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Introduction

The purpose of this Information Guide is to provide teachers with information about the Nova Scotia Examinations (NSE) Mathematics 10. Teachers are encouraged to share the contents of the guide, particularly the sample questions and answers, with their students.

Overview

The NSE Mathematics 10 is designed to evaluate student achievement in relation to the outcomes for the course. The examination results contribute 20% to students' final course mark.

All students registered in Mathematics 10 and Pre-IB Mathematics 10 will write the NSE Mathematics 10. Students who have an Individual Program Plan (IPP) in mathematics, and therefore work toward a different set of mathematics outcomes, do not participate in the examination.

The NSE Mathematics Advisory Group, comprised of senior high school mathematics teachers and board mathematics leaders representing all school boards in Nova Scotia, assists in the development of examinations. The advisory group, under the guidance of department staff, follows the examination development procedures outlined in the Provincial Assessment Development Model. As well, an examination review team, comprised of experienced senior high mathematics teachers, reviews and approves the final examination forms for each administration. All processes, examination development, administration, marking, and reporting are facilitated by the Student Assessment Division of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

The mathematics examination is constructed according to precise specifications. Questions are written to match curriculum outcomes and then are field-tested with students. Field-test results are then analyzed and items that meet provincial standards are approved for inclusion on examinations.

The examination is scored by Mathematics 10 teachers for individual student results. Standards for marking are set in consultation with the advisory group.

Curriculum Links

The curriculum document for Mathematics 10 articulates the curriculum for the courses. The document provides the teachers of the course with information to plan for instruction. Teachers must carefully follow the curriculum as contained therein to design learning experiences for their students.

The NSE Mathematics 10 is designed to reflect the tables of specifications in this guide (see page 3). The tables are aligned to reflect the prescribed curriculum.

Some examination questions will assess students' understanding of an individual outcome, while other questions will assess a grouping of outcomes. The examinations are comprised of a variety of question types including selected response and constructed response, requiring both short and extended answers. Questions are developed to assess students' performance at different cognitive levels (knowledge, application, and analysis).

The Information Guide will be revised as needed to reflect any changes in the examination process. Teachers will be notified as soon as possible when any changes occur.

Examination Specifications

Examination Construction

The NSE Mathematics 10 is constructed in accordance with tables of specifications and the Provincial Assessment Development Model. They include questions (items) that have met the following criteria:

- rigorous content review by the provincial mathematics examination advisory group for alignment with outcomes as listed in the appendices and for possible bias and construction flaws;
- field-testing under monitored conditions in Mathematics 10 classrooms
- statistical analysis of the students' responses following the field-testing to determine levels of difficulty, validity, and reliability of each question.

Specification Tables

The following tables provide the approximate weightings of each unit on the examination and are based on the recommendations for time allotment found in the curriculum documents for Mathematics 10.

Table 1 - Specifications for Mathematics 10

Unit of study	Approximate Weighting
Measurement	25% – 30%
Algebra and Number	20% – 25%
Relations and Functions	35% – 40%
Financial Mathematics	10% – 15%

Table 2 outlines the construction of the examinations according to question format, including

selected-response and constructed-response questions. The selected-response questions offer the student four choices, three of which are plausible distractors, and one that is the correct response. Constructed-response questions may require the solution of a problem or a written response.

Table 2 – Examination specifications according to question format

Question Format	# of Questions	Approximate Weighting
Selected response (multiple choice)	30	45% – 55%
Constructed response (short answer and extended response)	8	45% – 55%

Table 3 outlines the construction of the examination according to three cognitive levels: knowledge, application, and analysis.

Table 3 – Examination specifications according to cognitive level

Cognitive Level	Approximate Weighting
Knowledge	20% – 25%
Application	55% – 65%
Analysis	15% – 20%

Cognitive Levels

Questions on the NSE are developed to assess students' performance at three cognitive levels. Cognitive levels indicate the type of intellectual process required to respond to each question. This section includes the marking scheme for sample constructed-response questions to illustrate the scoring process.

Knowledge

Facility in using mathematics, or reasoning about mathematical situations, depends on mathematical knowledge and familiarity with mathematical concepts. Knowledge of a wide range of mathematical terminology, number properties, geometric properties, basic facts, and mathematical procedures open the door to the development of a deeper mathematical understanding and purposeful mathematical thinking.

Knowledge questions will require students to recall and recognize previously learned concepts/skills and solve routine mathematical procedures. Knowledge questions include recognition or recall of terminology, formulae, algorithms, graphs, geometric figures, properties, and theorems. Questions at this level include key words such as: *identify, measure, find, solve, use, list, define, classify,* and *name*.

The following are some examples of what a knowledge question might require a student to do:

- recall definitions, terminology, number properties, geometric properties, and notation
- recognize mathematical objects, shapes, numbers, and expressions as well as mathematical entities that are mathematically equivalent
- compute a sum, a difference, a product, a quotient, or a combination of these with rational numbers, radicals, powers and polynomials; approximate numbers to estimate computations; carry out routine algebraic procedures; compute percentages, factorize, and add hours in a time chart
- retrieve information from a graph, a table, a figure or a function
- measure using appropriate instruments, use units of measure appropriately; estimate measures; convert units from imperial measure to SI and vice versa; express total time worked in decimal form and in hours and minutes
- classify/group objects, shapes, numbers, and expressions according to stated common properties; make correct decisions about class membership; and order numbers and objects by attributes

Examples of Knowledge Questions

Selected-response Question

Which of the following examples is the best referent for one millimetre?
{Mathematics 10 outcome M01}

a) the diameter of a quarter

✓b) the thickness of a fingernail

c) the length of a five-dollar bill

d) the distance from the floor to a door knob

In this example the student needs to recognize an example of a concept.

