

# DESIGN BRIEFS



## Psychology WACE Design Brief Stage 2

Exam paper sections	Stage 2
<p><b>Section 1: Research methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested working time: 30 minutes</li> <li>• 20% of total mark</li> <li>• Up to three short answer questions</li> </ul>	<p>Candidates are asked to demonstrate achievement in the use of research methods in psychology. Stimulus materials may be used and are included as part of the question/answer booklet. Stimulus materials may include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.</p>
<p><b>Section 2: Topic-related content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested working time: 90 minutes</li> <li>• 50% of total mark</li> <li>• Up to five short answer questions</li> </ul>	<p>Candidates are asked to demonstrate an understanding of the content of Units 2A/2B. Questions will be topic specific. They are scaffolded so that there is increasing complexity as the question progresses. There is at least one question from each of the main content organisers of self, others and society. Stimulus materials may be used and are included as part of the question/answer booklet. Stimulus materials may include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.</p>
<p><b>Section 3: Extended response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested working time: 60 minutes</li> <li>• 30% of total mark</li> <li>• Two questions</li> </ul>	<p>Students are asked to write a structured answer to demonstrate their ability to apply conceptual understandings to describe, explain and interpret human behaviour in the everyday world. Stimulus materials may be used and are included as part of the question/answer booklet. Stimulus materials may include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.</p>

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Candidates must attempt all questions on the paper.

A combined question/answer booklet is used.

Marks are allocated to each question to reflect the accompanying analytical marking guide for each question. Line spacing after each question will indicate the suggested length of the response. While written lines will be provided for responses, alternative forms such as tables or space for diagrams may also be used.

### EXAMINATION LENGTH

The total examination length is three hours and 10 minutes. This comprises a written paper of 3 hours working time and 10 minutes reading/planning time.

### PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

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

## Psychology WACE Design Brief Stage 3

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<p><b>Section 1: Research methods</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested working time: 30 minutes</li> <li>• 20% of total mark</li> <li>• Up to three short answer questions</li> </ul>	<p>Candidates are asked to demonstrate achievement in the use of research methods in psychology. Stimulus materials may be used and are included as part of the question/answer booklet. Stimulus materials may include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.</p>
<p><b>Section 2: Topic-related content</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested working time: 90 minutes</li> <li>• 50% of total mark</li> <li>• Up to five short answer questions</li> </ul>	<p>Candidates are asked to demonstrate an understanding of the content of Units 3A/3B. Questions will be topic specific. They are scaffolded so that there is increasing complexity as the question progresses. There is at least one question from each of the main content organisers of self, others and society. Stimulus materials may be used and are included as part of the question/answer booklet. Stimulus materials may include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.</p>
<p><b>Section 3: Extended response</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggested working time: 60 minutes</li> <li>• 30% of total mark</li> <li>• Two questions</li> </ul>	<p>Students are asked to write a structured answer to demonstrate their ability to apply conceptual understandings to describe, explain and interpret human behaviour in the everyday world. Stimulus materials may be used and are included as part of the question/answer booklet. Stimulus materials may include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.</p>

### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

Candidates must attempt all questions on the paper.

A combined question/answer booklet is used.

Marks are allocated to each question to reflect the accompanying analytical marking guide for each question. Line spacing after each question will indicate the suggested length of the response. While written lines will be provided for responses, alternative forms such as tables or space for diagrams may also be used.

### EXAMINATION LENGTH

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