

Nova Scotia Examination: English 10
2025–2026 Semester 1 Key Information & Resources

Overview: The Nova Scotia Examination: English 10 examination is written at the end of the course, in two one-hour sessions during regular class time on January 26 and 27, 2026. The examination consists of four reading/viewing passages with 35 multiple-choice questions and one persuasive writing task.

The NSE English 10 is scored by course teachers using the provided Marking Guide. The examination represents 20% of the final course grade.




Adaptations: Any adaptations provided to a student during the examination must have been provided to the student throughout the course, must be documented in TIENET, and must not compromise the validity of the examination. Refer to the NSE Information Guide for further details.

Please note: The Nova Scotia Read-aloud (NSA-RA) platform will not be available for English 10. Read-aloud audio files are available via USB stick – no registration is required, and *each school* will automatically receive two USB sticks (one for each day of the examination). Schools are responsible for coordinating student access and ensuring appropriate supervision during the examination.

Support documents and resources: Additional information is available on the Program of Learning Assessment for Nova Scotia website (<https://plans.ednet.ns.ca/english10/documents>) including the Information Guide, Sample Questions, and Lessons Learned.

- **Information Guide** – important information about NSE: English 10
- **Sample Questions** – sample tasks for students and an annotated Marking Guide for teachers
- **Lessons Learned** – teaching resources based on past student performance on NSE: English 10

Important Dates

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| <div>September 2– December 19</div> <div></div> | Administrators, Teachers (Classroom, Learning Support, Resource, Learning Centre) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request Alternate Formats (e.g., enlarged print, black and white) for eligible students.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Finalize this document in TIENET by December 19.◦ User guide: ednet.ns.ca/inschool.◦ For more information, see the E10 Information Guide. |
| <div>January 12–16</div> <div></div> | School Assessment Coordinator | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Receive and verify contents of school packages through Canada Post.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ If packages have not arrived by January 17, check with your local Canada Post outlet or call 1.888.550.6333, then contact the Assessment Division at 902.424.7746 or plans@novascotia.ca. |
| | Teacher, Administrator, School Assessment Coordinator | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Become familiar with the procedures outlined in the E10 Information Guide. |
| <div>January 26 & 27</div> <div></div> | Teacher | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Administer English 10 examinations.<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ The duration of the examination is 2 hours, split over two one-hour class periods on January 26 and 27.◦ The examination will be administered and scored by classroom teachers per usual practice. The examination will not be scored provincially.◦ Examination materials must not 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 examination materials are to be kept secure. Reproduction of any of the examination materials is prohibited.