, business calculations, and applying business analysis and reasoning skills.
* Allow approximately 35 minutes for this section

### Section II – short answer questions (40 marks)

* Four to six short-answer questions.
* Skills or knowledge tested
* Be concise
* Use syllabus language
* Answer the specific question

### Let’s look at an example – Section II

**Section 2: 2019 HSC – Question 24 (10 marks)**

A juice bar is operating in a shopping centre. The juice is served to customers in plastic cups with plastic straws. The high sales volume and quick turnover demand an efficient operations process.

(a) Identify **two** transforming resources used in this business. (2 marks)

(b) How does variety impact the transformation process of this business? (4 marks)

(c) Why might this business be reluctant to become more socially responsible? (4 marks)

### Section III – business report (20 marks)

* One question - extended response in a business report format
* Apply your business knowledge to the hypothetical scenario provided
* Roughly 800 words expected (6 pages)
* Read the rubric and ensure you follow it
* Address the specific scenario presented and refer to it frequently in your answer

### Section III – what does a business report look like?

* Executive summary - summary of the full business report. It appears at the beginning of a business report.
* Body – broken up into sections addressing each of the sections identified in the question.
* Conclusion - recap what you have stated and provide recommendations to address the issues facing the business.

### Section IV – extended response (20 marks)

* There will be two extended-response questions
* Candidates will only be required to answer one question
* Each question will be drawn from a different topic in the HSC course
* The expected length of response will be around six pages of an examination writing booklet (approximately 800 words)
* Make sure you explicitly explain and provide examples of the interconnected nature of the four key business functions as relevant to demonstrating your knowledge specific to the question

### Let’s look at an example – section IV

Analyse the relationship between performance objectives and operations strategies

### Ask your teacher

* For other resources for Business Studies
* How to access past papers and the marking guidelines so you can practice exam responses
* For more hints and tips for your exam and how to study effectively – they are the expert you have access to everyday.

## Additional links

* [NESA HSC Exam Packs](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-exam-papers)
* [[Business Studies Stage 6 Syllabus (2010)](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/history-extension-2017)](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/business-studies)
* [NESA HSC multiple choice quiz](https://quiz.nesa.nsw.edu.au/home)
* [NESA approved calculators list](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/approved-calculators)
* [NESA Business Studies standards materials](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-standards-materials/hsie/business-studies-hsc-standards-materials)