



Are you ready for the 2015 Science & Technology Exam?

So what's this document for?

This document is designed to help you get prepared for the Secondary 4 Science & Technology exam.

Often parents and teachers will ask you 'Are you ready for the exam?'. Normally it is quite a difficult question to answer. That's where this document can help you.

This document is made up of a list of statements that you can use to assess which area(s) require more study. Simply read and reflect on each statement and decide whether or not you can place a checkmark in the 'yes' or 'not yet' column.

So, what if I'm NOT ready?

Don't panic! Knowing that there are some areas that require more work is a good thing as it gives you chance to do something about it and get better prepared.

The first and best resource is always your teacher; ask him/her for some extra explanations/help/resources. There are some additional resources, however, that you can use.

Log in to the [LEARN](#) website to access the following resources:

- * [Success Checker](#) provides multiple choice questions to help check your knowledge
- * [SOS LEARN](#) offers live on-line tutorials

Log in to the [LBPSB Portal](#) and click on the General resources tab to access:

- * Discovery Education, which contains many videos that can explain certain concepts
- * Edumedia, which contains videos and interactive simulations that can explain certain concepts

If your teacher has signed you up for the [Explore Learning](#) web site you can use the 'Gizmo' simulations to reinforce your learning.

What this document isn't . . .

This document is designed to help you prepare for the exam and give you an idea of which area(s) of the curriculum you need to focus on.

In the exam itself you will need to be able to APPLY these concepts in new situations and contexts, so simply having the knowledge isn't necessarily enough. For this reason, placing a checkmark in every 'Yes' box may NOT guarantee that you will "ace" the exam. However, your chances of success will greatly improve

EARTH & SPACE

	Yes	Not Yet
Lithosphere: Permafrost		
I can define permafrost as <i>'a layer of permanently frozen soil'</i>		
I can explain and interpret some of the consequences of a rise in temperature in the permafrost		
Biogeochemical Cycles: Carbon cycle		
I can describe transformations related to the circulation of carbon in the environment		
I understand the role that photosynthesis and respiration play in the carbon cycle		
Hydrosphere: Catchment Area		
I can define a catchment area as <i>'a territory surrounding a waterway'</i>		
I can describe and interpret some of the impacts of human activity on the waterways in a catchment area		
Hydrosphere: Salinity		
I can define salinity as <i>'a measure of the quantity of salt in a solution'</i>		
I can describe the influence of salinity on the density of a solution		
Hydrosphere: Ocean Circulation		
I can describe the factors that affect the circulation of surface currents and deep currents		
I can describe the role of thermohaline circulation on global climate regulation		
Hydrosphere: Glacier and Pack Ice		
I can explain the differences between glaciers and ice floes		
I can describe the impacts of the melting of glaciers and ice floes		



EARTH & SPACE *(continued)*

	Yes	Not Yet
Atmosphere: Greenhouse Effect		
I can describe the greenhouse effect		
I can explain and interpret some of the consequences of a higher concentration of greenhouse gases		
Renewable and Non-Renewable Energy Resources		
I can describe technologies used to produce electricity using the energy resources in the lithosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere		
I can describe the main impact of the use of energy resources in the lithosphere, hydrosphere and atmosphere		

THE MATERIAL WORLD

	Yes	Not Yet
Properties of Solutions: Concentration		
I can determine the concentration of an aqueous solution (g/L, percentage or ppm)		
Properties of Solutions: pH Scale		
I can describe the pH scale (acidity, alkalinity, neutrality, increasing and decreasing values, logarithmic nature of the scale)		
I can determine the pH of a few common substances		
Properties of Solutions: Ions		
I can describe the concept of ion		
Properties of Solutions: Electrical Conductivity		
I can describe the mechanism that allows aqueous solutions to conduct electricity (electrolytic dissolution of a solute, formation of mobile ions)		
Chemical Changes: Combustion		
I can describe the recognizable manifestations of rapid combustion		
I can explain a combustion reaction using the fire triangle		
Chemical Changes: Photosynthesis and Respiration		
I can represent the photosynthesis reaction in a balanced equation		
I can represent the respiration reaction in a balanced equation		
Chemical Changes: Acid-Base Neutralization Reaction		
I can give examples of acid-base neutralization reactions		
I can name the products (salt and water) formed during acid-base neutralization reactions		
I can recognize an acid-base neutralization reaction from its equation		



THE MATERIAL WORLD *(continued)*

	Yes	Not Yet
Chemical Changes: Law of Conservation of Mass		
I can describe the law of conservation of mass during a chemical reaction		
I can represent the conservation of mass using the particle model		
Chemical Changes: Balancing Chemical Equations		
I can balance chemical equations		
Organization of Matter: Groups and Periods in the Periodic Table		
I can locate the groups and periods in the periodic table		
I can describe the common characteristics of a group		
I know that the number of electron shells in an element is the same as the number of its period		
Organization: Rutherford-Bohr Atomic Model		
I can describe the Rutherford-Bohr atomic model		
I can represent atoms using the Rutherford-Bohr model		
Electricity and Electromagnetism: Electrical Charge		
I understand that different particles have different charges i.e. that a proton has a positive charge, a neutron has neutral (no) charge and an electron has a negative charge		
I understand that two objects with similar electrical charges will repel each other and that two objects with opposite electrical charges will attract each other		



