

# Psychology

## WACE written examination—2009 design brief

### Stage 2

#### Time allowed

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes  
 Working time for paper three hours

#### Permissible items

Standard items: pens, pencils, eraser, correction fluid, ruler, highlighter  
 Special items: non-programmable calculator

#### Additional information

While written lines will be provided for responses, alternative forms such as tables or space for diagrams may also be used. A combined question/answer booklet is used.

Section	Supporting information
<b>Section One</b> <b>Research methods</b> 20% of the written exam 1–3 short answer questions Suggested working time: 30 minutes	Candidates demonstrate achievement in the use of research methods in psychology. Stimulus materials used include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.
<b>Section Two</b> <b>Topic-related content</b> 50% of the written exam 1–5 short answer questions Suggested working time: 90 minutes	This section contains at least one question from each of the main content organisers: self, others, society. Each question is topic specific and scaffolded to increase in complexity. Stimulus materials used include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.
<b>Section Three</b> <b>Extended answer</b> 30% of the written exam Two questions Suggested working time: 60 minutes	Candidates write structured answers to questions that require them to apply conceptual understandings to describe, explain and interpret human behaviour in the everyday world. Stimulus materials used include text, diagrams, tables and graphs.