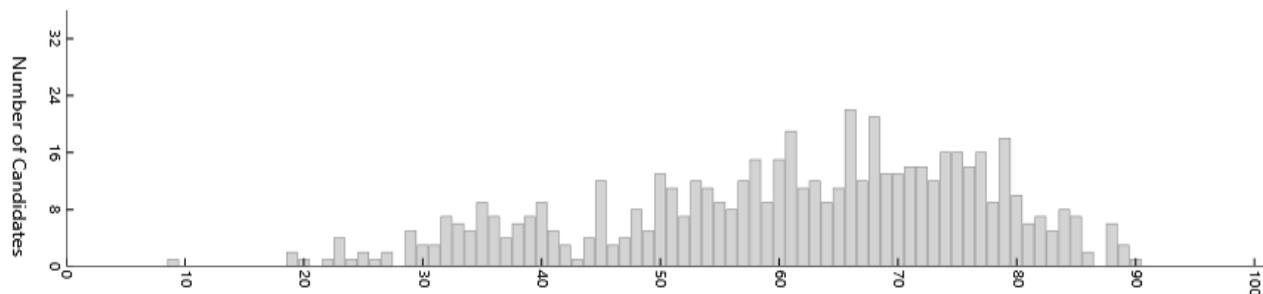




## Summary report of the 2016 ATAR course examination: Health Studies

Year	Number who sat	Number of absentees
2016	580	10

### Examination score distribution



### Summary

The examination was attempted by 580 candidates and had a whole of paper mean of 60.55%. This indicates the paper was at the appropriate level of difficulty, was discriminatory and produced scores ranging from 9% to 90%.

The examination consisted of three sections. Candidates were required to answer all of Sections One and Two and choose two from four questions in Section Three.

Section means were:

Section One: Multiple-choice	Mean 15.2(/20)	Max 20.00	Min 7.00
Section Two: Short answer	Mean 29.86(/50)	Max 46.50	Min 1.00
Section Three: Extended answer	Mean 15.61(/30)	Max 29.00	Min 0.00

### General comments

The mean of 60.55% was higher than last year's mean of 56.23%. The paper aligned closely to the syllabus. On the whole, candidates were able to complete the paper in the time provided, notwithstanding a small number of candidates who did not attempt some questions (which is not unusual).

### Advice for candidates

- Read all questions in full. In particular, read all parts of extended answer questions before choosing which questions to answer.
- Use examples to illustrate or exemplify points.
- Consider using dot points or start a new line to answer each part of the question (in the case of being asked to provide 'a number' of things, e.g. *Provide three reasons*). Use clear sentences and write concisely. Get to the point of the answer – don't waffle or use extra words that will not acquire marks.
- Make direct links between the question and the syllabus content. Use the syllabus as a primary revision tool. Anticipate questions that could be included in the examination as part of your revision program.
- Carefully read any scenarios or lead in statements to questions and refer to these where appropriate, in responses.

