

Sample examination papers

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Sample examination materials have been developed for all WACE courses being examined in 2009, except Engineering Studies*. The materials include sample papers (including practical where applicable), marking keys, grids of content, reviewed design briefs and other stimulus materials, such as inserts and CDs/DVDs. The examination materials have been developed by the examining panel which will also produce the final 2009 examination materials.

In developing sample examinations, particular attention has been paid to the level of difficulty of the Stage 2 examinations. Most questions have been pitched at a level that should enable most candidates to answer. Candidates who have successfully completed a pair of Stage 2 units, including all assessments for these units, and have revised the course, should achieve a satisfactory mark in the external examination. Each examination will include a proportion of questions designed to ensure a high level of discrimination at the top end.

Printed copies of the sample examination materials are being distributed to schools with enrolments in those courses so teachers can familiarise themselves with the format, scope and depth of the final examinations, and to provide teachers with a resource for school assessment.

These sample examination materials will also be available for download through the Council's new learning management system. The materials are not being placed on the 'open' website. This enables teachers to use them in their mid-year or mock examinations.

* Separate examinations for Stage 2 and Stage 3 Engineering Studies were held in 2008. The 2009 papers will be modelled on the 2008 papers.