



## **POLITICS AND LAW SAMPLE EXAMINATION STAGE 2**

Section 7 of the *New WACE Manual: General Information 2006–2009* outlines the policy on WACE examinations.

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The purpose for providing a sample examination is to provide teachers with an example of how the course will be examined. Further finetuning will be made to this sample in 2008 by the examination panel following consultation with teachers, measurement specialists and advice from the Assessment, Review and Moderation (ARM) panel.

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Western Australian Certificate of Education, Sample External Examination  
Question/Answer Booklet

**POLITICS AND LAW**  
**WRITTEN PAPER**  
**STAGE 2**

Please place your student identification label in this box

Student Number: In figures

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***Time allowed for this paper***

Reading time before commencing work: Ten minutes  
Working time for paper: Three hours

***Material required/recommended for this paper***

**To be provided by the supervisor**

This Question/Answer Booklet

**To be provided by the candidate**

Standard items: Pens, pencils, eraser or correction fluid, ruler, highlighter

***Important note to candidates***

No other items may be taken into the examination room. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you do not have any unauthorised notes or other items of a non-personal nature in the examination room. If you have any unauthorised material with you, hand it to the supervisor **before** reading any further.

**Structure of this paper**

Section	Suggested working time	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be attempted	Marks
One: Short answers	60 minutes	6	4	40 (40%)
Two: Source analysis	60 minutes	2	2	40 (40%)
Three: Essays	60 minutes	4	1	20 (20%)
[Total marks]				100

**Instructions to candidates**

The rules for the conduct of Curriculum Council examinations are detailed in the *Student Information Handbook*. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.

**SECTION ONE: SHORT ANSWERS**

In this section there are **SIX (6)** questions. Answer **FOUR (4)** questions only. Each question is worth 10 marks.

Allow approximately 60 minutes for this section *[40 marks]*.

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**Question 1**

**(a)** What is a representative democracy?

*[2 marks]*

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**(b)** Outline **THREE** key features of the Westminster system

*[3 marks]*

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**(c)** Briefly explain two constitutional differences between the Senate and the House of Representatives.

*[5 marks]*

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**Question 3**

**(a)** What is a citizen?

*[2 marks]*

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**(b)** Briefly explain a key external influence on the Australian political and legal system.

*[3 marks]*

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**(c)** Assess the impact on a group or individual of a decision by an Australian court or a law made by an Australian parliament.

*[5 marks]*

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**Question 4**

**(a)** What is a constitution?

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**(b)** Outline the THREE arms (branches) of government.

*[3 marks]*

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**(c)** Briefly explain the extent to which the Australian judicial system reflects the rule of law.

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**Question 5**

**(a)** What is a minor party?

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**(b)** Outline three strategies used by a minor party to achieve its aims.

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**(c)** Briefly explain the extent to which a minor party has influence in the Australian political and legal system.

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**Question 6**

**(a)** What is meant by natural justice?

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**(b)** Outline three reasons why there are alternative political and legal systems.

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**(c)** Assess one strength or one weakness of Western Australia's justice system

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**SECTION TWO: SOURCE ANALYSIS**

In this section there are **TWO (2)** document sets. There are **TWO (2)** questions. Answer **BOTH** questions. Each question is worth 20 marks.

Allow approximately 60 minutes for this section *[40 marks]*.

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Read the document below and answer the questions that follow

**Document Set One**  
**Source 1**

**In the case of Carr (1988) 62 ALJR 568 (on appeal)**

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[From: Beazer, 2004]

With reference to **Document Set One** answer the following questions.

**Question 7**

**(a)** What was Carr charged with and what was the main evidence against him?

*[3 marks]*

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(b) Explain the term 'miscarriage of justice'.

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(c) What was the role of the judge in this case?

[2 marks]

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(d) Describe the type of evidence brought against Carr.

[3 marks]

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(e) What was the basis of the appeal to the High Court by Carr?

