

Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies

WACE written examination—2009 design brief

Stage 2

The Aboriginal and Intercultural Studies examination comprises a written examination worth 70% of the total examination score and an oral examination worth 30% of the total examination score.

Time allowed

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes

Working time for paper: two hours and thirty minutes

Permissible items

Standard items: pens, pencils, eraser, correction fluid, ruler, highlighter

Special items: printed English language dictionary and/or bilingual dictionary (non-electronic and not a thesaurus)

Additional information

The examination will be presented in a combined question/answer booklet.

Visual stimulus materials are included as part of the question/answer booklet.

Dictionaries should not contain any notes or other marks and may be inspected during the examination.

Section	Supporting information
<p>Section One Analysis of visual stimulus 25–30% of the written exam 3–6 questions Suggested working time: 40 minutes</p>	<p>Questions are structured as a series of closed and open items that increase in complexity and are designed to elicit a range of responses. Questions include both quantitative and qualitative analysis of the stimulus materials.</p> <p>Stimulus materials in this section include maps, photographs, cartoons, diagrams, graphs and drawings. The materials are organised around scenarios or issues relevant to the course.</p>
<p>Section Two Analysis of print material 25–30% of the written exam 3–6 questions Suggested working time: 40 minutes</p>	<p>Questions are structured as a series of closed and open items that increase in complexity and are designed to elicit a range of responses. Questions include both a quantitative and qualitative analysis of the stimulus materials.</p> <p>Stimulus materials in this section are print-based. For example, transcripts of conversations, lectures, talks, narratives, poems, songs, journal articles or letters are used.</p>
<p>Section Three Extended writing 40–50% of the written exam Two questions Suggested working time: 70 minutes</p>	<p>Questions relate to stimulus materials or a common scenario such as a timeline depicting change. Written answers may be supplemented with dot points, diagrams, tables etc.</p> <p>Stimulus materials draw from a variety of text types and include a combination of propositions or broad statements organised around scenarios or issues relevant to the course.</p> <p>Combinations of print texts such as graphs, data, cartoons, photographs, conversations, lectures, talks, narrations, poetry, songs, journal articles or letters are used.</p>