Constructed-response Question

How many sheets of $\frac{5}{8}$" plywood are in a sling load (or stack) 5' high?
{Mathematics 10 outcome M02)

$5\text{ ft} \times \frac{12\text{ in}}{1\text{ ft}} = 60\text{ in}$

Points awarded:

- 1 pt : conversion of feet to inches
- 1 pt : division by $\frac{5}{8}$"
- 0.5 pt : manipulation to solve

$$\frac{60\text{ in}}{\frac{5}{8}\text{ in}} = 60 \times \frac{8}{5}$$

$$= \frac{480}{5}$$

$$= 96$$

There are 96 sheets of $\frac{5}{8}$" plywood in a sling load 5' high.

In this example the student needs to carry out a straightforward conversion and calculation.

Application

Application questions require students to answer questions that are typical of, but not identical to, the problems studied in class. Students are expected to understand the problem, as well as, identify and use the appropriate strategy to solve the problem. Questions at this level include key words such as: *organize, estimate, interpret, predict, translate, summarize, solve, explain, describe,* and *apply*.

The following are some examples of what an application question might require a student to do:

- select an efficient/appropriate operation, method or strategy for solving problems
- represent mathematical information and data in diagrams, tables, charts, or graphs, and select equivalent representations for a given mathematical entity or relationship
- model a routine problem using an appropriate equation or diagram
- implement and execute a set of mathematical instructions (i.e., given a set of specifications, draw figures and shapes)
- solve a routine problem requiring multiple steps
- identify and extend a pattern
- examine solutions to routine problems to identify the correct solution or identify errors in a given solution

Examples of Application Questions

Selected-response Question

Chelsea works at a furniture store and is paid a weekly salary of $125 plus 5.5% commission. In February she sold $15000 worth of stock. What was her gross salary for February? There are 4 weeks in February.
{Mathematics 10 outcome FM02}

a) $950.00

b) $852.50

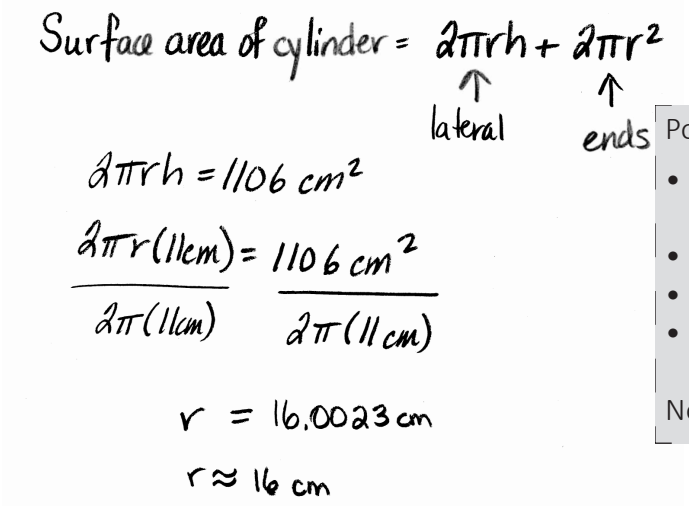
✓c) $1325.00

d) $831.88

In this case the student needs to select the appropriate method and apply this method to find the solution to a problem that is similar to prior problems encountered by the student.

Constructed-response Question

The lateral surface area of a cylinder is 1106 cm^2. Given that the height is 11 cm, calculate the radius. Answer to the nearest cm.
{Mathematics 10 outcome M03}



Points awarded:

- 1 pt : identifying/using formula for lateral surface area of cylinder
- 1 pt : substitution of total area
- 0.5 pt : substitution of height
- 0.5 pt : solve to final answer

Note: deduct 0.5 pt if no units given

In this example the student needs to solve a routine word problem involving multiple steps.

Analysis

An analysis question requires students to use reasoning to solve multi-step and non-routine problems. Students must draw on knowledge and understanding from previous learning and from different areas of mathematics to solve more complex problems. The student must make connections and generalize their learning to new situations. Questions at this level will include key words such as: *analyze*, *investigate*, *prove*, *explain*, *generalize*, *justify*, and *infer*.

The following are some examples of what an analysis question might require a student to do:

- analyze a mathematical situation by determining or describing the relationships between variables or objects; decomposing geometric figures to simplify solving a problem; drawing the net of a given, unfamiliar solid; visualizing transformations of a three-dimensional figure; making inferences from given information
- generalize results or patterns, sometimes to make them more widely applicable
- synthesize/integrate mathematical procedures to establish results or to produce further results; making connections among different elements of knowledge and related representations; and making connections between related mathematical ideas
- justify the truth or falsity of a statement by referencing mathematical results or properties
- provide a justification for steps in a solution process
- solve non-routine problems set in mathematical or real-life contexts where students are unlikely to have encountered closely similar items; applying mathematical procedures in unfamiliar or complex contexts; using geometric properties to solve non-routine problems

Examples of Analysis Questions

Constructed-response Question

Two acid solutions are to be mixed together.

