

Politics and Law
WACE written examination—2010 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: nil

Additional information

The primary focus of this examination is the Australian political and legal system and where appropriate, reference to other systems.

The examination is presented in a combined question/answer booklet.

Section	Supporting information
<p>Section One Short answer 30% of the written exam Three questions from a choice of five 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 20% of the written exam One question from a choice of two Suggested working time: 60 minutes</p>	<p>Candidates select one document set from a choice of two. Documents could include opinion polls, election results, legal decisions, posters, photographs and newspaper articles.</p> <p>Candidates are required to interpret, assess, analyse, compare, contrast or evaluate the information.</p> <p>Each question relates to one set of documents and contains four parts. Parts are weighted as follows: (a) a term or phrase from a source (2 marks) (b) issues the sources raise (4 marks) (c) the relevant principles, structures, institutions, processes and practices associated with the issue raised by the sources (6 marks) (d) links to their political and legal knowledge (8 marks)</p>
<p>Section Three Essays 50% of the written exam Two questions from a choice of five Suggested working time: 60 minutes</p>	<p>This section contains analytical/evaluative/comparative analysis style questions that require candidates to respond to propositions.</p>