

Human Biological Science
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: non-programmable calculator

Additional information

The examination is presented in a question/answer booklet with a separate multiple-choice answer sheet.

Section	Supporting information
Section One Multiple-choice 30% of the written exam 30 questions Suggested working time: 40 minutes	Candidates indicate their answer on the separate multiple-choice answer sheet provided. Stimulus materials in the form of diagrams, second-hand data and graphs may be used.
Section Two Short answer 50% of the written exam 6–10 questions Suggested working time: 90 minutes	Questions require that candidates interpret data and/or construct annotated diagrams and graphs to assist their explanations. Stimulus material such as diagrams, second-hand data and recent research material may be used.
Section Three Extended answer 20% of the written exam Two questions from a choice of four Suggested working time: 50 minutes	Questions are holistic in nature and with some scaffolding. Candidates interpret and answer questions that may include stimulus materials such as diagrams, second-hand data and recent research findings. Candidates may support their answers in different ways using clearly labelled diagrams with explanatory notes; writing lists of points with linking sentences; using clearly labelled tables and graphs; and drawing annotated flow diagrams with introductory notes.