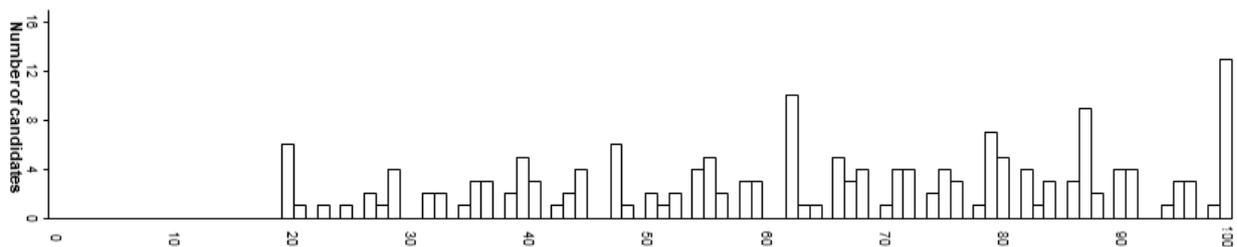




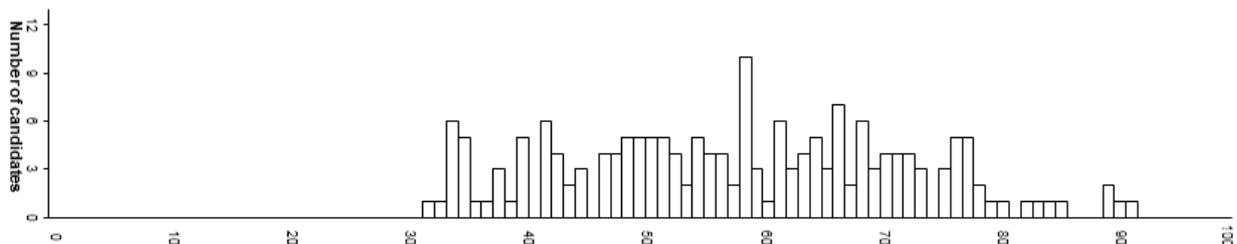
Summary report for candidates on the 2014 WACE examination in Italian Stage 3

Year	Number who sat all examination components	Number of absentees from all examination components
2014	178	6
2013	262	7
2012	255	4

Examination score distribution - Practical



Examination score distribution - Written



Summary

Practical examination

The practical (oral) examination was worth 30% of the total examination score. The mean of the examination was 65.43% and candidate scores for the examination ranged from a minimum of 20% to a maximum of 100%. The standard deviation was 22.97%. The means for each of the two parts of the practical (oral) examination were: Part B: Stimulus 64.94% and Part C: Conversation 65.68%.

Written examination

The written examination was worth 70% of the total examination score. The written examination had a mean of 58.46%. Candidate scores for the written examination ranged from a minimum of 31.71% to a maximum of 91.56%. The standard deviation was 14.21%. The section means were: Section One: Response Part A Listening and responding 38.03%; Section One: Response Part B Viewing, reading and responding 68.02%; Section Two: Written communication Part A: Stimulus response 63.26% and Part B: Extended response 68.15%.

General comments

Practical examination

Candidates reflected a range of abilities and the full range of marks was achieved in both parts of the practical examination. It was gratifying to see that some candidates demonstrated good use of idiomatic expressions, and a few showed high-order thinking in discussing a variety of issues. Most candidates were able to initiate the stimulus discussion with a practiced introduction. A few were able to tailor this for the specific stimulus, but many gave superficial responses, even when specific questions were asked.

Advice for candidates

- Ensure the accuracy of language structures and grammar.

Written examination

Advice for candidates

- Do not rely on providing literal translations in the response sections of the examination.
- You need to synthesise information in order to respond to the questions in the aural, visual and print texts sections.
- Practise completing the Listening and Responding section of the examination.