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Business Management and Enterprise

WACE Examination Design Brief

Stage 2

Exam paper sections	Supporting Information
Section One – Multiple choice Approximately 20 minutes 20 questions 10% - 15%	Multiple choice questions provide candidates with an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and understanding without having to formulate a written answer. Questions will sample content across units 2A and 2B. Stimulus materials will be used in this section and could include diagrams, short extracts from newspaper or journal articles, or short, fictional business scenarios.
Section Two – Short response Approximately 90 minutes Seven question to be provided Choice provided – students to answer five questions only 50% - 60%	Short closed and open response questions will sample breadth of content and skills across units 2A and 2B. There will be a range of questions, generally at increasing complexity. Short response questions may relate to the business featured in the Business Information Booklet and/or to businesses or case studies on the recommended list for that particular year. Additional stimulus materials may be used in this section and could include newspaper/journal articles, scenarios, diagrams, photographs, and cartoons. Items will enable responses to be given in continuous prose and/or in alternative formats, for example, as dot points, short descriptive answers, diagrams or scaffolded tables. Items will ask for quantitative or qualitative analysis.
Section Three – Extended response Approximately 70 minutes Two questions provided Students to answer one question only 25% - 35%	The extended response question should assess students' knowledge and understanding of conceptual aspects of units 2A and 2B and their ability to apply knowledge, understanding, skills and processes to particular situations. The extended response question will generally relate to the business featured in the Business Information Booklet, but may also relate to businesses or case studies on the recommended list for that particular year. Additional stimulus materials may be used and could include newspaper/journal articles, scenarios, diagrams, photographs, and cartoons. Extended response items should enable responses to be given in a range of formats, such as a structured essay, formal report or other business document, design/planning tables and diagrams, etc.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Business Management and Enterprise Stage 2 WACE Examination will examine all outcomes and will contain questions from each of the three main content areas.

The examination will be accompanied by a Business Information Booklet. This booklet should contain a body of information about a particular Australian business which enables students to develop an understanding of that business to the level required for examination responses. The booklet will be distributed to candidates via mail four weeks

prior to the date of the first written WACE examination. The Business Information Booklet will also be available on the Curriculum Council website.

Copies of the Business Information Booklet may NOT be brought into the examination room by candidates. A clean copy will be provided to each candidate on the day.

A question/answer booklet will be used. The booklet will contain both lined and blank paper as appropriate for each question.

All students will receive a clean copy of the Business Information Booklet as an insert to the examination.

Students may also receive copies of relevant legislation, other information or resources which are essential to answering questions in that particular paper.

EXAMINATION LENGTH

The total examination length is 3 hours and 10 minutes. This comprises a written paper of 3 hours working time and 10 minutes reading time.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

The general materials permitted for use in the WACE examination are: non-programmable calculator, pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, ruler, highlighter.

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Stage 3

Exam paper sections	Supporting Information
<p>Section One – Short response</p> <p>Approximately 100 minutes</p> <p>Seven compulsory questions</p> <p>55% - 65%</p>	<p>Short closed and open response questions will sample breadth of content and skills from unit 3A and 3B. There will be a range of questions, generally at increasing complexity.</p> <p>Short response questions may relate to the business featured in the Business Information Booklet and/or to businesses or case studies on the recommended list for that particular year. Additional stimulus materials may be used and could include newspaper/journal articles, scenarios, diagrams, photographs and cartoons.</p> <p>Items will enable responses to be given in continuous prose and/or in alternative formats, for example, as dot points, short descriptive answers, diagrams or scaffolded tables. Items will ask for quantitative or qualitative analysis.</p>
<p>Section Two – Extended response</p> <p>Approximately 80 minutes</p> <p>One compulsory question</p> <p>Two questions of which students are to answer only one</p> <p>35% - 45%</p>	<p>Extended response questions to assess students' knowledge and understanding of conceptual aspects of units 3A and 3B and their ability to apply their knowledge, understanding, skills and processes to particular situations.</p> <p>At least one extended response question will relate to the business featured in the Business Information Booklet, and the remainder will relate to businesses or case studies on the recommended list for that particular year. Additional stimulus materials may also be used and could include newspaper/journal articles, scenarios, diagrams, photographs and cartoons.</p> <p>Extended response items at this stage will encourage responses to be given in appropriate business formats such as formal reports, business plans, notes for a slideshow presentation, formal correspondence or media statements.</p>

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Business Management and Enterprise Stage 3 WACE Examination will examine all outcomes and will contain questions from each of the three main content areas.

The examination will be accompanied by a Business Information Booklet. This booklet should contain a body of information about a particular Australian business which enables students to develop an understanding of that business to the level required for examination responses. The Business Information Booklet will contain information common to Stage 2 and Stage 3 examinations and may contain additional information about financial and operational aspects of the business for Stage 3. The booklet will be distributed to candidates via mail four weeks prior to the date of the first written WACE examination. The Business Information Booklet will also be available on the Curriculum Council website.

Copies of the Business Information Booklet may NOT be brought into the examination room by candidates. A clean copy will be provided to each candidate on the day.

A question/answer booklet will be used. The booklet will contain both lined and blank paper as appropriate for each question.

Students may also receive copies of relevant legislation, other information or resources which are essential to answering questions in that particular paper.

EXAMINATION LENGTH

The total examination length is 3 hours and 10 minutes. This comprises a written paper of 3 hours working time and 10 minutes reading time.

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