Solution A is 30% acid by volume.
Solution B is 70% acid by volume.

How much of solution A is needed to mix with solution B to make an 800 mL mixture that is 54% acid by volume? Answer to the nearest millilitre.
{Mathematics 10 outcome RF10}

let a = amount of solution A
let b = amount of solution B

Equ'n ① $a + b = 800$

Equ'n ② $0.3a + 0.7b = 0.54 \cdot 800$
$0.3a + 0.7b = 432$

$a + b = 800$
$b = 800 - a$

$0.3a + 0.7b = 432$
$0.3a + 0.7(800 - a) = 432$
$0.3a + 560 - 0.7a = 432$
$\frac{-0.4a}{-0.4} = \frac{-128}{-0.4}$
$a = 320$

One needs to mix 320 mL of solution A with 480 mL of solution B to make an 800 mL solution that is 54% acid by volume.

Points awarded:

- 1 pt : determining equation 1
- 1 pt : determining equation 2
- 1 pt : applying a method to solve the system of equations
- 1 pt : solve to final answer

Note: deduct 0.5 pt if no units given

In this example the student needs to solve a non-routine word problem involving multiple steps in a complex context.

Calculator Policy

Students should be made aware of the calculator policy from the beginning of the course and informed that it is their responsibility to ensure that they are in compliance with the following guidelines.

In order to be able to complete the questions on the examinations, a scientific calculator with the following functionality is required:

- addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division
- operations with exponents
- roots
- trigonometric functions
- π button

While there is no approved list of calculators, the following conditions must be enforced in order to ensure a fair, reliable, and valid measure of student achievement on the examination:

- **Only dedicated calculators are permitted.** Other electronic devices such as cell phones, translators, mini-computers, etc., that may have calculator functions are prohibited. Any device with wifi capabilities is not permitted.
- **Calculators must not have any additional information programmed into the memory.** A calculator that contains information that would be unacceptable in paper form is prohibited. Calculators containing built-in notes, definitions or student constructed programs are unacceptable for use. Calculators with this capacity should be cleared prior to the examination or an alternate calculator should be provided. Calculators must be inspected by a knowledgeable proctor prior to the examination session.
- **Students must not use a calculator model, graphing or scientific, that actively uses Computer Algebraic System (CAS).** Some examples include: Casio Classpad 300, HP-40G, HP-48G, TI-Nspire CAS, TI-86, TI-89.

Security

Nova Scotia Examinations are secure. No part of the examination, including student work, is to be reproduced in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording or by any other information storage or retrieval system. In addition, teachers must not make use of the exam questions in their teaching.

Securing the NSE is critical to ensuring that the evaluation of student achievement is valid and fair. Users of the examination results draw conclusions about the achievement of students based on their scores.

Administration of Examination

The following materials relating to the administration of the examinations are distributed to schools along with examinations prior to the date of writing:

- NSE Memo
- Nova Scotia Examination (NSE) Packing Slip Mathematics 10
- Instructions to Teachers (invigilating directions)
- Scoring Guide

Note: The School Assessment Coordinator should open the box(es) of examination materials as soon as possible after receipt and check that booklets match the school list.

Pre-Administration

- Teachers ensure that students have been informed of what they will need in advance of the examination: an HB pencil, a calculator, and a ruler.
- The School Assessment Coordinator and teachers ensure that the examination venue does not display material that might advantage students in writing the examination.
- The School Assessment Coordinator (or principal)
  - ensures that exams are scheduled according to the dates in the provincial assessment schedule.
  - ensures that students with special needs will be accommodated.
  - verifies the correctness and number of materials sent by the department.
  - discusses exam protocol and specific instructions with invigilators, and distributes "Instructions to Teachers" sheet (see above).
  - maintains security of the examinations up to the morning of the administration, however, teachers should receive a copy of the examination and the scoring guide on the day prior to the administration date in order to adequately prepare for scoring the examinations

During Administration

- Teachers/invigilators ensure students are under supervision at all times.
- Teachers/invigilators ensure students work independently at all times.
- Teachers/invigilators allow up to two hours (plus a grace period of 15 minutes) to write the examination. Only students with an adaptation for extra time (see p. 17) are permitted to go beyond this time frame.
- Students are required to stay in the examination room for at least one hour after the administration has begun (or longer if required by school or board examination procedures).
- Ensure that students receive the correct examination materials.
- Teachers/invigilators ensure that students use a pencil to complete the examination.
- All student work should be done in the *Student Booklet*.
- Teachers/invigilators collect all examination material from students before the students leave the examination room. All materials must be accounted for.
- Teachers/invigilators do not read questions to students or discuss examination questions with students. (*In cases where a student may not be familiar with a certain word it may be read to the student but no explanation can be given.)
- Students work at their own pace; however, they should be made aware of remaining time at half hour intervals.
- Note for French Immersion classes: if a French Immersion student is unfamiliar with a word unrelated to mathematics, the teacher may offer a description or synonym in the language of instruction. If the student requires further support, the teacher may then provide the translation of the word. Offer English only after other strategies have been tried to ensure that French remains the language of instruction.

