



ATAR course examination, 2026

Question/Answer booklet

TAMIL: BACKGROUND LANGUAGE

Place one of your candidate identification labels in this box.
Ensure the label is straight and within the lines of this box.

WA student number: In figures

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In words

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Time allowed for this paper

Reading time before commencing work: ten minutes

Working time: two and a half hours

Number of additional
answer booklets used
(if applicable):

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Materials required/recommended for this paper

To be provided by the supervisor

This Question/Answer booklet

Sound recording

To be provided by the candidate

Standard items: pens (blue/black preferred), pencils (including coloured), sharpener, correction fluid/tape, eraser, ruler, highlighters

Special items: monolingual and/or bilingual print dictionaries

Note: Dictionaries must not contain any notes or other marks. No electronic dictionaries are allowed.

Important note to candidates

No other items may be taken into the examination room. It is **your** responsibility to ensure that you do not have any unauthorised material. If you have any unauthorised material with you, hand it to the supervisor **before** reading any further.



Structure of the examination

The Tamil: Background Language ATAR course examination consists of a written component and a practical (oral) component.

Structure of this paper

Section	Number of questions available	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested working time (minutes)	Marks available	Percentage of written examination
Section One Listening and responding					
Part A: Listening and responding in English	1	1	20	17	15
Part B: Listening and responding in Tamil	1	1	20	15	15
Section Two Reading and responding					
Part A: Reading and responding in English	2	2	25	20	10
Part B: Reading and responding in Tamil	2	2	45	37	20
Section Three Writing in Tamil	2	1	40	23	40
Total					100

Instructions to candidates

1. The rules for the conduct of the Western Australian external examinations are detailed in the *Year 12 Information Handbook 2026: Part II Examinations*. Sitting this examination implies that you agree to abide by these rules.
2. Write your answers in Standard Australian English or Tamil in this Question/Answer booklet preferably using a blue/black pen. Do not use erasable or gel pens.
3. You must be careful to confine your answers to the specific questions asked, and to follow any instructions that are specific to a particular question.
4. Supplementary pages for planning/continuing your answers to questions are provided at the end of this Question/Answer booklet. If you use these pages to continue an answer, indicate at the original answer where the answer is continued, i.e. give the page number.

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