

Distribution of Exam Questions (Compulsory Part)

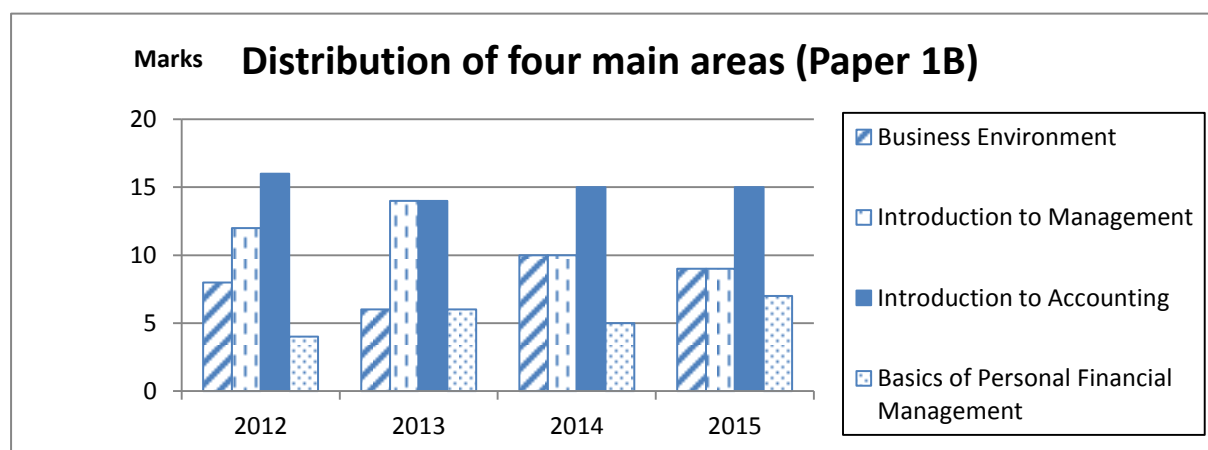
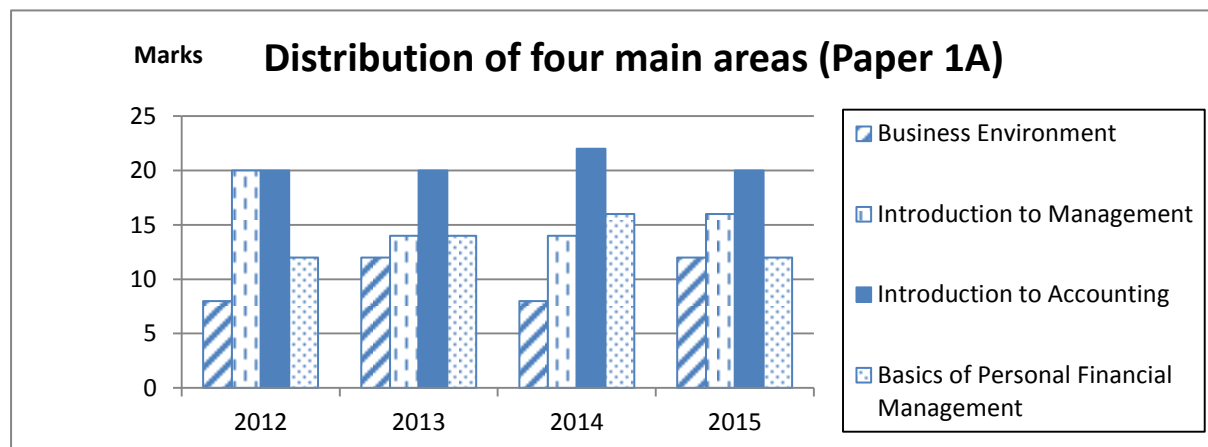
Assessment framework

