

# DESIGN BRIEFS



## GERMAN

### WACE Examination design brief: Stage 2

#### Oral examination: 30 minutes (25%)

Examination section	Supporting Information
<p><b>Oral Preparation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus questions</li> <li>• 15 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>Part A: Response to audio-visual stimulus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus questions</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B: General conversation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optional: own stimulus</li> <li>• Spoken interaction</li> <li>• Language: German</li> <li>• 15 minutes</li> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>The oral component of this exam is divided into two parts.</p> <p>During the preparation time, candidates are given a set of focus questions to prepare the conversation for Part A. This provides scaffolding for the Oral. Preparation time is provided to enable candidates the time to view the audio-visual stimulus. The number of times the stimulus is viewed is up to the candidates' discretion.</p> <p>Schools will be advised of the unit focus for the stimulus by the end of term 2 e.g. 2AGER.</p> <p>In Part B, candidates must nominate and prepare a topic from the other learning contexts in e.g. 2BGER, to initiate a general conversation with the examiner. Candidates may bring a stimulus relevant to the focus of the prepared topic into the examination room.</p> <p>Candidates can only bring notes from the audio-visual stimulus into the examination interview room. They cannot bring notes for the prepared topic into the examination interview room. Bilingual, monolingual dictionaries and paper are provided and used during preparation time only. All notes should be left with the examiner after the examination.</p>

#### Written examination: 150 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time (75%)

Examination section	Supporting Information
<p><b>Section One: Listening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus questions</li> <li>• 40 minutes</li> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>The written component of this exam is divided into three sections, with Sections Two and Three having two parts.</p> <p>Section One contains either a maximum of FIVE short audio texts or longer audio texts broken into segments. Candidates are required to respond to focus questions in German and/or English. The required language is specified in the examination.</p> <p>Candidates hear each text twice.</p>
<p><b>Section Two: Viewing and reading</b></p> <p><b>Part A: Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-6 print texts</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B: Vocabulary and structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>Part A contains between 3-6 print stimulus texts. Varied, contemporary and unseen texts are used. Questions can be short answer, multiple choice, and/or True/False items.</p> <p>Focus questions specify the language of response.</p> <p>Part B focuses on e.g. the Form and Features of Language from Stage 2 (building on Stage 1). Questions can be multiple choice, sentence completion, cloze, and/or scrambled sentences.</p>
<p><b>Section Three: Writing</b></p> <p><b>Part A: Two stimuli</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choice of ONE question</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B: Two focus questions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choice of One question</li> <li>• Language: German</li> <li>• 110 minutes</li> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>Each part of the writing section has a different unit focus.</p> <p>Part A contains TWO stimulus options e.g. emails, letters, advertisements, photographs, graphs. Candidates choose ONE question for writing in German. Focus questions are in German and/or English.</p> <p>Candidates are provided with a recommended word count of approximately 100 words.</p> <p>Part B contains TWO focus questions. Candidates choose ONE question for writing. Focus questions are in German and/or English. Candidates write in German.</p> <p>Candidates are provided with a recommended word count of approximately 100 words.</p>

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**WACE Examination design brief: Stage 3**

**Oral examination: 30 minutes (25%)**

Examination section	Supporting Information
<p><b>Oral</b> Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 minutes</li> </ul> <p><b>Part A: Response to audio-visual stimulus</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focus questions</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B: General conversation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choose own stimulus</li> <li>• spoken interaction</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language: German</li> <li>• 15 minutes</li> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>The oral component of this exam is divided into two parts.</p> <p>In Part A, preparation time is provided to enable candidates the time to view the audio-visual stimulus. During this time, the candidates are given a set of focus questions to help them prepare for the conversation in Part A. This provides scaffolding for the Oral.</p> <p>The number of times the stimulus is viewed is up to the candidates' discretion. Schools will be advised of the unit focus for the stimulus by the end of term 2 e.g. 3AGER.</p> <p>In Part B, candidates must nominate and prepare a topic from the other learning contexts in e.g. 3BGER to initiate a general conversation with the examiner. Candidates may bring a stimulus relevant to the focus of the prepared topic into the examination room.</p> <p>Candidates can only bring notes from the audio-visual stimulus into the examination interview room. They cannot bring notes for the prepared topic into the examination interview room. Bilingual, monolingual dictionaries and paper are provided and used during preparation time only. All notes should be left with the examiner after the examination.</p>

**Written examination: 150 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time (75%)**

Examination section	Supporting Information
<p><b>Section One: Listening</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audio texts (5 max)</li> <li>• Focus questions</li> <li>• 40 minutes</li> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>The written component of this exam is to be divided into three sections, with Sections Two and Three having two parts.</p> <p>Section one contains either a maximum of FIVE short audio texts or longer audio texts broken into segments. Candidates are required to respond to focus questions in German and/or English. The required language is specified in the examination.</p> <p>Candidates hear the text twice.</p>
<p><b>Section Two: Viewing and reading</b></p> <p><b>Part A: Reading</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3-6 print texts</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B: Vocabulary and structure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>Part A contains between 3-6 print stimulus texts. Varied, contemporary and unseen texts are used. Questions can be e.g. short answer, multiple choice, and/or True/False items.</p> <p>Focus questions specify the language of response.</p> <p>Part B Part B focuses on e.g. the Form and Features of Language from Stage 3 (building on Stage 2). Questions can be e.g. multiple choice, sentence completion, cloze, and/or scrambled sentences.</p>
<p><b>Section Three: Writing</b></p> <p><b>Part A: Two stimuli</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choice of topics</li> <li>• ONE question</li> </ul> <p><b>Part B: Two focus tasks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choice of topics</li> <li>• ONE question</li> <li>• Language: German</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 110 minutes</li> <li>• 25%</li> </ul>	<p>Each part of the writing section has a different unit focus.</p> <p>Part A contains TWO stimulus options e.g. emails, letters, advertisements, photographs, graphs. Candidates choose ONE question for writing in German. Focus questions are in German and/or English.</p> <p>Candidates are provided with a recommended word count of approximately 150 words.</p> <p>Part B contains TWO focus questions which cover the foci of stage 3 units. Candidates choose ONE question for writing in German. Focus questions are written in German and/or English.</p> <p>Candidates are provided with a recommended word count of approximately 150 words.</p>