

Design Brief

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Course of Study: Politics and Law

WACE Examination Design Brief – Stage 2

Exam Sections	Supporting Information
<p>Section One: (40 marks) Short Answer 4 compulsory questions from a choice of 6</p> <p>This section is worth 40% of the total exam</p> <p>Suggested working time 60 minutes</p>	<p>Each question has three parts for a total of 10 marks. The questions will be drawn from the specific content of each unit and relate to the Australian political and legal system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Definition type (2 marks)b) Brief description type (3 marks)c) Assessment/Analysis type (5 marks)
<p>Section Two: Source Analysis (40 marks) 2 compulsory questions</p> <p>This section is worth 40% of the total exam</p> <p>Suggested working time 60 minutes</p>	<p>Two document sets</p> <p>Each question will be worth 20 marks and is comprised of between 5 and 7 parts. Each part might have a different weighting.</p> <p>For each question, students are presented with a variety of information such as opinion polls, election results and legal decisions in relation to the Australia's political and legal system and are required to interpret, assess, analyse, compare, contrast or evaluate the information.</p>
<p>Section Three: Essay (20 marks) Answer one question from a choice of four.</p> <p>This section is worth 20% of the total exam</p> <p>Suggested working time 60 minutes</p>	<p>Students have a choice of assessing various aspects of the Australian political and legal system possibly for their effectiveness, impact of reforms or political and legal decisions. Questions are derived from the specific content of the 2A and 2B units.</p>

Other Considerations

Note: Where appropriate, the primary focus of responses in the examination will be the Australian political and legal system.

EXAMINATION LENGTH - 3 hours and 10 minutes

Permissible Materials

The general materials permitted for use in the WACE examination are: pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, ruler and highlighter.

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Exam Sections	Supporting Information
<p>Section One: Short Answers (30 marks) Answer three questions from a choice of five.</p> <p>This section is worth 30% of the total exam</p> <p>Suggested working time 60 minutes</p>	<p>Each question has three parts for a total of 10 marks. The questions are drawn from the specific content of each unit and relate to the Australian political and legal system.</p> <p><i>Choice of five questions. Choose any three.</i></p> <p>Each question has three parts for a total of 10 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Definition style [2 marks] b) Outline type [3 marks] c) Description/ Assessment/Analysis/Evaluation style of questioning [5 marks]
<p>Section Two: Source Analysis (20 marks) Answer one question from a choice of two.</p> <p>This section is worth 20% of the total exam</p> <p>Suggested working time 60 minutes</p>	<p>Choice of two document sets. Choose one.</p> <p>Students are presented with sources such as opinion polls, election results and legal decisions, posters, photographs and newspaper articles in relation to the Australian political and legal system and are required to interpret, assess, analyse, compare, contrast or evaluate the information.</p> <p>Each question is worth 20 marks and is comprised of 4 parts. Each part has a different weighting and relates to the following formula:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. a term or phrase from a source. [2 marks] b. issues the sources raise. [4 marks] c. the relevant principles, structures, institutions, processes and practices associated with the issue raised by the sources. [6 marks] d. links to their political and legal knowledge. [8 marks]
<p>Section Three: Essays (50 marks) Answer two questions from a choice of five.</p> <p>This section is worth 50% of the total exam</p> <p>Suggested working time 60 minutes</p>	<p>Choose any two from a choice of five. [25 marks each]</p> <p>Analytical/evaluative/comparative analysis style questioning possibly responding to propositions. Questions are derived from the specific content of the 3A and 3B units with the primary focus being the Australian political and legal system and where appropriate, reference to other systems.</p>

Other Considerations:

Note: Where appropriate, the primary focus of responses in the examination will be the Australian political and legal system.

EXAMINATION LENGTH—3 hours and 10 minutes

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