

Unity Secondary School

2026 MTL Preliminary Exam Assessment Plan Overview for Secondary 4/5

Dates for MTL Prelim Exam written papers:

- GCE O-level MTL Preliminary Exam (including MTLB but excluding HMTL): 24 Apr 2026 (Fri)
- GCE N-level MTL Preliminary Exam: 27 Jul – 4 Aug 2026
- GCE O-level MTL Preliminary Exam (only for HMTL): 20 Aug – 2 Sep 2026

Subject		Exp/SBB	NA/SBB	NT
Mother Tongue (CL, ML and TL)	Content/ skills	Paper 1 Writing skills Paper 2 Vocabulary and reading comprehension skills Paper 3 Oral and Listening comprehension skills	Paper 1 Writing skills Paper 2 Vocabulary and reading comprehension skills Paper 3 Oral and Listening comprehension skills	Paper 1 Writing skills Paper 2 Vocabulary and reading comprehension skills Paper 3 Oral and Listening comprehension skills
	Format of Assessment	Paper 1 (60m) Duration: 2hr Paper 2 (70m) Duration: 1hr 30min Paper 3: Oral (50m) Duration: 15min Paper 3: Listening comprehension (20m) Duration: 45 min	Paper 1 (60m) Duration: 2hr Paper 2 (60m) - e-Exam Duration: 1hr 30min Paper 3: Oral (60m) Duration: 15min Paper 3: Listening comprehension (20m) Duration: 45 min	Paper 1 (10m) - e-Exam Duration: 30min Paper 2 (25m) - e-Exam Duration: 40min Paper 3: Oral (45m) Duration: 15min Paper 3: Listening comprehension (20m) Duration: 30 min
Higher Mother Tongue (HCL, HML, HTL)	Content/ skills	Paper 1 Writing skills Paper 2 Vocabulary and reading comprehension skills		

		Paper 3 Oral	
	Format of Assessment	Paper 1 (80m) Duration: 2hr Paper 2 (80m) Duration: 1hr 45min Paper 3: Oral (40m) Duration: 15min	
Mother Tongue Syllabus B (CLB, MLB, TLB)	Content/ skills	Paper 1 Writing skills Paper 2 Language usage and reading comprehension skills Paper 3 Oral and Listening comprehension skills	
	Format of Assessment	Paper 1 (20m) Duration: 50min Paper 2 (30m) Duration: 1hr Paper 3: Oral (30m) Duration: 15min Paper 3: Listening comprehension (20m) Duration: 30 min	