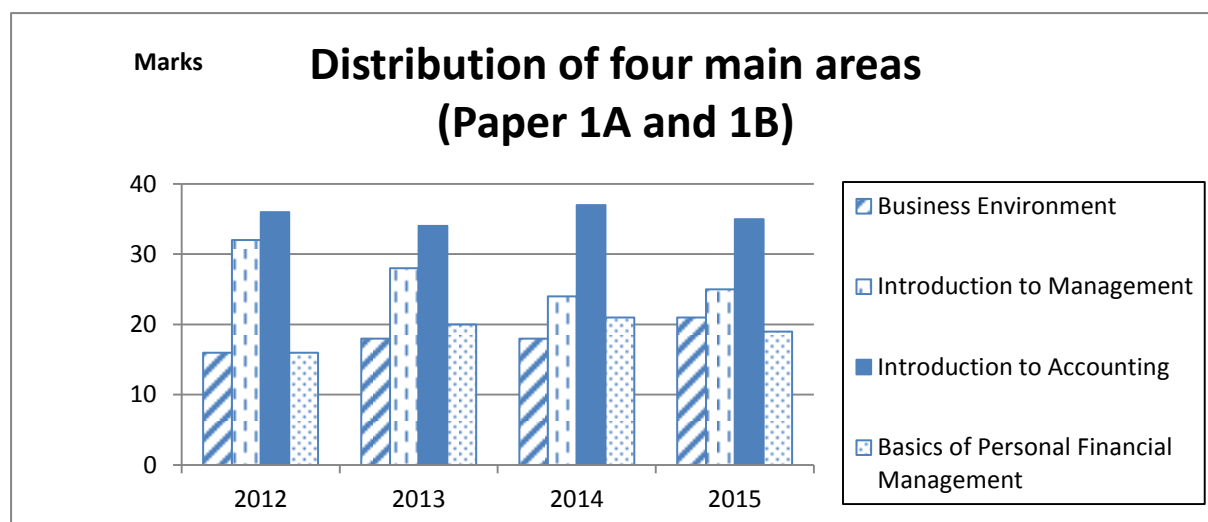
There are four main areas in the curriculum. According to the *Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Curriculum and Assessment Guide*, the Suggested percentage of lesson time of each main area (compulsory part) are as follows:

Main areas (Compulsory part)	Suggested percentage of lesson time (%) (For 2016 HKDSE & onwards)
Business Environment	20%
Introduction to Management	22.5%
Introduction to Accounting	37.5%
Basics of Personal Financial Management	20%

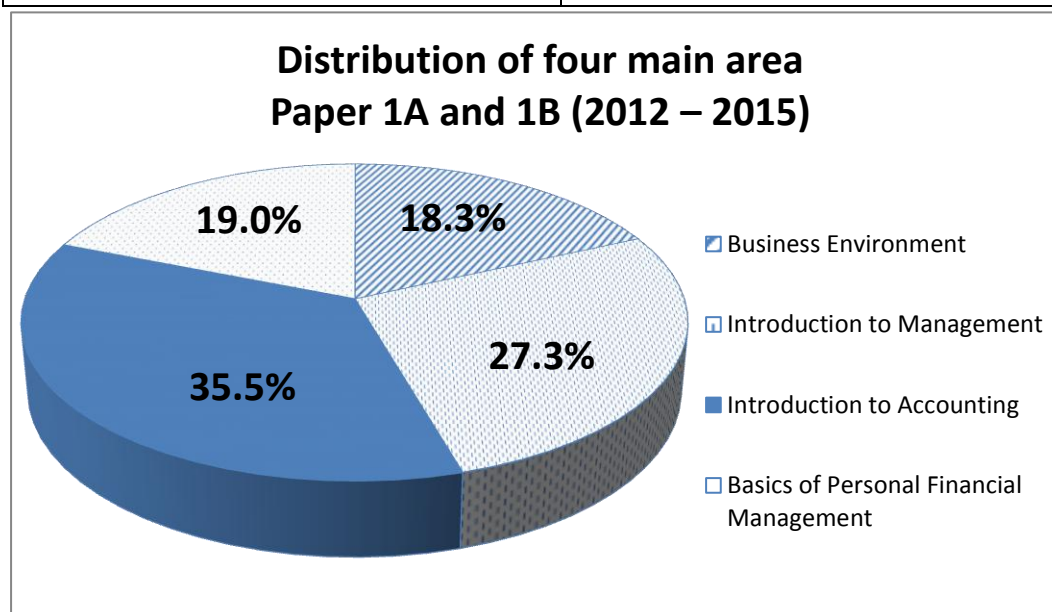
The weight of each main area in public examination may not equal to the suggested percentage of lesson time. Teachers may refer the following charts for actual distribution of four main areas in past public examination when planning the actual time allocation.

