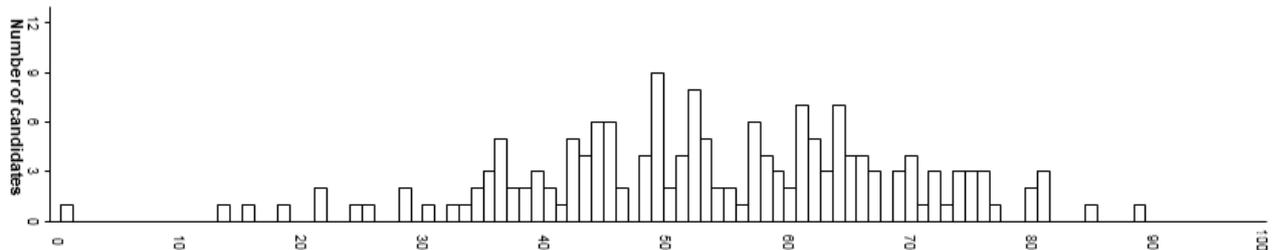




Summary report for candidates on the 2015 WACE examination in Career and Enterprise Stage 3

Year	Number who sat	Number of absentees
2015	170	2
2014	105	1
2013	148	0

Examination score distribution - Written



Summary

Written examination

Attempted by 170 Candidates Mean 54.38% Max 89.59 Min 1.24

Section means were:

Section One: Short answer Mean 29.99% (/60%) Max 51.92 Min 0.58

Section Two: Extended answer Mean 24.40% (/40%) Max 37.67 Min 0.67

General comments

Most candidates completed all sections of the paper which indicates the length of the paper was appropriate for the time allocated. All questions were attempted, and for those few questions not attempted by candidates it is suggested that it is a lack of knowledge rather than a lack of time. The mark allocation was appropriate and appropriate for discriminating between responses. The paper was accessible and the responses were good generally from most candidates. In some instances candidates provided generic responses when asked about the impact and implication on an organisation or the reason behind an issue. Some answers related to productivity, efficiency and sustainability, or about the world constantly changing and the impact of technology, were generic without going into the detail required in the question.

Advice for candidates

You need to ensure that you:

- clearly mark the page number in your question/answer booklet if your answer extends beyond the space provided
- read the extended response questions carefully, note the mark allocation for each question, plan your time and writing accordingly
- make effective use of the reading time for planning
- have revised all areas of the course and not limit yourself to a focus on some of the content dot points
- note the key verbs used in a question and respond to the question accordingly. For example, know how you should answer a question that requires you to 'provide', 'describe', 'explore', 'explain' and 'discuss' or 'justify'.

Comments on specific sections and questions

Section One: Short answer

Attempted by 170 Candidates Mean 29.99%(/60%) Max 51.92% Min 0.58%

Most candidates responded well in this section with the highest mean achieved in Question 14 and the lowest in Question 3.

Section Two: Extended answer

Attempted by 170 Candidates Mean 24.40%(/40%) Max 37.67% Min 0.67%

Candidates performed well in Section Two indicating that they had engaged effectively with the course content and were able to apply their knowledge. However many still found Section Two more difficult than Section One.

More able candidates provided highly structured and analytical responses using specific and appropriate terminology with supporting evidence. These candidates provided detailed, relevant and accurate cases. For example sustainable use of resources or were able to identify current global issues of social justice, social change and explained how these influenced people's actions. Responses linked clearly the relationship between concepts, for example between social cohesion and sustainable features to preserve resources for future generations.