

To
pupils in year 9 of upper secondary school
or in year 10 of special school

National tests

Hi!

You are receiving this letter because during this school year you will be completing the national tests in Swedish and Swedish as a second language, English, mathematics and one of the subjects biology, physics or chemistry as well as one of the subjects geography, history, religion or social sciences.

The purpose of the national tests is to give your teachers support in assessing your knowledge. The curricula for the different subjects form the basis of the content and formulation of the test. Your results in the national test form part of the total assessment which leads to providing you with as fair a final grade as possible.

The tests have been developed and constructed at several of the country's universities on behalf of the National Agency for Education. The tasks in the tests have been tested at many different schools around the country. Pupils and teachers have had the opportunity of giving their views, which have been taken into account when the tests were created.

Your teachers in the respective subjects will inform you of the test date, assessment and anything else concerning the test.

Swedish and Swedish as a second language

The national test in Swedish and Swedish as a second language is made up of three parts.

Test part A is a verbal test where you are assessed in three parts: presentation of a content, leading a discussion and taking part in a discussion. The basis of your presentation and the following discussion will be a brief text, a picture or a movie clip. In *test part B*, you will be able to show your abilities in reading different types of texts. On the test day you will receive a paper and approximately 20 questions concerning the texts in the paper. You start by reading the paper and the questions are given afterwards. *Test part C* tests your skills in writing about a given subject. You are given three different tasks to choose from.

English

In the national test in English you will be demonstrating your skills in using English numbers and writing and your understanding of written and spoken English. *Test part A* is a verbal task in which you must demonstrate your skills in discussing and speaking. In *test part B* you must primarily demonstrate your skills in reading and understanding, as well as listening and understanding. *Test part C* is a written task in which you must demonstrate your skills at writing a coherent text in English.

Mathematics

The national test in mathematics consists of four parts. *Test part A* tests your skills in following and conducting a mathematical argument. You are also given the opportunity to test the explanations and arguments of others.

Test part B consists of tasks to be solved without using digital tools and formula sheets. For some of the tasks you must describe your solutions and for others you just give the answers. *Test part C* consists of a more comprehensive task of a more investigative nature where you must describe your solution. *Test part D* consists of several tasks where you must describe your solutions. The tasks are usually on one theme.

Biology, physics or chemistry

All the pupils at your school complete the national test in the same subject. You will be told which test is to be completed at your school approximately three weeks before the test date.

In *test part A1*, the theoretical part, you must use your knowledge to describe and explain scientific connections. In *test part A2* you must use your knowledge of biology, physics or chemistry to investigate information, communicate and come to a decision on issues concerning health, energy, technology, the environment, use of natural resources and ecological sustainability. In *test part A3* you must plan an investigation. In *test part B*, the laboratory test, you must complete an investigation and draw conclusions from the result.

Geography, history, religion or social sciences

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Both *test part A* and *test part B* are written tests which assess in different ways the abilities described in the various curricula.

Where can you find more information?

More information regarding the national subject tests can be found on the website of the National Agency for Education

www.skolverket.se/bedomning

You can also find links to examples of tasks from the test.

Contact the National Agency for Education

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