

HSPS PART II CLASSING CRITERIA

In both Part IIA and Part IIB, students take four papers and receive four marks. Classing criteria are identical for IIA and IIB. The mark for each paper will be rounded to a whole number and combined to achieve the overall mean mark; the mean mark will be rounded to one decimal place for the purposes of classing.

I*	A mean mark of at least 75.0 OR At least two marks of 80 and above AND no mark lower than a 60 AND no more than one mark of 60-69
I	A mean mark of at least 69.0 AND at least two marks of 70 and above AND no mark lower than 60 unless it is compensated by a mark of 75 or above
2.i	A mean mark of at least 60.0 AND at least two marks of 60 and above AND no mark lower than a 40
2.ii	A mean mark of at least 50.0 AND at least two marks of 50 and above AND no mark lower than a 40
III	A mean mark of at least 40.0 AND at least three marks of 40 or above
Fail	A mean mark of less than 40.0 OR Two marks of 39 or below

A Part IIA candidate must normally receive a pass mark on the Akkadian language paper in order to proceed to the Part IIB Assyriology track.

A Part IIA candidate must normally receive a pass mark on the Egyptian language paper in order to proceed to the Part IIB Egyptology track.

A Part IIA candidate must normally receive a pass mark on both the Akkadian and Egyptian language papers in order to proceed to the Part IIB Joint Assyriology and Egyptology track.

Externals must ratify all marks of 40 and below.

Externals must be asked to look at any script where the Internal markers have an unresolved disagreement.

Externals must confirm the mark for any paper that is not less than 40 but by itself reduces the class of a candidate.

Externals should see a sample of papers from each class, including work on either side of each borderline.