THE MATERIAL WORLD *(continued)*

	Yes	Not Yet
Electricity and Electromagnetism: Static Electricity		
I can describe static electricity as the transfer of electrons from one body to another		
Electricity and Electromagnetism: Ohm's Law		
I explain the relationship between voltage, resistance and current intensity in an electrical circuit		
I can use the equation ($V = RI$) to calculate voltage, resistance and current intensity in an electrical circuit (I can use Ohm's law in calculations)		
Electricity and Electromagnetism: Electrical Circuits		
I can describe the function of different components of an electrical circuit		
I can identify the two main types of electrical circuits (series, parallel)		
I can describe the differences between alternating and direct current		
I can represent a simple electrical circuit using a diagram and appropriate symbols		
Electricity and Electromagnetism: Relationship between Power and Electrical Energy		
I understand the relationship between power, voltage and current intensity		
I can use the equation $P = VI$ to calculate power, voltage and current intensity in an electrical circuit		
I can explain the relationship between the power of an electrical appliance, the electrical energy it consumes and the amount of time it is in operation		
I can use the equation $E = P\Delta t$ to calculate the electrical energy consumed, the power of an electrical appliance and the amount of time it is in operation		



THE MATERIAL WORLD *(continued)*

	Yes	Not Yet
Electromagnetism: Forces of Attraction / Repulsion		
I understand that for magnets, different poles attract, while similar poles repel		
I can describe and interpret the magnetic field of a magnet and the behaviour of a compass in the magnetic field of a magnet		
I can describe and interpret the magnetic field produced by a current-carrying wire (right-hand rule or left-hand rule)		
I can identify ways of modifying the intensity of the magnetic field produced by a current-carrying wire (type of wire, current intensity)		
I can compare the behaviour of a compass in the magnetic field of a magnet with that of a current-carrying wire		
Transformation of Energy: Law of Conservation of Energy		
I can explain the law of conservation of energy		
I can apply the law of conservation of energy in different situations		
Transformation of Energy: Energy Efficiency		
I can define energy efficiency of a device or system as <i>'the proportion of energy consumed that is transformed into effective work'</i>		
I can determine the energy efficiency of a device by using the formula $\text{Energy Efficiency} = \frac{\text{amount of useful energy}}{\text{amount of energy consumed}} \times 100$		
I can explain how to improve the energy efficiency of an electrical appliance		



THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD

	Yes	Not Yet
Mechanical Engineering: Linking of Mechanical Parts		
I can recognize and describe the characteristics of the links in a technical object (direct or indirect, rigid or flexible, removable or permanent, partial or complete)		
I can determine the characteristics of links that are most suitable in the design of a technical object		
I can judge the choice of assembly solutions in a technical object		
I can explain the choice of a type of link in a technical object		
Mechanical Engineering: Guiding Control		
I can explain the choice of a type of guiding control in a technical object		
Mechanical Engineering: Motion Transmission Systems		
I understand the construction and characteristics of friction gears (wheels) as a motion transmission system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of pulleys and belt as a motion transmission system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of gear assembly as a motion transmission system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of sprocket wheels and chain as a motion transmission system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of wheel and worm gear as a motion transmission system		
I am familiar with the symbols for the above five (5) systems		
I can explain the choice of a motion transmission system in a technical object		

THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD *(continued)*

	Yes	Not Yet
Mechanical Engineering: Motion Transformation Systems		
I understand the construction and characteristics of screw gear system as a motion transformation system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of a cam (and follower) as a motion transformation system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of connecting rods and how they may be used in a motion transformation system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of slides and how they may be used in a motion transformation system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of cranks and how they may be used in a motion transformation system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of rotating slider crank mechanisms as a motion transformation system		
I understand the construction and characteristics of rack-and-pinion drive as a motion transformation system		
I am familiar with the symbols for the above seven (7) components/ systems		
I would be able to explain the choice of a motion transformation system in a technical object		
Mechanical Engineering: Speed Changes		
I understand how systems can be used to allow for speed changes in the design of technical objects		



THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD *(continued)*

	Yes	Not Yet
Electrical Engineering: Power Supply		
I understand that a power supply has <i>'the ability to provide an electrical current'</i>		
I can determine the source of current in technical objects with an electrical circuit		
Electrical Engineering: Conduction, Insulation and Protection		
I can define conduction as the <i>'ability to conduct electricity'</i>		
I can distinguish between electrical conductors and insulators in a technical object		
I can describe the role of a protective device in a circuit (fuse, breaker)		
I can analyze the factors that affect electrical conductivity (section, length, nature, temperature of conductor)		
Electrical Engineering: Control		
I can define control as the <i>'ability to control the travel of electrical current'</i>		
I can describe different types of switches (lever, pushbutton, flip-flop, magnetic control)		
Electrical Engineering: Transformation of Energy		
I can identify and explain the transformation of energy in different components of a circuit		
I can describe the energy transformations that take place in electrical or electronic appliances		

THE TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD *(continued)*

	Yes	Not Yet
Materials: Constraints		
I can define a constraint as ' <i>an external force (shearing, compression, deflection, torsion and tension) that is exerted on materials and that has a tendency to deform them</i> '		
Materials: Characteristics of Mechanical Properties		
I can define certain mechanical properties of materials: ductility, hardness, elasticity, fragility, malleability, resilience and stiffness		
I can explain the choice of a material based on its properties		
Materials: Other Properties		
I can define certain properties of materials : corrosion resistance, electrical conductivity and thermal conductivity		
Materials: Types and properties		
I can relate the use of thermoplastics to their properties		
I can relate the use of thermosetting plastics to their properties		
I can relate the use of ceramics to their properties		
Materials: Modification of Properties		
I can describe different treatments to prevent degradation of materials		
Graphical Language		
I can interpret an exploded view drawing of a technical object		
I can identify force and motion symbols		