

DESIGN BRIEFS

ITALIAN
WACE Examination design brief: Stage 2

Oral examination: 30 minutes (25%)

Examination section	Supporting information
<p>Oral communication</p> <p>Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes <p>Interview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes <p>Part A: Stimulus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus questions • 10 marks • 4 minutes • Responses in Italian <p>Part B: Conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 marks • 8 minutes • Responses in Italian <p>Reconciliation of marks by examiners: 3 minutes</p>	<p>The oral component of this exam is divided into two parts.</p> <p>During preparation time, candidates may use the checklist provided in the Oral Performance Booklet and a print dictionary: one combination dictionary (Italian/English and English Italian dictionary) or two separate dictionaries (one Italian/English dictionary and one English/Italian dictionary). Electronic dictionaries are not allowed.</p> <p>Candidates are required to bring a stimulus relevant to the focus and content of unit 2AITA or 2BITA to the interview for discussion. Only ONE stimulus item is allowed. Stimulus items may include a photograph, visual text, realia, prop, advertisement, article, poster or brochure etc. Examiners are provided with guided questions and a marking key.</p> <p>Candidates participate in a conversation covering the focus and content from units 2AITA and 2BITA and are required to present responses from a personal and teenage perspective. Examiners are provided with guided questions and a marking key.</p>

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

Examination section	Supporting information
<p>Section One: Response</p> <p>Part A: Listening and responding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two audio texts • 20 marks • 30 minutes • Responses in English • 20% <p>Part B: Viewing, reading and responding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part B (i) one audio-visual text • Part B (ii) two print texts • 25 marks • 50 minutes • Responses in English • 25% 	<p>The written component of this exam is divided into two parts.</p> <p>In this part candidates listen to two audio text items (one long text of approximately 250 words divided into two sections and one short text of approximately 100 words e.g. a news item, an announcement, or an advertisement or a message on an answering machine etc.) and respond to questions provided. Questions and candidates' responses are in English. Question items may include multiple choice, tick the box, true/false, short answer, retrieval chart etc. Each audio text item is played twice. There is a 30 second pause after the first reading and a 3 minute pause after the second reading to allow time for candidates to respond to questions.</p> <p>Questions and candidates' responses are in English. Items may include multiple choice, short answer, tick the box, true/false, retrieval chart etc. Candidates view the audio-visual text three times. In the first viewing candidates view the audio-visual text without making notes. In the second and third viewing candidates write notes and answer the questions. There is a 30 second pause after the first viewing and a 60 second pause after the second viewing. 3 minutes is allocated to allow for candidates to respond to each of the questions. Candidates read two short texts, one of approximately 100 words and the other approximately 130 words. Questions and responses are in English. Items may include multiple choice, tick the box, true/false, short answer, retrieval chart etc.</p> <p>Varied and contemporary texts related to the focus and content of Stage 2 units are used.</p>
<p>Section Two: Written communication</p> <p>Part A: Two stimuli</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer one question from each stimulus • 10 marks • 30 minutes • Responses in Italian • 15% <p>Part B: Extended response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer one question only • 15 marks • 40 minutes • Responses in Italian • 15% 	<p>Part A contains two stimuli (e.g. email, letter, print advertisement, photograph etc.) which relate to the focus and content of Stage 2 units. Candidates respond to both stimuli given. Candidates choose one question from a choice of two for each stimulus. The recommended word count for each response is approximately 50 words. Each question is written in both Italian and English and candidates' responses are written in Italian.</p> <p>Candidates choose ONE from a choice of five questions which relate to the content of stage 2 units. Questions are written in Italian and English. Varied text types are provided. The recommended word count is approximately 100 words.</p>

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WACE Examination design brief: Stage 3

Oral examination: 30 minutes (30%)

Examination section	Supporting information
<p>Oral communication</p> <p>Preparation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes <p>Interview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15 minutes <p>Part A: Stimulus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus questions • 10 marks • 4 minutes • Responses in Italian <p>Part B: Conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 marks • 8 minutes • Responses in Italian <p>Reconciliation of marks by examiners: 3 minutes</p>	<p>The oral component of this exam is divided into two parts.</p> <p>During preparation time, candidates may use the checklist provided in the Oral Performance Booklet and a print dictionary: one combination dictionary (Italian/English and English Italian dictionary) or two separate dictionaries (one Italian/English dictionary and one English/Italian dictionary). Electronic dictionaries are not allowed.</p> <p>Candidates select one out of two stimuli (pictures/images) and prepare for the compulsory focus question which is written in Italian. Candidates' responses are based on a personal response to issues e.g. 'do you agree...? and why/why not?'</p> <p>Both stimulus and hand written notes are to be left with the supervisor before entering the interview room. Examiners are provided with guided questions for the stimulus materials and a marking key.</p> <p>Candidates participate in a conversation covering the focus and content from units 3AITA and 3BITA. Examiners will be provided with guided questions and a marking key.</p>

Written examination: 150 minutes plus 10 minutes reading time (70%)

Examination section	Supporting information
<p>Section One: Response</p> <p>Part A: Listening and responding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two audio texts • 20 marks • 30 minutes • Responses in English • 20% <p>Part B: Viewing, reading and responding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part B (i): one audio-visual text • Part B (ii): two print texts • 20 marks • 40 minutes • Responses in English • 20% 	<p>The written component of this exam is divided into two parts.</p> <p>In this part candidates listen to two audio text items (one long text of approximately 250 words divided into two sections and two short texts of approximately 100 words each e.g. an announcement, a news item, or an advertisement, or a message on an answering machine etc.) and respond to questions provided. Questions and candidates' responses are in English. Question items may include multiple choice, tick the box, short answer, retrieval chart etc. Each audio text item is played twice. There is a 30 second pause after the first reading and a 3 minute pause after the second reading to allow time for candidates to respond to questions.</p> <p>Questions and candidates' responses are in English. Question items may include multiple choice, tick the box, true/false, short answer, retrieval chart etc. Candidates view the audio-visual text three times. In the first viewing, they view without making notes. In the second and third viewing they write notes and answer the questions. There is a 30 second pause after the first viewing and a 60 second pause after the second viewing. 3 minutes is allocated to allow for candidates to respond to questions. Candidates will read two short texts, one of approximately 150 words and the other of approximately 120 words. Questions and candidates' responses are in English.</p> <p>Varied and contemporary texts related to the focus and content of Stage 3 units are used.</p>
<p>Section Two: Written communication</p> <p>Part A: Two stimuli</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer one question from each stimulus • 15 marks • 40 minutes • Responses in Italian • 15% <p>Part B: Extended response</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Answer one question only • 15 marks • 40 minutes • Responses in Italian • 15% 	<p>Part A contains two stimuli (e.g. email, letter, print, advertisement etc.) which relate to the focus and content of Stage 3 units.</p> <p>Candidates respond to both stimuli given. Candidates choose one question from a choice of two for each stimulus. The recommended word count for each response is approximately 75 words. Each question is written in both Italian and English and candidates' responses are written in Italian.</p> <p>Candidates choose one from a choice of five questions which relate to the content of Stage 3 units. Questions are written in Italian and English. Varied text types are produced. The recommended word count is approximately 150 words.</p>