Distribution of four main areas in past public examination





Main areas	Total marks for Paper 1A and Paper 1B in 2012 – 2015
Business Environment	73 (18.25%)
Introduction to Management	109 (27.25%)
Introduction to Accounting	142 (35.5%)
Basics of Personal Financial Management	76 (19%)



Analysis

The distribution of marks in each area is close to the suggested percentage of lesson time. *Introduction to Accounting* carries the largest weight (35.5%) while *Business Environment* carries the smallest weight (18.25%).

However, the weight of *Introduction to Management* (27.25%) is significantly greater than suggested percentage of lesson time (22.5%). Teachers may allocate more time on *Introduction to Management* to help students to be better prepared for public examination.

Distribution of past public examination by chapters

The following table shows the past examination question that are related to our textbook.

Only those questions that are relevant to 2016 HKDSE and onwards are included.

Business Environment					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Ch1 Hong Kong Business Environment	P1A: Q.10, 11 P1B: Q.6b (4)	P1A: Q.12, 16, 22 P1B: Q.2 (6)	P1A: Q.15, 30 P1B: Q.5c (1)	P1A: Q.16, 22, 26 P1B: Q.1b (4)	P1A: 10 P1B: 15
Ch2 Forms of Business Ownership	P1A: Q.12 P1B: Q.7a (4)	P1A: Q.1, 5	P1A: Q.1 P1B: Q.1 (5)	P1A: Q.1, 27 P1B: Q.5b (1), 5c (4)	P1A: 6 P1B: 14
Ch3 Business Ethics and Social Responsibilities			P1A: Q.3 P1B: Q.5b (4)	P1A: Q.2	P1A: 2 P1B: 4

Introduction to Management					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Ch4 Management Functions	P1A: Q.1, 6, 19 P1B: Q.7b (4)	P1A: Q.4, 8 P1B: Q.6 (6), 7 (5)	P1A: Q.17, 21 P1B: Q.2a (3), 6b (5)	P1A: Q.3, 6, 24 P1B: Q.1a (4), 4b (1), 4c (4)	P1A: 10 P1B: 32
Ch5 Key Business Functions	P1A: Q.15 P1B: Q.2 (4)	P1A: Q.13 P1B: Q.4 (3)	P1A: Q.25 P1B: Q.2b (2)	P1A: Q.13, 21	P1A: 5 P1B: 9
Ch6 Small and Medium Enterprises	P1A: Q.4, 8, 23, 29	P1A: Q.11, 23	P1A: Q.6, 22	P1A: Q.11	P1A: 9 P1B: 0

Teachers may refer to the above questions when teaching the Compulsory part — *New Horizon Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Business Environment and Introduction to Management.*

Introduction to Accounting					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Ch1 The Fundamentals of Accounting	P1A: Q.14, 20, 25 P1B: Q.1 (6)	P1A: Q.30	P1A: Q.14, 20	P1A: Q.15	P1A: 7 P1B: 6
Ch2 The Double Entry System	P1A: Q.16	P1A: Q.28	P1A: Q.29	P1A: Q.18, 23, 25	P1A: 6 P1B: 0
Ch3 The Trial Balance	P1A: Q.3, 17	P1A: Q.18	P1A: Q.10 P1B: Q.3b (2)	P1A: Q.7	P1A: 5 P1B: 2
Ch4 Income Statement	P1A: Q.2	P1A: Q.14, 19	P1A: Q.18 P1B: Q.6a (5)	P1A: Q.10 P1B: Q.5a (5)	P1A: 5 P1B: 10
Ch5 Statement of Financial Position	P1B: Q.5a (5)		P1A: Q.26 P1B: Q.5a (5)	P1A: Q.14 P1B: Q.4a (5)	P1A: 2 P1B: 15

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Ch6 Accounting Assumptions, Principles and Conventions	P1B: Q.6a (3)	P1A: Q.10 P1B: Q.3 (6)	P1A: Q.5, 16	P1B: Q.2a (2), 2b (3)	P1A: 3 P1B: 14
Ch7 Basic Ratio Analysis	P1A: Q.22, 27 P1B: Q.5b (2)	P1A: Q.9, 26, 27	P1A: Q.9, 11, 19	P1A: Q.29, 30	P1A: 10 P1B: 2

Teachers may refer to the above questions when teaching the Compulsory part — *New Horizon Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Introduction to Accounting*.

