

Summary of differences between 2007 English WACE examination paper and 2008 sample English WACE examination paper.

Section	Change	Reason
Instructions to Candidates	Added <i>Failure to fulfil this requirement may incur a penalty.</i>	A fourth instruction has been added to give markers the option of penalizing candidates who do not follow the instructions outlined in the exam. The Chief Marker will arbitrate the application of penalties on a case by case basis.
Section One: Reading	Added <i>If a question requires textual references, you must make primary reference to one of the print text types studied in either stage 2 or 3. You may also refer to other print text types.</i>	This instruction has been added to reflect the text type requirements introduced to the 2008 syllabus.
Section Two: Writing	Removed <i>Write a statement at the beginning of your response in which you indicate your intended purpose, context and audience.</i>	This wording was removed after consultation with the English Reference Group. The examiners' report indicated not all students followed this requirement. It was felt that while this should be incorporated into the teaching and learning process it should not be mandated in the exam.
Section Two: Writing	New Wording <i>Respond to ONE of the following questions using a form of writing which makes clear your chosen purpose, context and audience.</i>	This instruction has been modified because the statement of intent instruction has been removed. While the English Reference Group felt that it was important that candidates consider purpose, context and audience, they do not want them to be penalized if they do not write a statement of intent.

<p>Section Two: Writing</p>	<p>Added <i>If a question requires textual references, you must make primary reference to one of the text types studied in either stage 2 or 3. You may also make reference to other text types.</i></p>	<p>This instruction has been added to reflect the text requirements introduced to the 2008 syllabus.</p>
<p>Section Three: Viewing</p>	<p>Added <i>If a question requires textual references, you must make primary reference to one of the non-print text types studied in either stage 2 or 3.</i></p>	<p>This instruction has been added to reflect the text requirements introduced to the 2008 syllabus</p>
<p>Section Three: Viewing</p>	<p>New Wording <i>'non-print text'</i></p>	<p>This has replaced 'visual text' in question 2. This was done in order to have greater consistency between the language used in the syllabus and the examination paper.</p>
<p>Section Three: Viewing</p>	<p>Formatting adjustment The size of the three images have been adjusted. More contextual information has been added.</p>	<p>These changes were made to the images because of concerns raised by the English Reference Group.</p>