

Psychology
WACE written examination—2009 design brief
Stage 3

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 |
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| Section One Research methods 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. |
| Section Two Topic-related content 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. |
| Section Three Extended answer 30% of the written exam Two questions Suggested working time: 60 minutes | Candidates write structured answers to demonstrate their ability to apply conceptual understandings to describe, explain and interpret human behaviour in the everyday world. Stimulus materials used include text, diagrams, tables and graphs. |