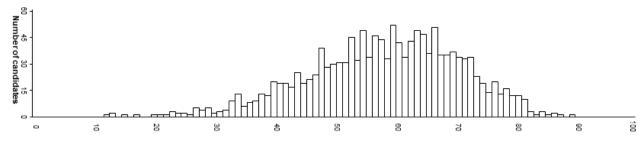




Summary report for candidates on the 2014 WACE examination in Physical Education Studies Stage 3

Year	Number who sat	Number of absentees
2014	1428	20
2013	1930	19
2012	2003	30

Examination score distribution



Summary

The written examination consisted of three sections with candidates being required to attempt all questions in Section One: Multiple-choice and Section Two: Short answer and to answer two of the four questions in Section Three: Extended answer. The total mean for the examination paper was 58.39%. The examination scores showed a good spread ranging from a minimum of 12.03% to a maximum of 90.12%.

Section means are as follows:

Section One: Multiple-choice	Mean	84.14%
Section Two: Short answer	Mean	51.08%
Section Three: Extended answer	Mean	53.52%.

General comments

The paper was designed to enable candidates to demonstrate basic knowledge and understanding of the course syllabus in Section One: Multiple-choice, while Section Two: Short answer and Section Three: Extended answer were designed for higher order thinking with candidates required to apply their knowledge of the course syllabus to various sporting contexts. The significant difference in the mean scores between Section One: Multiplechoice and the other two sections indicate candidates struggled with the application of the concepts of the course.

Advice for candidates

- Candidates are reminded to read questions fully and ensure they know what is required from them in answering the question.
- Candidates need to know the difference between a question requiring them to 'state' or 'identify' to one requiring them to 'outline', 'justify', 'describe' or 'explain'.
- Candidates should aim to write answers using the specific terminology used in the syllabus and avoid using abbreviations.
- Candidates need to note the mark allocation for each question and plan their answer accordingly.