

Design Brief

HUMAN BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE

SAMPLE WACE EXAMINATION DESIGN BRIEF STAGE 2

STAGE 2 EXAM PAPER SECTIONS	Supporting Information
<p>Section One:</p> <p>Multiple choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 questions• 30 minutes• 30 %	<p>This section enables a broad coverage of the course content. Candidates will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of Human Biological Science.</p>
<p>Section Two:</p> <p>Short Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 - 10 questions• 100 minutes• 50 %	<p>This section will allow candidates to demonstrate a greater depth of knowledge and understanding. Candidates will apply knowledge, interpret data and/or construct annotated diagrams and graphs to assist their explanations. Stimulus material may be used in this section e.g. diagrams, second hand data, recent research material.</p>
<p>Section Three:</p> <p>Extended Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four questions from which candidates answer two.• 50 minutes• 20 %	<p>In this section, the questions will be of a more holistic nature and with less scaffolding. Candidates will be able to demonstrate the depth and breadth of their knowledge by providing detailed answers. They will interpret and respond to questions that may include stimulus materials e.g. diagrams, second hand data and recent research findings. Candidates may present their answers in different ways provided they communicate their ideas effectively, e.g. present clearly labelled diagrams with explanatory notes, write lists of points with sentences to link them, present well titled tables and graphs and/annotated flow diagrams with appropriate introductory notes.</p>

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The WACE examination will address all three outcomes and be divided into 3 sections. A mixture of compulsory and optional questions will be used. A combined question/answer booklet will be provided.

Instructions to candidates will indicate that, unless otherwise specified, any mode of response that clearly communicates their understanding and is clearly legible is acceptable. (e.g. written or diagrammatic)

Teachers should note the mark allocation difference between the Stages 2 and 3 examinations.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

The general materials permitted for use in the WACE examination are stationery comprising pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, a ruler and non programmable calculator.

EXAMINATION LENGTH

The total examination length is three hours with an additional 10 minutes reading time. (Total 3 hrs 10 min)

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SAMPLE WACE EXAMINATION DESIGN BRIEF STAGE 3

STAGE 3 EXAM PAPER SECTIONS	Supporting Information
<p>Section One:</p> <p>Multiple choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 questions• 30 minutes• 20 %	<p>This section enables a broad coverage of the course content. Candidates will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of Human Biological Science.</p>
<p>Section Two:</p> <p>Short Answer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6 - 10 questions• 100 minutes• 50 %	<p>This section will allow candidates to demonstrate a greater depth of knowledge and understanding. Candidates will apply knowledge, interpret data and/or construct annotated diagrams and graphs to assist their explanations. Stimulus material may be used in this section e.g. diagrams, second hand data, recent research material.</p>
<p>Section Three:</p> <p>Extended Responses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Four questions of which one is compulsory. Candidates select to answer one of the remaining questions.• 50 minutes• 30 %	<p>In this section, the questions will be of a more holistic nature and with less scaffolding. Candidates will be able to demonstrate the depth and breadth of their knowledge by providing detailed answers. They will interpret and respond to questions that may include stimulus materials e.g. diagrams, second hand data and recent research findings. Candidates may present their answers in different ways provided they communicate their ideas effectively, e.g. present clearly labelled diagrams with explanatory notes, write lists of points with sentences to link them, present well titled tables and graphs and annotated flow diagrams with appropriate introductory notes.</p>

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