

French

WACE written examination—2010 design brief

Stage 2

The French 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: dictionaries: one combined dictionary (French/English and English/French dictionary) or two separate dictionaries (one English/French dictionary and one French/English dictionary). No electronic dictionaries are allowed.

Additional information

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

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

Text types for production and reception include account (narrative and personal), article, conversation, diary, journal entry, web log, blog, email, instruction, letter formal, letter informal, message, note, notice, report, review, scripts, interview, conversations, role play and summary.

Text types for completion are announcement, application form, chart, fax, invitation, itinerary, map, plan, personal profile, curriculum vitae, postcard, questionnaire, survey, table, chart and timetable.

Section	Supporting information
<p>Section One Response to audio texts 25–30% of the written exam 3–4 audio texts 4–6 questions Suggested working time: 20 minutes</p>	<p>Candidates listen to 2–3 short passages and one longer audio text. Text types used vary from year to year and are authentic or modified from authentic texts. Each short audio text is played twice with a 30 second pause between readings. The longer text is played once in its entirety then in shorter passages which are repeated twice.</p> <p>Questions are in English or French in sequential order. Answers are in English or French as stipulated and may require that candidates complete grids, tables, charts or forms.</p>
<p>Section Two Response and written communication 70–75% of the written exam Suggested working time: 130 minutes</p> <p>Part A: Short answer to stimuli and questions 4–5 print and/or audio-visual texts 6–8 questions Suggested working time: 80–90 minutes</p> <p>Part B: Extended writing Extended response One question from a choice of three Suggested working time: 40–50 minutes</p>	<p>In this section written answers in French range from 25–100 words.</p> <p>Part A: Candidates respond to a range of questions related to up to five stimulus texts. Stimulus texts may be audio-visual, print or a combination and should cover a range of text types. Text types vary from year to year, increase in complexity and length and are authentic or modified from authentic texts. Questions are written in French and English. Candidates answer in French or English as required. The suggested word length is indicated where questions are answered in French.</p> <p>Part B: Candidates choose one of three stimulus texts to write an extended response in French. Stimulus texts are in French or English as required. Instructions provided specify how many questions are to be completed. Questions are written in French and English and are a similar level of difficulty. Candidates answer in French.</p>