

OUTDOOR EDUCATION ATAR course examination 2017 Marking Key

Marking keys are an explicit statement about what the examining panel expect of candidates when they respond to particular examination items. They help ensure a consistent interpretation of the criteria that guide the awarding of marks.

20% (20 Marks)

Section One: Multiple-choice

Question	Answer
1	а
2	С
3	b
4	d
5	С
6	a
7	b
8	b
9	a
10	С
11	d
12	С
13	b
14	a
15	b
16	b
17	d
18	С
19	d

а

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Section Two: Short answer 50% (83 Marks)

Question 21 (12 marks)

(a) When planning for the year, the Outdoor Education teacher determined that the program would have an educational focus.

(i) State the aim of an outdoor adventure program with an educational focus.

(1 mark)

Description	Marks
Any one of:	
to change the way people feel and think	1
 to increase people's knowledge and/or skills 	l l
Total	1

(ii) Outline how the outdoor education program would achieve this aim. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
Any one of the following activities:	
focus on the learning of new skills	
further develop established skills	1
facilitate the development of self-awareness	ı
increase the knowledge of participants.	
Total	1
Accept other relevant answers.	

(iii) Outline the difference between an outdoor adventure program with an educational focus and a program with a recreational focus. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
a program with an educational focus aims to change the way people think through participation in activities that increase learning and knowledge, whereas a program with a recreational focus, aims to change the way people feel through participation in fun activities	1
Total	1
Accept other relevant answers.	

Question 21 (continued)

- (b) It is important for the teacher planning the hiking expedition to include challenging activities for which an appropriate risk assessment has been undertaken.
 - (i) The teacher has asked you to complete the risk analysis table below for the planned hiking expedition. (6 marks)

Description		Marks
Provides six relevant responses in the table. (See examples in bold in the table below.)		1–6
	Total	6
Accept other relevant answers.		

Causal factor	environment	people	equipment
Hazard	forecast temperatures of 35 °C for dates of expedition	a new student has joined the class with no previous experience	missing parts of a tent
Risk management strategy	water allocations or water drops or move during cooler part of days	training program mentor/pair with experienced student or change program or provide suitable alternatives	check equipment prior to departure or carry repair kit and/or spare equipment

(ii) Explain why it is important to apply a risk analysis management system (RAMS). (3 marks)

Description	Marks
Explains why it is important to apply a RAMS.	3
Makes some relevant comment/s about applying a RAMS.	2
Makes superficial comment/s about applying a RAMS.	1
Total	3

- identify potential risks
- analyse the likelihood and consequence of the risk
- evaluation of whether risks are acceptable within activity being conducted
- selection of options to modify risks deemed unacceptable
- establish emergency protocols
- ensure supervision and staffing is appropriate to the activity.

Question 22 (8 marks)

(a) Identify **four** logistical aspects that you will include in the manual. (4 marks)

Description	Marks
Any four of:	
budget	
transport	
accommodation	
equipment bookings	1–4
relevant correspondence	1-4
communications	
emergency response	
support crew	
Total	4

(b) Give **one** example of the type of information you will provide for each of these aspects. (4 marks)

Description	Marks
Any four of:	
 budget – details regarding: food, transport, accommodation, activities, equipment hire transport – information regarding group size, fuel needs and fuel locations, licence requirements accommodation – group numbers, suitability for weather, alternatives in case required equipment bookings – relevant equipment and facility bookings relevant correspondence – accommodation, ranger, land use requests/permissions communications – protocols, relevant contacts, equipment i.e. satellite phone 	1–4
 emergency response – protocols, contacts, first aid equipment support crew involvement, vehicle access to locations 	
support crew – accommodation, equipment needs, responsibilities,	
food requirements, daily schedule	
Total	4
Accept other relevant answers.	