Post-Administration

- Where a student has written the examination using adaptations, this can be indicated on the back of the student examination booklet.
- Examination materials are not to be returned to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Schools are required to retain and secure all materials for a minimum of one year, or longer in accordance with regional retention policies, before securely disposing of them. All loose papers (scrap paper, graph paper, formula sheets) must be collected and recycled.
- The Nova Scotia Examinations are secure. Under no circumstances is reproduction of any part of the examination permitted. This includes student work.

Eligibility, Absences, Exemptions, EAL Students and Adaptations

Eligibility – Mathematics 10

All students registered in Mathematics 10 and Mathematics 10 Pre-IB will write the NSE Mathematics 10 on the dates specified in the provincial assessment schedule. Students who are on Individual Program Plans relating to mathematics will not write the NSE Mathematics 10. These students will be evaluated using other forms of assessment as outlined in IPP documentation.

Absences on Examination Day

Students who are absent with a valid excuse on the examination day can write on an alternate day within the summative assessment period.

Exemptions

The principal, in consultation with the student and/or parent/guardian, may grant an exemption to an individual student in the case of illness, bereavement, or other exceptional circumstances. In such cases, the student's final grade will be determined by the Mathematics 10 teacher in consultation with the principal. Exceptional circumstances are determined on a case-by-case basis as professional judgement and consultation are required. Please note, exemptions are not granted on the basis of how challenging the examination might be for a particular student.

Students Learning English as an Additional Language (EAL Students)

Students learning English as an additional language are expected to participate in the NSE Mathematics 10. However, principals, in consultation with parents/guardians and the student may exempt a student if the student has been learning English for one year or less, or if completing the assessment would be deemed inappropriate given the student's current English language skills.

Students learning English as an additional language can use the full range of adaptations that are available to all students as long as they are documented in TIENET. In addition, they can use an electronic translator and/or a bilingual dictionary (paper or electronic) during the NSE Mathematics 10. Internet access can be provided for students using an electronic translator and/or bilingual dictionary. An electronic translator or dictionary must be used on a computer monitor large enough to be visible by the invigilating teacher.

Students learning English as an additional language can be given up to twice the allotted time for the examination with periodic, supervised breaks.

The use of an electronic translator or extra time does not need to be a documented adaptation in TIENET for EAL students.

Adaptations

Adaptations are strategies and/or resources to accommodate the learning needs of an individual student. They are planned, implemented, and evaluated with the goal of enabling a student to achieve the prescribed curriculum outcomes. Further information about adaptations may be found in the *Fact Sheet Series* documents on the Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at studentservices.ednet.ns.ca/document. Adaptations are documented in the student's cumulative records (the *Student Records Policy* is available online at studentservices.ednet.ns.ca/document).

It is important that the results of the examination accurately reflect what students know and can do independently in relation to learning outcomes. Adaptations used to support the student during classroom assessment should be available during the provincial examination. However, some adaptations may compromise or alter the validity of the examination. For example, if terms used on an assessment are explained to a student, this alters the validity of the examination since there is no evidence that the student has independently learned the concepts that are being assessed. Parents and guardians, through the program planning process, should be informed when an adaptation that has been provided to a student during his or her regular schoolwork is not acceptable on a provincial examination.

Adaptations made available to the student during the examination must be

- in place before the administration of the examination
- documented in TIENET
- communicated to parents/guardians through the program planning process.

The following is a description of adaptations that may be used during Nova Scotia Examinations.

Alternate Format
Alternate formats provided include large-print, black-and-white, and Braille versions of the examination as well as other formats on request. The adaptation must be documented in TIENET and the Request for Alternate Formats (NSA and NSE) form (https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/alternate-formats) must be completed by the deadline November 15 for first semester course examinations and April 1 for second semester or full-year course examinations.

Additional Time
Additional time can be given to a student during an examination if this adaptation has been documented in TIENET. A student eligible to receive an additional time adaptation can be given up to twice the allotted time for the examination with periodic, supervised breaks.

Alternate Setting
A student may complete any part of the examination in a setting different from that of the other students in the class if this is an adaptation documented in TIENET. The proctor must follow the guidelines for administration of the examination.

Assistive Technology
If assistive technology (e.g., text-to-speech, speech-to-text, word processor, writing software) is an adaptation documented in TIENET and used regularly in the classroom, it can be provided to a student during the examination.

Verbatim Scribing (See Appendix C)
A scribe may be made available to a student who has a scribe adaptation for assessments documented in TIENET. A student must use this adaptation on a regular basis in the classroom in order to be eligible for its use during the examination. A scribe may also be used in the case of physical injury that would limit a student's ability to write independently.

Verbatim Reading (See Appendix E for human reader; Appendix F for NSA-RA)
If verbatim reading is an adaptation documented in TIENET and used regularly in the classroom, it can be provided to a student during the examination.

Other
Adaptations documented in TIENET other than those listed above may be provided to students if these adaptations do not compromise the validity of the examination. These adaptations must be used by the student on a regular basis in the classroom.

If you have further questions regarding the use of adaptations during a Nova Scotia Assessment, please contact your Regional Assessment Lead. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development may contact the school for further clarification regarding the use of certain adaptations.