Basics of Personal Financial Management					
	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Ch1 Time Value of Money	P1A: Q.9, 26	P1A: Q.15, 24	P1A: Q.13 P1B: Q.4a (2)	P1A: Q.17	P1A: 6 P1B: 2
Ch2 Consumer Credit	P1A: Q.21	P1B: Q.1 (6)	P1A: Q.8, 28	P1A: Q.8	P1A: 4 P1B: 6
Ch3 Personal Financial Planning and Investment	P1A: Q.5 P1B: Q.3 (4)	P1A: Q.6, 25	P1A: Q.4, 27 P1B: Q.4b (3)	P1A: Q.20, 28 P1B: Q.3a (4)	P1A: 7 P1B: 11
Ch4 Stock Trading as an Investment					

Teachers may refer to the above questions when teaching the Compulsory part — *New Horizon Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Basics of Personal Financial Management*.

Analysis

Different chapter of each main area carries different weight. Some chapters are more important.

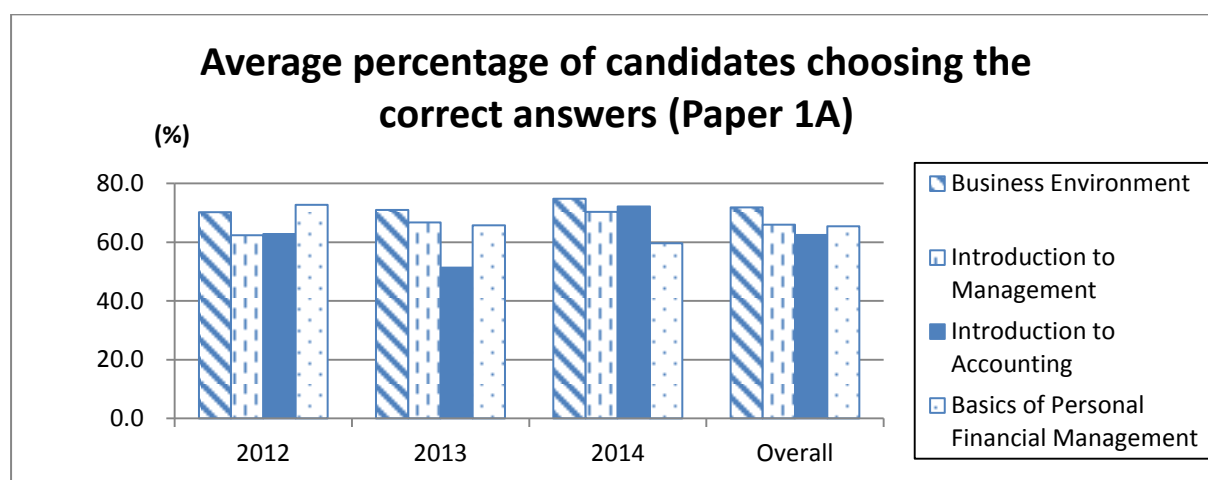
Main area	Most important chapter(s)
Business Environment	Ch1 Hong Kong Business Environment
Introduction to Management	Ch4 Management Functions
Introduction to Accounting	Ch4-5 Financial Statements Ch7 Basic Ratio Analysis
Basics of Personal Financial Management	Ch3 Personal Financial Planning and Investment

For the Chapter 4 of *New Horizon Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Basics of Personal Financial Management*, Stock Trading as an Investment, is added to the syllabus after the curriculum was revised in 2013, which is effective for 2016 DSE examination and onwards. Therefore there is no relevant past examination question in 2012 – 2015 DSE.

Average percentage of candidates choosing the correct answers (Paper 1A)

We can also calculate the average percentage of candidates choosing the correct answers in Paper 1A multiple-choice questions for each main area.

	2012	2013	2014	Overall
Business Environment	70.3%	71.0%	74.8%	71.9%
Introduction to Management	62.4%	66.7%	70.3%	66.0%
Introduction to Accounting	62.8%	51.4%	72.2%	62.5%
Basics of Personal Financial Management	72.7%	65.7%	59.6%	65.4%



Analysis

By analysing the average percentage of candidates choosing the correct answers, we find that candidates generally perform better in Business Environment. It is because the questions are usually more factual and direct. However, the multiple-choice questions of Introduction to Accounting and Basics of Personal Financial Management require more calculation. As a result, the general performance of these two main areas is not as good as others.

Teachers may emphasises on chapters that requires complicated calculation. For example, Basic Ratio Analysis of *New Horizon Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Introduction to Accounting* and Time Value of Money of *New Horizon Business, Accounting and Financial Studies Basics of Personal Financial Management*.