Question 23 (14 marks)

(a) Use the north point diagram to calculate the magnetic variation rounded to the nearest degree. Show your workings clearly. (5 marks)

Description	
Calculates magnetic variation as: 2017–2005 = 12 years.	1
12 x 3'18" = 36'216" = 39'36" E	1
1° 35 W – 39' 36" E	1
0° 55' 24" W	1
Correctly rounds magnetic variation to 1°W (or –1°).	1
Total	5

(b) Convert the compass bearings of the landmarks into grid bearings and then convert these grid bearings to back bearings. Show your workings clearly. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
South Ledge Picnic Area = 111° – 1° + 180° = 290°	1
Mundaring Weir wall = 98° – 1° + 180° = 277°	1
Total	2

(c) On the map provided, draw the lines of triangulation using the back bearings that you calculated in part (b). (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Correctly draws two lines on the map using the back bearings calculated in part (b).	1–2
Total	2
Note to markers: Accept plus or minus two degrees.	
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(d) Give the six-point grid reference to identify your current position.

(1 mark)

Description	Marks	
Correctly identifies location as GR 664 252.	1	
Total	1	
Note to markers: Accept location as any one of the following: 663 251, 663 252,		
663 253, 664 251, 664 253, 665 251, 665 252, 665 253.		

(e) To determine the accuracy of your triangulation, the teacher checks your answer using a GPS. Outline **two** advantages and **two** disadvantages of this piece of equipment.

(4 marks)

Description		Marks
Advantages		
Any two of:		
light/portable		
easy to use		1–2
accurate		1-2
low cost		
Accept other relevant answers.		
	Subtotal	2
Disadvantages		
Any two of:		
battery life/failure		
 detection reduced when sky is not clear 		1–2
 reliance on technology/loss of navigation techniques 		
Accept other relevant answers.		
	Subtotal	2
	Overall total	4

Question 24 (12 marks)

(a) Identify **four** strategies that are recommended for developing a positive relationship between humans and nature. (4 marks)

Description		Marks
Any four of:		
maximising personal comfort levels		
revisiting places		
instilling a sense of place		1_4
increasing knowledge of the natural environment		1–4
experiencing nature		
developing skills and competence in outdoor activities		
	Total	4

(b) Describe how you will plan to address each of these strategies during the hiking expedition. (8 marks)

Description	Marks
For each of the four strategies:	
Describes how they will plan to address the strategy during the hiking expedition.	2
Makes superficial comment/s about the strategy and planning for the hiking expedition.	1
Total	8

Answers could include:

Maximising personal comfort levels

I will:

- ensure that equipment is appropriate for forecasted weather and activities
- ensure that the expedition is conducted during suitable times of the year
- design activities that are appropriate to the experience and the competence of participants.

Revisiting places

I will:

- visit the location or a location similar in characteristics prior to the expedition where possible to ensure familiarity
- include opportunities for participants to experience fun in the environment and to build their confidence and familiarity
- design activities to develop an awareness and emotional connection to the location.

Instilling a sense of place

I will:

- facilitate connection to the location by providing opportunities for 'awe'
- research historical context and previous use of the location for incorporating into the planning of the experience/activities.

Increasing knowledge of the natural environment I will:

- research plants and animals native to the location, food webs and relationships
- understand impact of human use of location
- access and ensure understanding/recognition of local management strategies.

Experiencing nature

I will:

- encourage contemplation in nature
- provide opportunities for interaction with nature.

Developing skills and competence in outdoor activities I will:

- provide relevant training ahead of the hike
- encourage participants to problem-solve issues that may arise
- ensure a suitable level of challenge by participants.

Accept other relevant answers.

Overall total

9

Question 25 (9 marks)

One of your responsibilities on the hiking expedition is to familiarise students with the 'Leave No Trace' principles.

Identify **three** 'Leave No Trace' principles and describe how you will use a specific method to educate the group about each principle. You **must** use a different method for each principle.

Description	Marks
'Leave No Trace' principles	
Identifies three 'Leave No Trace' principles.	1–3
Subtotal	3

Note to markers: The 'Leave No Trace' principles are:

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Description	
For each of the three principles:	
Describes how they will use a method to educate the group about the principle.	2
Identifies a method to educate the group about the principle but makes no or limited comments about it.	1
Subtotal	6
Note: If a candidate uses the same method more than once, mark the first responsible second.	e but not

Answers could include:

Communicating the importance:

- arrange for a guest speaker to speak about the 'Leave No Trace' principles
- show a digital presentation emphasising the positive and negative effects of human impact on the environment
- prepare and distribute handouts that identify and explain each of the 'Leave No Trace' principles

Role model:

- show students how to select, package and dispose of food
- take students to the expedition area and show them practical examples of positive and negative human impact

Demonstrate:

- demonstrate to students how to clean the campsite in accordance with 'Leave No Trace' principles before departing the campsite
- show students how to select an appropriate campsite.