Scoring and Reporting

The NSE Mathematics 10 is scored by course teachers in order to provide the student with a mark on their report card. The exam weighting is 20% of the final course grade. Teachers are to strictly follow the scoring guide provided by the Department.

Procedures for requesting a re-score of a Nova Scotia Examination

The re-scoring of the NSE Mathematics 10 are the responsibility of the course teacher.

Exam Scoring Norms for Constructed Response

Solving problems by using mathematics is communicating your reasoning using a specialized language. Just as the English language has its grammatical conventions, the mathematics language has its own usage conventions.

Mathematics 10 students should be proficient in the use of mathematics language and the scoring norms reflect this necessary adherence to the conventions.

- Strict adherence to the marking guide is necessary unless a valid alternate method is used. In such cases, use your professional judgement in determining how points will be awarded.

- Deduct 0.5 point for each:
  → computational error;
  → transcriptional error;
  → rounding error (including not rounding to the specified precision).
  The above deductions cannot exceed half the value of a question. For example, if a question is worth 2 points, do not deduct more than 1 point for such errors.

- Deduct only once if the same error is repeated within a question. Note that for the purposes of this examination multi-part questions, for example 47(a) and 47(b), are considered separate questions.

- Where indicated in this guide, deduct 0.5 point if final answer does not include correct units.

- If a student makes an error in part (a) and uses this value in part (b), award full value for a correct part (b) based on the error from part (a).

Appendices

Appendix A: Mathematics 10 Data Sheets

	Measurement		
	Common Imperial	**Imperial and SI**	**SI**
Length	1 mile = 1760 yards 1 yard = 3 feet 1 foot = 12 inches	1 mile = 1.609 km 1 yard = 0.9144 m 1 foot = 30.48 cm 1 inch = 2.54 cm	1 km = 1000 m 1 m = 100 cm 1 cm = 10 mm
Common Abbreviations	mile ↔ mi. yard ↔ yd. feet ↔ ' or ft. inch ↔ " or in. ton ↔ tn. pound ↔ lb. ounce ↔ oz.		kilometre ↔ km metre ↔ m centimetre ↔ cm millimetre ↔ mm tonne (metric) ↔ t gram ↔ g

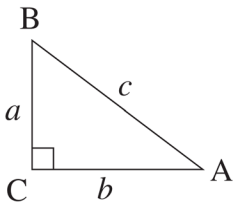
Trigonometry

Reminder: Put your calculator in degree mode.

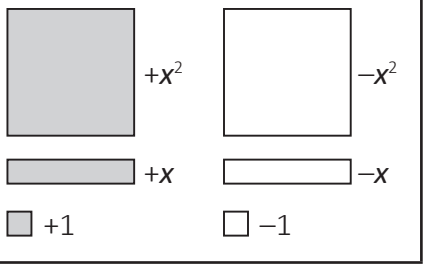
$$\sin\theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \qquad \cos\theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}} \qquad \tan\theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$$

Pythagorean Theorem

$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$



Math Tiles Legend



Linear Functions

Linear equations

$y = mx + b$

$Ax + By + C = 0$

$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

The slope of a line

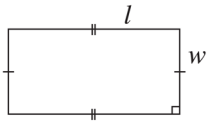
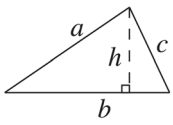
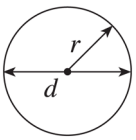
$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

distance = speed × time

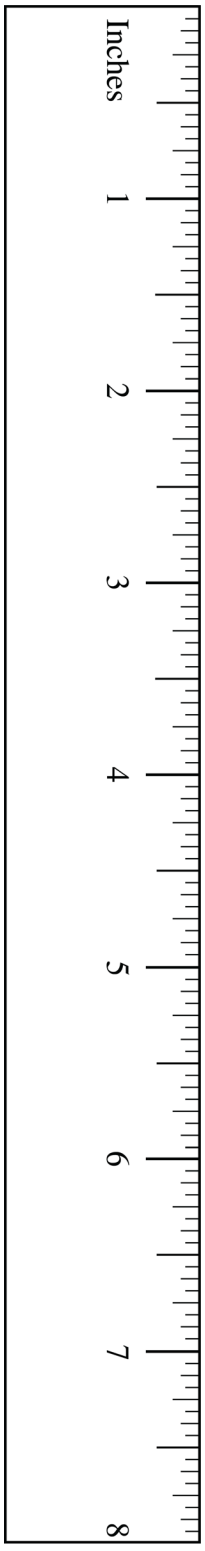
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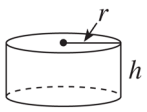
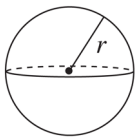
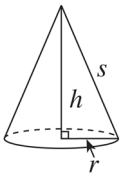
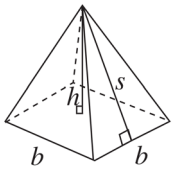
Midpoint : $\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}\right)$

Distance formula : $D = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$

Geometric Figure	Perimeter	Area
Rectangle 	$P = 2l + 2w$	$A = lw$
Triangle 	$P = a + b + c$	$A = \frac{bh}{2}$
Circle 	$C = 2\pi r$	$A = \pi r^2$

NOTE: Use the value of π programmed in your calculator rather than the approximation of 3.14.



