

## Changes to the 2011/12 Provincial Examination Specifications

During the summer of 2011, the Ministry of Education will post the updated **Provincial Examination Specifications for the 2011/12** school year at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/)

The 2011/12 examination specifications remain unchanged with the exception of the following:

- **Français langue seconde - Immersion 12:** For written-response question 1 (Question à développement) there are adjustments to the format of the question, the required length and the instructions to students. Students have to answer question 1 (Question à développement) in paragraph-form.

For written-response question 2 (Commentaire littéraire – formerly Commentaire sur un texte) there are adjustments to the type of question, the format, the required word length and the instructions to students. Adjustments to the scoring rubric for question 2 (Commentaire littéraire) have also been made.

For written-response question 3 (Composition), adjustments to the scoring rubric have been made. Additional sample composition topics will be posted over the summer.

- **BC First Nations Studies 12:** there have been some additions made to the word list.
- **Science 10:** Effective September 2011, the prescribed learning outcomes which cover the Energy Transfer in Natural Systems sub-organizer, will no longer be examined on the Science 10 provincial examination.

The Science 10 table of specifications, along with the two sample and the two released exams will be posted on the website, to reflect this change.

Teachers should familiarize themselves with the Examination Calculator Policy located at [www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/](http://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/exams/specs/) Specifics of this policy may change throughout the school year. **It is important to check this website at the beginning of each semester.**

In the 2011/12 school year, a number of examinations will be available in electronic format only. For further information, please see the examination schedule posted in the *2011/12 Handbook of Procedures for the Graduation Program* due for release in the summer of 2011.

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