Question 26 (10 marks)

It is now your turn to lead the expedition. Describe how you will use each stage of Joplin's Model of Experiential Learning to create a positive experience for the participants.

Description		Marks
For each of the five stages of Joplin's Model of Experiential Learning		
Describes how the stage of the model will be implemented.		2
Makes superficial comment/s about how the stage of the model will be implemented.		1
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- Focus provide an opportunity for participants to plan, research and set goals
- Challenging action create an environment where participants are challenged and learn new skills/knowledge
- Support establish a safe and secure environment where members of the group and supervising staff members are encouraged to challenge themselves
- Feedback give information to participant so that they can progress through challenge and provide examples to clarify meaning or suggestions for skill development
- Debrief provide time for reflection and evaluation of task and use this information to create new goals and explore further challenges.

Question 27 (8 marks)

(a) Describe an appropriate environmental interpretation activity that you could deliver to students on the hiking expedition. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Describes an appropriate environmental interpretation activity for the hiking expedition.	2
Identifies an appropriate environmental interpretation activity for the hiking expedition.	1
Total	2

Answers could include:

- interpret cloud types to forecast weather
- flora features and how these features have enhanced adaptation to environment
- linking natural food sources to traditional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples
- identifying star constellations and sharing their creation stories at night.
- (b) Describe **three** benefits for a student as a result of participating in your interpretation activity. (6 marks)

Description	Marks
For each of the three benefits:	
Describes a relevant benefit for a student as a result of participating in their activity.	2
Makes superficial comment/s about the benefit to a student of participating in their activity.	1
Total	6

- gains an increased knowledge about the abiotic and biotic features of a forest ecosystem, geological structures or climatic conditions
- develops a more positive attitude and responsibility towards the environment in terms of human impact and Leave No Trace principles
- experiences improvement in their skill performance in terms of hiking in the outdoors, e.g. strategies for rubbish disposal, selection of camp site location, shelter construction.

Question 28 (10 marks)

(a) Present-day environmental management techniques have similarities to traditional methods used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Identify the similarities by completing the table below. (6 marks)

Description	Marks
Provides six relevant responses. (See examples in bold in the table below.)	1–6
Total	6
Accept other relevant answers.	

Present-day method	controlled burns conducted by Department of Parks and Wildlife	seasonal fishing restrictions set by the Department of Fisheries	National park management plans
Traditional method	firestick farming	fish traps	sanctuary zones
Description of how the traditional method managed the environment	sections of land were burnt to control weeds	traps allowed juvenile/small fish to escape	hunting was prevented from sections of land

(b) By comparison, early European settlers had a different relationship with the environment. Describe **two** land management techniques that the settlers implemented and the beliefs that influenced their relationship with the environment. (4 marks)

Description	Marks
Land management techniques	
Any two of:	
 land clearing/deforestation to provide for agriculture/pastoral needs 	
whaling/hunting of seals	1–2
development of timber production	1–2
implementation of European farming techniques	
Accept other relevant answers.	
Subtotal	2
Beliefs	
Any two of:	
 land and resources were there to be exploited 	
 land was to be tamed/colonised – yield to human needs 	1–2
 land and seas were to be explored to discover new resources, other 	1-2
lands, animals etc.	
Accept other relevant answers.	
Subtotal	2
Overall total	4

Section Three: Extended answer 30% (40 Marks)

Question 29 (20 marks)

(a) Experiential learning occurs in an Outdoor Education program when a person performs activities and then reflects on what they have experienced. Kolb's Model of Experiential Learning suggests how experiential learning occurs.