Geometric Solid	Surface Area	Volume
Cylinder 	$SA = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi rh$	$V = (\text{area of base}) \times h$
Sphere 	$SA = 4\pi r^2$	$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$
Cone 	$SA = \pi r^2 + \pi rs$	$V = \frac{1}{3} \times (\text{area of base}) \times h$
Right Square-Based Pyramid 	$SA = 2bs + b^2$	$V = \frac{1}{3} \times (\text{area of base}) \times h$
General Right Prism	*SA* = the sum of the area of all the faces	$V = (\text{area of base}) \times h$
General Right Pyramid	*SA* = the sum of the area of all the faces	$V = \frac{1}{3} \times (\text{area of base}) \times h$

NOTE: Use the value of π programmed in your calculator rather than the approximation of 3.14.

Appendix B: List of Mathematical Terms and Concepts for Mathematics 10

Note: This is not meant to be an exhaustive list. Some key terms may have been introduced in earlier grades and as such may not be included in this list.

Measurement Unit

– acre
– acute angle
– acute triangle
– angle of depression
– angle of elevation
– angle of inclination
– apex
– base
– calipers
– capacity
– central angle
– circumference
– composite object
– cone
– congruent
– conversion factor
– corresponding angles
– corresponding lengths
– corresponding sides
– cosine ratio
– cubic units
– decagon
– diagonal
– diameter
– dimensions
– direct measurement
– displacement
– edge
– equilateral triangle
– face
– foot
– formula
– girth
– hectare
– height
– hemisphere
– hexagon
– hypotenuse
– imperial units
– inch
– indirect measurement
– isometric
– isosceles trapezoid
– isosceles triangle
– kite
– lateral area
– leg
– line segment
– mass
– metre (and associated units)
– mile
– net
– object
– obtuse triangle
– octagon
– parallelogram
– pentagon
– perimeter
– perpendicular
– pi
– polygon
– polyhedron
– primary trigonometric ratios
– prism
– proportion
– proportional reasoning
– Pythagorean theorem
– quadrilateral
– radius
– ratio
– rectangle
– rectangular prism
– rectangular pyramid
– referent
– regular polygon
– regular prism
– regular pyramid
– regular tetrahedron
– rhombus
– right angle
– right cone
– right cylinder
– right prism
– right pyramid
– right rectangular prism
– right rectangular pyramid
– right triangle
– scale factor
– SI system of measure
– similar polygons
– sine ratio
– slant height
– solving a triangle
– sphere
– square
– square units
– surface area
– tangent ratio
– tetrahedron
– three-dimensional
– trapezoid
– triangle
– triangular prism
– trigonometry
– two-dimensional
– unit analysis
– vertex
– volume
– yard

Algebra and Number Unit

– algebraic expression
– approximate
– bar notation
– base of a power
– binomial
– coefficient
– common factor
– common multiple
– composite number
– consecutive numbers
– constant term
– cube number
– cube root
– denominator
– difference of squares
– distributive property
– divisor
– entire radical
– equation
– equivalent
– expanding an expression
– exponent
– exponent laws
– expression
– factor
– factor tree
– factored fully
– factoring by decomposition
– fraction
– greatest common factor
– index
– irrational number
– least common multiple
– like terms
– mixed radical
– monomial
– multiple
– numerator
– percent
– perfect cube
– perfect square
– perfect square trinomial
– polynomial
– power
– prime factor
– prime factorization
– prime number
– radical
– radicand
– real number
– repeating decimal
– simplest form
– square number
– square root
– term
– terminating decimal
– trinomial
– variable

Relations and Functions Unit

– arrow diagram
– coincident lines
– coordinate axes
– coordinates
– dependent variable
– domain
– element
– equation
– equivalent systems
– expression
– function
– function notation
– general form
– horizontal axis
– horizontal intercept
– horizontal line
– independent variable
– infinite
– integers
– linear function
– linear relation
– linear system
– midpoint
– natural numbers
– negative reciprocals
– ordered pair
– origin
– parallel lines
– perpendicular
– point of intersection
– range
– rate of change
– relation
– rise
– run
– scale
– set
– slope
– slope-intercept form
– slope-point form
– solving by elimination
– solving by substitution
– standard form
– substituting into an equation
– systems of linear equations
– vertical intercept
– whole numbers
– x-axis
– x-coordinate
– x-intercept
– y-axis
– y-coordinate
– y-intercept

Financial Mathematics Unit

- best buy
- bonus
- buying rate
- Canada Pension Plan (CPP)
- commission
- contract
- currency
- currency exchange
- deductions
- Employment Insurance (EI)
- exchange rate
- Federal Income Tax
- foreign currency
- gross income
- gross pay
- hourly wage
- income
- net income
- net pay
- overtime
- piecework
- percentage decrease
- percentage increase
- proportional reasoning
- Provincial Income Tax
- purchasing rate
- salary
- selling rate
- shift premium
- time and a half
- tips
- union dues
- unit price
- wage

Appendix C: Verbatim Scribing Adaptation Information

This adaptation provides writing assistance to a student

- who has a documented scribe adaptation for assessments and examinations, and
- who normally has forms of assessment scribed, or
- who has a temporary condition (such as a broken arm) and is unable to write

A student requiring a scribe must complete the examination in a separate quiet area so that other students are not disturbed. The scribe should be an educator from the school or the school region.

