

Exam Design Brief

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CHILDREN, FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY

Stage 2 WACE Examination Design Brief - Written

Content: 40-60% from Unit 2A and 40-60% from Unit 2B

Outcomes 1, 2, 3 and 4

Written exam paper sections	Supporting Information
<p>Section one Multiple choice 15-20 questions</p> <p>20 minutes</p> <p>20%</p>	<p>Selected response questions provide candidates with an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and understanding without having to formulate a written answer.</p> <p>Questions relate to the unit content -specifically the practical application of key knowledge and understandings.</p>
<p>Section two Short response</p> <p>10 questions</p> <p>90 minutes</p> <p>50%</p>	<p>Items may be generic or context specific.</p> <p>These items allow students to respond to the fundamental, underpinning concepts of the course content e.g. interpersonal skills, leadership, conflict resolution and self management skills.</p> <p>Formats may include short paragraphs, dot points, diagrams and tables.</p> <p>Items may relate to; analysis of data and diagrams, interpretation of media imagery and messages, stimulus material such as a photograph or a case study scenario and could be structured as a range of closed and open questions that increase in complexity. These will allow students to demonstrate their depth of knowledge.</p>
<p>Section three Extended response</p> <p>2-3 Questions</p> <p>70 minutes</p> <p>30%</p>	<p>Items to be generic and context specific.</p> <p>Items allow students to respond to the fundamental underpinning concepts of the course content eg interpersonal skills, leadership, conflict resolution and self management skills.</p> <p>Formats may include extended essay responses that focus on the application of factual knowledge and understanding of the course and may be scaffolded to better examine depth of student understanding.</p>

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Children, Family and Community WACE written examination will have 3 sections. It will consist of one or more scenarios to provide a more holistic exam format rather than discrete independent questions.

Suitable stimulus materials could include diagrams, data analysis, case study scenarios, media interpretation and photographic stimulus.

A combined question/answer booklet will be used.

EXAMINATION LENGTH

The format of the external examination is a 3 hour written paper with an additional 10 minutes reading time.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

The general materials permitted for use in the WACE examination are: pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, ruler, highlighter, printed English language dictionary and/or bilingual dictionary (non electronic and not a thesaurus).

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Stage 3 WACE Examination Design Brief - Written

Content: 40-60 % from Unit 3A and 40-60% from Unit 3B

Outcomes 1, 2, 3 and 4

Sections	Supporting Information
Section one Multiple choice 10 questions 20 minutes 20%	<p>Selected response questions provide candidates with an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of course content. Several questions to feature 2 or more sections that interrogate depth of knowledge of a concept.</p> <p>Stimulus material may be used and could include diagrams or photographic images for analysis.</p>
Section two Short response 5-6 questions 60 minutes 30%	<p>Items may include generic and context specific questions</p> <p>These items allow students to respond to the theoretical and conceptual knowledge of the course.</p> <p>Formats may include short responses, dot points, diagrams and tables.</p> <p>Items may relate to; analysis of data and diagrams, interpretation of media imagery and messages, stimulus material such as a photograph or a case study scenario and could be structured as a range of closed and open questions that increase in complexity. These will allow students to demonstrate their depth of knowledge.</p>
Section three Extended response 5 questions – choose 3 1hr 40 minutes 50%	<p>Items may be generic and context specific.</p> <p>These items sample depth of course content and knowledge across the unit. The interrelationships between individuals, others and their world to include skills in managing complex relationships.</p> <p>Formats will include extended essay responses that focus on learnt skills in the prediction and evaluation of data.</p>

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Children, Family and the Community WACE examination – written, will have 3 sections. It will consist of one or more scenarios to provide a more holistic exam format rather than discrete independent questions.

Suitable stimulus materials could include diagrams, newspaper/journal articles, case study scenarios and photographs

A combined question/answer booklet will be used.

EXAMINATION LENGTH

The format of the external examination is a 3 hour written paper with an additional 10 minutes reading time.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

The general materials permitted for use in the WACE examination are: pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, ruler, highlighter, printed English language dictionary and/or bilingual dictionary (non electronic and not a thesaurus).

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