(i) Describe the characteristics of **three** of the stages of Kolb's Model of Experiential Learning. (6 marks)

Description	Marks
For each of the three stages of Kolb's Model of Experiential Learning	ng:
Describes the characteristics of the stage of the model.	2
Makes superficial comment/s about the stage of the model.	1
Total	6

Answers could include:

- concrete experience person participates in an outdoor experience
- reflective observation looks at experience from differing perspectives and reflects on learning that has occurred
- abstract conceptualisation conclusions are made about success of learning and theories developed to support further learning
- active experimentation new learning is applied and attempts to improve skills through new/different approach.
- (ii) Referring to an outdoor activity you have participated in, provide an example of how you experienced each stage of Kolb's Model of Experiential Learning.

 (4 marks)

Description	Marks
Provides a relevant example of how they have experienced each	
of the four stages of Kolb's Model of Experiential Learning in an	1–4
outdoor activity they have participated in.	
Total	4

- concrete experience of others paddling through a rapid
- reflective observation reflected on the success of individuals and their performance of others through rapids
- abstract conceptualisation participants identified the need for new skills and developed strategies to negotiate rapids
- active experimentation participants practiced and developed skills and strategies on open-water or simple rapids.

(b) Describe each of the levels of challenge in the Adventure Experience Paradigm that a leader needs to consider when developing an Outdoor Education program. (10 marks)

Description	Marks
For the five levels of challenge in the Adventure Experience Paradigm	
Describes the characteristics of the level of challenge that a leader needs	2
to consider when developing an Outdoor Education program.	
Makes superficial comment/s about the level of challenge.	1
Total	10

- exploration and experimentation task is easy and the individual has opportunity to develop new techniques/skills without significant risk, competence significantly outweighs risk, participants may become bored
- adventure contains an element of risk and the outcome is uncertain, participant's attention becomes more fixed on the task, competence outweighs risk
- peak adventure participant experiences optimal arousal, and may be on edge, results in maximum performance, outcome is thinly-balanced, risk and competence is balanced
- misadventure challenge becomes too difficult, immediate reactions of participant to the experience are negative, risk outweighs competence, can occur due to participant overestimating skill levels
- devastation and disaster difficulty of task far outweighs individual's skill level, harm or death may occur.

Question 30 (20 marks)

(a) Your Outdoor Education class has selected a location for the end-of-year expedition but there is some uncertainty about whether this location is a world heritage site. Your teacher has instructed you to conduct some research in preparation for the expedition.

(i) State the primary aim of the World Heritage Convention. (1 mark)

Description	Marks
identification, protection and preservation of sites considered to be of outstanding value to humanity	1
Total	1

(ii) Outline the **four** natural criteria used to determine the listing of a world heritage site. (4 marks)

Description	Marks
superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural	1
beauty and aesthetic importance	I
outstanding examples of major stages in earth's history	1
outstanding examples representing significant ongoing ecological	1
and biological process in evolution	'
containing the most important and significant natural habitats for	4
in situ conservation of biological diversity.	ı
Total	4

(iii) Identify **two** natural Western Australian world heritage listed sites and describe how each site has met **one** of these criteria. (6 marks)

Description	Marks
Natural Western Australian world heritage listed sites	
Any two of:	
Purnululu National Park	
Ningaloo Coast	1–2
Shark Bay	
Subtotal	2
Description of each of the two sites	
Describes how the site has met the criteria.	2
Identifies relevant criteria for the site.	1
Subtotal	4
Overall total	6

Note to markers: The criteria for each site is as follows:

- Purnululu National Park
 - superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance
 - outstanding examples of major stages in earth's history.
- Ningaloo Coast
 - superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance
 - containing the most important and significant natural habitats for in situ conservation of biological diversity.
- Shark Bay
 - superlative natural phenomena or areas of exceptional natural beauty and aesthetic importance
 - outstanding examples of major stages in earth's history
 - outstanding examples representing significant ongoing ecological and biological process in evolution
 - containing the most important and significant natural habitats for in situ conservation of biological diversity.