The scribe must

- write by hand or type exactly what the student dictates. Handwritten transcriptions must be made directly in the booklet. Typed transcriptions must include the student's name and student number and be inserted inside the front cover of the student's examination booklet. Do not use staples or paper clips. Once a hard copy has been printed, the computer file must be deleted.
- show the student the transcription, after the student has finished dictating their work
- make any modifications the student requests (the scribe may erase, cross out or insert the student's corrections)
- fill in the circles on selected-response questions, as directed by the student
- read the dictation back to the student, if requested

The scribe must not

- edit or alter the student's dictation in any way without student request
- alert the student to mistakes
- prompt the student in any way
- initiate the use of test-taking strategies
- show any reaction to the student's responses
- correct the student's responses or computations
- engage in incidental conversation with the student or others during the administration of the examination

The student must complete the examination in the allotted time, unless additional time is a documented adaptation used regularly in classroom assessment by the student. All adaptations used during the examination must be recorded on the back cover of the student's examination booklet.

Appendix D: Human Reader Adaptation Information

This adaptation provides reading assistance for the examination to a student

- who has a documented reader adaptation for assessments and
- who normally has forms of assessment read verbatim

The reader should be an educator from the school or the region/CSAP. A student requiring a reader must complete the examination in a separate quiet area so that other students writing the examination are not disturbed.

The reader must

- read the examination verbatim (exactly as it appears in the examination)
- be aware of and obey all punctuation
- without leading the student, read in such a way that the student understands the use and purpose of punctuation, including the beginning and the end of each sentence
- repeat readings as often as necessary and read consistently in the same way each time

The reader must not

- add emphasis, inflection, or read in such a way as to prompt or guide the student
- ask leading questions, provide suggestions, provide interpretations, or word definitions of any kind
- alert the student to mistakes
- prompt the student in any way
- initiate the use of test-taking strategies
- show any reaction to the student's responses
- correct the student's responses or computations
- engage in incidental conversation with the student or others during the administration of the examination

The student must complete the examination in the allotted time, unless additional time is a documented adaptation used regularly in classroom assessment by the student. All adaptations used during the examination must be recorded on the back cover of the student's examination booklet.

Appendix E: How to clear the memory on graphing calculators (TI-82, TI-83, TI-83PLUS, TI-84, TI-84PLUS)

All memory should be cleared from the calculators before students write the examination. Teachers must follow the following steps:

→ To clear the memory, turn the calculator 'ON'.

→ Press 2nd +

→ Select reset.

→ Press ENTER twice.

→ Select reset.

→ Press ENTER

Note, the screen should display DONE, RAM Cleared, or MEMORY Cleared.

Appendix F: Nova Scotia Examination: Read-aloud (NSA-RA) Platform

Overview: The Nova Scotia Assessment: Read-aloud (NSA-RA) Platform provides an audio recording of provincial assessments or examinations to a student who has a read-aloud adaptation for assessments documented in TIENET, and who normally has forms of assessment read-aloud using technology. We recognize the realities and variances that technology presents; therefore, if students have any access issues, or technical glitches, we recommend a back-up plan for a human reader or teachers can provide students with access to the examination audio files available in the Educators Portal (GNSPES login required). Any copies of the read-aloud audio files created for administration purposes must be deleted from all locations.

Eligibility Criteria: For Mathematics 10, students must meet eligibility criteria listed below.

- TIENET includes documented adaptation that confirms that the read-aloud adaptation is in current use during the instructional and assessment activities.
- Parent or guardian and student are aware of and in support of this request for the read-aloud adaptation for the examination.

Registration: Classroom teachers are to register their students who require access to the NSA-RA, and who meet the Eligibility Criteria (outlined above). Please note:

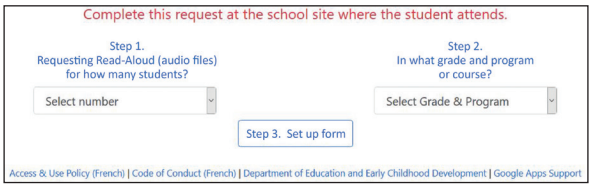
- the NSA-RA registration must be done at the school site; the registration process tests the school IP address to ensure the school IP will work during the NSA-RA access dates.
- only students who have been registered for the NSA-RA will be able to access the audio files. Teachers are not to register their own username for the NSA-RA because access is only for student GNSPES user logins.

Registration is available online (https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/alternate-formats) and open as outlined below:

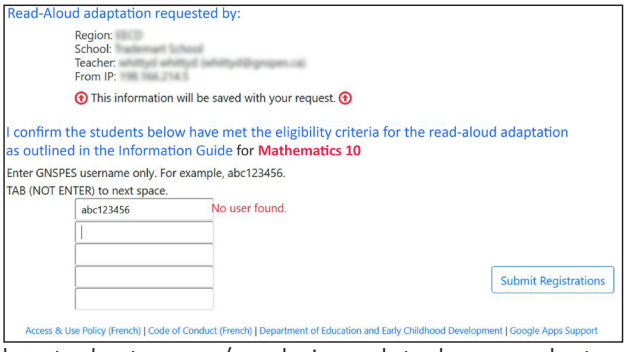
NSA-RA Registration Dates	2026-2027 Nova Scotia Examinations
March 1 – May 1	Nova Scotia Examination: Mathematics 10-June Examens de la Nouvelle-Écosse : Mathématiques 10 – juin

Registration Instructions: Classroom teachers will need to complete the following steps:

1. Select the **number of students** you are requesting read-aloud (audio files) for. (You can register up to 10 students at a time; if you have more than 10 students, complete the registration a second time.)



