

Politics and Law
WACE written examination—2010 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: nil

Additional information

The primary focus of this examination is the Australian political and legal system.
 The examination is presented in a combined question/answer booklet.

Section	Supporting information
<p>Section One Short answer 40% of the written exam Four questions from a choice of six Suggested working time: 60 minutes</p>	<p>Each question has three parts. The questions are drawn from the specific content of each unit and relate to the Australian political and legal system.</p> <p>Questions follow the following format: (a) Definition type (2 marks) (b) Brief description type (3 marks) (c) Assessment/Analysis type (5 marks)</p>
<p>Section Two Source analysis 40% of written exam Two questions from a choice of three Suggested working time: 60 minutes</p>	<p>There are three document sets. Each question relates to a document set and has 5–7 parts.</p> <p>Documents include information such as opinion polls, election results and legal decisions relating to the Australian political and legal systems. Candidates are required to interpret, assess, analyse and compare the information.</p>
<p>Section Three Essay 20% of the total exam One question from a choice of four Suggested working time: 60 minutes</p>	<p>Candidates answer questions which examine the effectiveness of the Australian political and legal systems, the impact of reforms, and/or political and legal decisions.</p>