Question 30 (continued)

- (b) Standards and documentation for outdoor activities in Western Australian schools exist to protect participants, leaders and the environment.
 - (i) Identify the guiding document that should be used when planning an expedition and outline the **four** key aspects of this document. (5 marks)

Description	Marks
Document	
Department of Education Outdoor Education and Recreation	
procedures and guidelines or Department of Education Activities	1
policy.	
Subtotal	1
Key aspects of the document	
Any four of:	
identifying risk	
determine supervision strategies	
qualifications of instructors	1_4
information to be provided to parents/guardians	1—4
emergency response planning	
communication strategies	
Subtotal	4
Overall total	5

(ii) Select **two** of these aspects and describe how each could be addressed for the expedition. (4 marks)

Description	Marks
For each of the two aspects:	
Describes how the aspect could be addressed for the expedition.	2
Makes superficial or general comments about how the aspect could be addressed for the expedition.	1
Total	4

- identifying risk related to the environment, student experience and capacity, activities to be conducted, equipment and capabilities of the supervisory team
- determine supervision strategies and ratios based on age, experience and capacity of students, medical conditions, nature and location of activity, weather, strategies to identify students
- qualifications of instructors check paddling instructors qualifications and student ratios
- information to be provided to parents/guardians including activity details to enable informed consent. Parents to provide medical information
- emergency response planning ensuring access to emergency support
 without compromising the safety and welfare of the group or of a casualty.
 All supervisors must be familiar with the evacuation procedures and the
 location of emergency equipment
- communication strategies that enable regular communication amongst all members. The establishment of emergency signals and communication modes.

Question 31 (20 marks)

- (a) It is the second day of a three-day hike on the Bibbulmun Track with a group of Year 8 students. You are to lead the next activity on the expedition. Establishing ground rules and decision-making are examples of skills that other group members have demonstrated when leading activities.
 - (i) List **two** other facilitation skills that you could demonstrate while leading. (2 marks)

Description	Marks
Any two of:	
valuing responses	
asking open-ended questions	
using active listening	1–2
controlling the discussion	
problem-solving	
Total	2

(ii) Explain how each of these skills would contribute to your effectiveness as a leader. (6 marks)

Description	Marks
For each of the two identified skills:	
Explains how the skill would contribute to their effectiveness as a leader.	3
Makes some relevant comments about the skill in relation to being a leader.	2
Makes superficial comment/s about the skill and being a leader.	1
Total	6

- valuing responses enables me to encourage participant engagement and participation
- asking open-ended questions allows me to gather more detailed information from participants and empowers participants to guide discussion
- using active listening asking clarifying questions allows me to further understand the thinking of participants and how to progress their thinking or increase their knowledge
- controlling the discussion ensures that I can maintain the focus of discussion and facilitate respectful conversations.

Question 31 (continued)

- (b) You have reached the campsite at the end of the second day and have scheduled a debrief for the group after dinner.
 - (i) Identify and describe the **three** phases of a debrief.

(9 marks)

Description	Marks
Phases of a debrief	
What happened?	1
So what?	1
Now what?	1
Subtotal	3
Description for each of the three phases:	
Describes the phase of the debrief.	2
Makes superficial comment/s about the phase of the debrief.	1
Subtotal	6
Overall total	9

Answers could include:

Phase: What happened?

Description:

- purpose is to describe the experience
- · focus is to recall and review of activities
- aims to establish facts
- enables discussion of how the experience affected individuals.

Phase: So what? Description:

- purpose is to review what has been learnt
- individuals discuss what has been learnt
- enables discussion of what individuals were thinking, feeling at various points of the experience
- allows for reflection on group/individual goals
- establishes what is important and what needs to be addressed.

Phase: Now what?

Description:

- purpose is to identify future goals, changes in behaviours, link learning to life
- involves discussion about what can be done differently
- enables application of what has been learnt to other situations in the participant's daily life.
- (ii) Explain why it is important to evaluate the effectiveness of a debrief. (3 marks)

Description	Marks
Explains why it is important to evaluate the effectiveness of a debrief.	3
Makes some relevant comments in relation to evaluating a debrief.	2
Makes superficial comment/s about evaluating a debrief.	1
Total	3

Answers could include:

• it is important to reflect upon the debrief and focus on what was performed well, what requires improvement and what could be done differently.

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