EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT SPECIFICATIONS - 2020
AUSTRALIA IN ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
Course Code: AAP315116

The purpose of the External Assessment Specifications is to provide information about the external assessment. These specifications must be read in conjunction with the Standards published in the Course Document.

The criteria to be externally assessed are: 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6

The format of the external assessment is a 3-hour written examination.

**WRITTEN EXAMINATION STRUCTURE**

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<th>Section</th>
<th>Remove Section AA Diversity of the Physical and Human Geography in the Australia, Asia and Pacific Region</th>
<th>A/B Australia’s Changing Roles in the Region: partnerships or immigration</th>
<th>C/B Tourism in the Australia, Asia and Pacific Region</th>
<th>D/C National Responses to Crises</th>
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<td>Criteria</td>
<td>Criterion 2 Elements 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Criterion 3 Elements 1, 2, 3 and 4</td>
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| Section | Remove Section A A  
Diversity of the Physical and Human Geography in the Australia, Asia and Pacific Region | A B  
Australia’s Changing Roles in the Region; partnerships or immigration | B B  
Tourism in the Australia, Asia and Pacific Region | C B  
National Responses to Crises |
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<td>Course Coverage</td>
<td>Section A.1 and A.2</td>
<td>Sections A and B (EITHER B.1 OR B.2 depending on selected question/topic)</td>
<td>Sections A and C</td>
<td>Sections A and D</td>
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| Number of items | 2  
Candidates will respond to two (2) questions on the physical and human geography in the AAP Region.  
Question 1 will make reference to EITHER ‘one (1) Asian nation’ OR ‘one (1) Pacific nation’; if ‘one (1) Asian nation’ is referred to in Question 1, Question 2 will refer to ‘one (1) Pacific nation’ or vice versa. | 2  
Two (2) questions/topics will be given, of which one (1) will be selected by the candidate (EITHER / OR).  
One (1) question/topic will examine Section B.1 (Partnerships [trade, security and aid]). It will require reference to Australia’s relationship with one (1) country, EITHER one (1) Asian OR one (1) Pacific nation.  
It will require a critical discussion/analysis of Australia’s partnerships / inter-relationships with the selected nation. It will include a ‘what if’ component in order to solicit evidence for the third standard element (predictions). | 1  
One (1) question that will require reference to at least two (2) countries in the AAP Region (as defined in Section C3 of the course document) from either Group A, Group B or Group C. The destinations must be from two (2) different groups and will provide the opportunity for candidates to explore both human and physical geography.  
The Groupings will be printed in this section of the examination paper for candidate reference.  
The question will allow students to select and make reference to the impact of tourism on at least One of:  
• the environment, | 2  
A hypothetical country in the AAP Region will be defined and two (2) questions will be given, only one (1) of which will be answered by candidates.  
Using the data provided on the hypothetical country in the AAP Region, candidates will select one (1) of the following questions:  
EITHER:  
A question on a man-made national crisis.  
OR  
A question on a natural national crisis. Questions will provide the opportunity for candidates
| Section | Remove Section A
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<td><strong>One (1) question/topic will examine Section B.2 (Immigration). It will require reference to Australia’s immigration issues within the scope of the course (White Australia Policy to present day asylum seekers) and reference to one (1) national or ethnic group from EITHER one (1) Asian OR one (1) Pacific nation. It may focus on a specific time period or issue. It will include a 'what if' component in order to solicit evidence for the third standard element of Criterion 4 (predictions). Questions will provide the opportunity for candidates to explore both human and physical geography.</strong></td>
<td>• the society and culture OR • the economy of the destination</td>
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<td>Item type(s) format – describe response type only</td>
<td>Short essay response</td>
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<td>A short essay retains the structure of an essay. The major parts that comprise a short essay are introduction, body, and conclusion. While introduction and conclusion are one paragraph long each, the number of paragraphs in the body is usually dictated by the topic of the short essay. If the essay topic is very narrow, one or two paragraphs should usually be enough.</td>
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**Suggested time allocation**

| 45-60 minutes | 45-60 minutes | 45-60 minutes | 45-60 minutes |

**Rating allocation (either Rating or Mark Allocation – weighting must be specified)**

| All criteria are assessed using extended ratings of A+, A, A-, B+, B, B-, C, C+, C-, t+ t, t- or z. Please note a C- is a low C (i.e. just meets the standards for a C but is not a t) |
| Algorithm to achieve final rating from Sections A – D will take account of the fact that each section carries equal weight. |
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A marking tool aligned with the standards in the Course Document will be provided for this examination and will be published on the TASC website prior to the commencement of the examinations for that year.

If there is no marking tool available (i.e. the subject requires a set of solutions) these will be provided to markers at the marking meeting and made publically available and published with the assessment report early in the following year.

The external assessment must include items that, separately or together, give opportunities to demonstrate the standards from rating C to rating A.

Final results will be awarded as a rating of A, B, C, t or z in the above criteria. These ratings are used in determining the final award according to the algorithm in the course document.
WRITTEN EXAMINATION CHECKLIST

SECTION A
☐ assesses examinable aspects of Criteria
☐ provides opportunities to demonstrate standards from rating C to rating A
   - provides a list of all elements from C to A that have been included
   - provides a list of all elements from C to A and not been included in this assessment
☐ requires two (2) questions: one (1) on Section A.1 and one (1) on Section A.2
☐ Question 1 requires discussion based on physical geography characteristics of EITHER an Asian OR a Pacific nation (if Question 1 makes reference to 'one (1) Asian nation', Question 2 WILL make reference to 'one (1) Pacific nation' or vice versa)
☐ Question 2 requires discussion based on human characteristics of either an Asian or a Pacific nation
☐ both questions require short essay responses
☐ both questions are compulsory

SECTION B
☐ assesses examinable aspects of Criteria
☐ provides opportunities to demonstrate standards from rating C to rating A
   - provides a list of all elements from C to A that have been included
   - provides a list of all elements from C to A and not been included in this assessment
☐ requires two (2) questions
☐ One (1) question/topic will examine Section B.1 (Partnerships [trade, security and aid]). It will require reference to Australia’s relationship with one (1) country, EITHER one (1) Asian OR one (1) Pacific nation. This question will include a ‘what if’ component in order to solicit evidence for the third standard element (predictions).
☐ One (1) question/topic will examine Section B.2 (Immigration); requires discussion based on one national or ethnic group from EITHER one (1) Asian OR one (1) Pacific nation.
☐ both questions require an extended essay response
☐ response to one (1) question is compulsory

SECTION C
☐ assesses examinable aspects of Criteria
☐ provides opportunities to demonstrate standards from rating C to rating A
   - provides a list of all elements from C to A that have been included
   - provides a list of all elements from C to A and not been included in this assessment
☐ requires one (1) question
☐ the question will allow candidates to select and make reference to the impact of tourism on at least one (1) of the environment OR on the society and culture OR on economic impact on the destination
☐ requires reference to at least two (2) countries in the AAP region from Groups A, B or C. Groups A, B and C will be provided (listing countries) as defined in C.3 of the course document
☐ requires an extended essay response
☐ requires response to one (1) compulsory question
SECTION D

- assesses examinable aspects of Criteria
- provides opportunities to demonstrate standards from rating C to rating A
  - provides a list of all elements from C to A that have been included
  - provides a list of all elements from C to A and not been included in this assessment
- requires two (2) questions
- requires discussion based on a hypothetical country in the AAP region
- Requires one (1) question on a man-made national crisis and one (1) question on a natural national crisis
- requires a report response format
- requires response to one (1) question.