2. Select the **course** you are registering students for. Complete the registration a second time if registering more than 10 students or for registering for another course.
3. Click "**Set up form**".
4. Ensure that students meet the eligibility criteria for the read-aloud adaptation as outlined in the corresponding Nova Scotia Examination Information Guide.



5. Enter the student **GNSPES user IDs** for the students you are registering; use "**TAB**" key to move to the next field. Enter the username only (for example, abc123456; do not include @gnspes.ca; enter student user IDs only, do not enter teacher usernames; when you press "tab" the student name/grade is updated, or an alert indicating that the username is not recognized appears which means the username needs to be verified before submitting the registration.)
6. Click "**Submit Registrations**".

Audio Access Dates: Below are the dates that test audio and examination audia will be available to students on the NSA-RA. It is recommended that students access the "test audio" prior to examination date so that they become familiar with the NSA-RA platform; the NSA-RA is only available from school site IP addresses from Monday through Friday during access dates.

2026-2027 Nova Scotia Examinations	NSR-RA Platform Test Audio Access Dates	NSR-RA Platform Examination Access Date
Mathematics 10 – June	June 7 - June 21, 2027	June 23, 2027
Mathématiques 10 – Juin	June 7 - June 21, 2027	June 23, 2027

Access Information and User Instructions: It is important for teachers to review the following information and instructions so they can show students where to access the NSA-RA on the Google Landing Page.

- It is recommended that students access the NSA-RA "test audio" prior to examination date so that they become familiar with the NSA-RA platform and ensure they can access the audio files; if there are any issues loading the NSA-RA on your computer, try a different browser (i.e. Chrome).
- Students are encouraged to use the NSA-RA per usual classroom practice (i.e. using headphones or earbuds in the classroom as opposed to relocating to another area in the school).
- NSA-RA is only available from school site IP addresses from Monday through Friday during access dates.
- The NSA-RA icon will be available on a registered student's GNSPES landing page according to the scheduled access dates outlined on the previous page.
- Recognizing the realities and variances that technology present, if students have any access issues, or technical glitches, a back-up plan for a human reader is recommended.

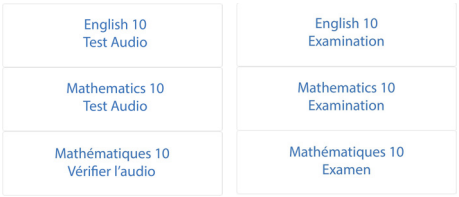
Step 1: Instruct student(s) to log into GNSPES (gnspes.ca) with their student username and password.



Step 2: On the GNSPES landing page, have student(s) click on the NSA-RA icon which is located in the "Classroom" block.

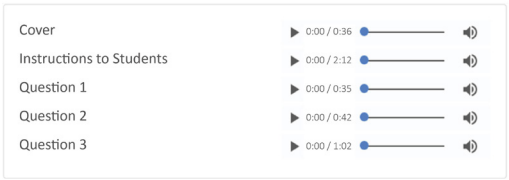


Step 3: Instruct student(s) to click on the block to access the audio files required for the test audio or the examination being completed (see images on the right).



Note: a student will only see one set of test audio regardless of the number of NSA-RA examinations for which they have been registered.

On the day of the examination instruct student(s) to click on the "Play" button (▶) .to play the audio file for each page of their booklet; students can click on the pause button (⏸) to stop an audio. Students can also slide the blue dot to the left to replay a section or to the right to skip ahead.



Audio files are displayed in the order of the booklet. Audio files include the page number and the file name (see images on the right).

Troubleshooting

NSA-RA Access Issues	Trouble shooting suggestions
GNSPES address	If https://gnspes.ca does not work, try https://www.ednet.ns.ca
NSA-RA audio access dates/times	Test audio files are available prior to the examination administration (see Access Dates section) between the hours of 8:00 am-3:00 pm. Note: Even if a student is registered for multiple NSA-RA examinations (e.g., E10 and M10), test audio will be available for practice in only one subject before the examinations. Examination audio files are available during examination administration dates (see Access Dates section) between the hours of 8:00 am-3:00 pm. The NSA-RA is only available from school site IP addresses.
Icon is not on the student's landing page  	**GNSPES ACCOUNT** The NSA-RA icon is available on the student's landing page in the "Classroom" block. Ensure that the student is logged into THEIR account, not a guest account. Log out of GNSPES, and log back in to GNSPES. In Chrome, check which account is logged in by clicking on the circle icon/picture on the top right of the browser, and select "sign out". **BROWSER** The recommended browser is Google Chrome browser; however, try another browser such as Edge, Mozilla, etc. **DEVICE** If the device the student is using is not working, try another device. **IP ADDRESS** The NSA-RA only works at school site IP addresses which would be tested by registered students during the NSA-RA Test Audio dates/ times. If you need to confirm school site/school IP, go to http://whatismyip.com.
Still can't make it work, now what?	refer to the Verbatim Reading section on page 17 for other options