[2 marks]

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Read the documents below and answer the questions that follow

**Document Set Two**  
**Source 1**

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**Source2**

Results of the N.S.W. election held on 24 March 2007

Party Name	First preference vote n	First preference vote share %	Change from previous election %	Seats won n	Uncontested seats held n	Seat share %
<b>Australian Labor Party</b>	<b>1,535,860</b>	<b>38.98</b>	<b>-3.70</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55.91</b>
<b>Liberal Party</b>	<b>1,061,269</b>	<b>26.94</b>	<b>+2.21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23.66</b>
<b>National Party</b>	<b>396,023</b>	<b>10.05</b>	<b>+0.42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13.98</b>
<b>Independents</b>	<b>361,866</b>	<b>9.18</b>	<b>+0.99</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.45</b>
<b>Greens</b>	<b>352,805</b>	<b>8.95</b>	<b>+0.70</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Christian Democratic Party</b>	<b>97,419</b>	<b>2.47</b>	<b>+0.75</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Unity Party</b>	<b>43,292</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Australian Democrats</b>	<b>21,099</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>0</b>		
<b>Votes for other than listed parties</b>	<b>70,341</b>	<b>1.79</b>	<b>+0.49</b>			
Totals	<b>3,939,974</b>	<b>100.00</b>		<b>93</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100.00</b>

[From: University of Western Australia, 2007]

Source 3

**Summary of First Preference Votes Polled for Each Candidate**

Electors Enrolled on 5 March 2007: 47,676  
 Voter Turnout: 94.18%  
 Informal Rate: 2.2%

Candidate	Party	Election Night		Check Count		Check Count & Dec		Recount (if required)	
		%	First Pref Votes	%	First Pref Votes	%	First Pref Votes	%	First Pref Votes
HOUGH	CLP	11	3,819	11	3,820	11	4,889	N/A	N/A
SICHEL	CDP	2	726	2	724	2	952	N/A	N/A
McDONALD	GRN	2	789	2	788	2	1,074	N/A	N/A
MATTHEWS	NP	43	14,655	43	14,627	43	18,702	N/A	N/A
FARDELL		41	14,128	41	14,142	42	18,296	N/A	N/A
<b>Total Formal Votes Counted</b>			34,117		34,101		43,913		N/A
<b>Informal</b>			811		846		988		N/A
<b>Total Votes Counted</b>			34,928		34,947		44,901		N/A

FARDELL was declared elected on the 04:04:2007

FARDELL achieved a majority vote in count 4

[From: New South Wales Electoral Commission, 2007]

With reference to **Document Set Two** answer the following questions.

**Question 8**

(a) In Source 1, what election outcome is suggested by Newspan? Explain your reasons.

[2 marks]

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(b) With reference to Source 2, describe the actual election results. [3 marks]

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(c) To what extent is the Newspoll prediction in Source 1 reflected in the election result in Source 2? Explain. [4 marks]

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(d) Refer to source 3 and analyse the voting and the result in Dubbo. [5 marks]

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### DOCUMENT SET ONE

**Source 1:** Beazer, M. (2004). *Justice and outcomes* (7<sup>th</sup> ed.). Paynesville, Vic.:Beazer Publishing, p. 426.

### DOCUMENT SET TWO

**Source 1:** Newspoll & The Australian. (2007). [Voter intention data New South Wales lower house election Saturday 24 March 2007]. Retrieved September, 2007, from [http://www.newspoll.com.au/cgi-bin/polling/display\\_poll\\_data.pl](http://www.newspoll.com.au/cgi-bin/polling/display_poll_data.pl).

**Source 2:** University of Western Australia. (2007). *Australian government and politics database: New South Wales, Assembly votes and seats won*. Retrieved September, 2007, from [http://elections.uwa.edu.au/elecdetail.lasso?summary=true&keyvalue=1333&noanner=false&nominlink=false](http://elections.uwa.edu.au/elecdetail.lasso?summary=true&keyvalue=1333&nobanner=false&nominlink=false).

**Source 3:** New South Wales Electoral Commission. (2007). *Preferential count: 2007 state election results: State electoral district of Dubbo*. Retrieved September, 2007, from [http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/state\\_government\\_elections/electoral\\_districts/all\\_districts/\\_dubbo/results\\_2007/perferential\\_count](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au/state_government_elections/electoral_districts/all_districts/_dubbo/results_2007/perferential_count).