Aboriginal Studies

General Instructions
- Reading time – 5 minutes
- Working time – 3 hours
- Write using black or blue pen
- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of this page and page 13

Total marks – 100

Section I Pages 2–7
60 marks
This section has two parts, Part A and Part B

Part A – 20 marks
- Attempt Question 1
- Allow about 35 minutes for this part

Part B – 40 marks
- Attempt TWO questions from Questions 2–7
- Allow about 1 hour and 10 minutes for this part

Section II Pages 8–9
30 marks
- Attempt either Question 8 or Question 9
- Allow about 55 minutes for this section

Section III Pages 13–14
10 marks
- Attempt Question 10
- Allow about 20 minutes for this section
Question 1 — Social Justice and Human Rights Issues – A Global Perspective
(20 marks)

Source A

(a) Identify TWO examples of racism mentioned in Source A.

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(b) Explain ONE way that racism has affected Aboriginal people.

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In its own words, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples sets out minimum standards “for the survival, dignity and wellbeing of the Indigenous peoples of the world”. Such standards are urgently needed – yet Australia, the US and New Zealand have opposed their introduction.

In every region of the world, Indigenous peoples face racially-motivated violence and persecution, attacks on their distinct cultures and languages, and loss of lands vital to their health, livelihoods and traditions. Such abuses are rooted in long histories of oppression and entrenched* in discriminatory laws and policies. Indigenous leaders are targeted for speaking out. And Indigenous peoples have little or no access to justice or redress** for the abuses they suffer.

* entrenched: established
** redress: remedy

(c) Using Source B and your own knowledge, outline TWO ways in which Aboriginal people address issues of racism.

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(d) Using Source C and your own knowledge, describe the difficulties that Indigenous peoples experience in improving their political and legal status.

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Section I (continued)

Part B – 40 marks
Attempt TWO questions from Questions 2–7
Allow about 1 hour and 10 minutes for this part

Answer each question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

In your answers you will be assessed on how well you:
■ use your knowledge
■ integrate course concepts throughout your response
■ present a sustained, logical and well-structured answer to the question

Question 2 — Health (20 marks)

(a) Outline ONE political change that has addressed Aboriginal health. 2

(b) Explain the consequences of colonisation on Aboriginal health today. 6

(c) Analyse ways in which culturally appropriate initiatives address Indigenous health. In your answer you must refer to an Australian Indigenous community and an international Indigenous community. 12

Question 3 — Education (20 marks)

(a) Briefly describe ONE culturally appropriate strategy that addresses Aboriginal education. 2

(b) Explain ways in which Aboriginal people maintain their culture through education. 6

(c) Analyse the ongoing impact of colonisation on Indigenous education. In your answer you must refer to an Australian Indigenous community and an international Indigenous community. 12
Question 4 — Housing (20 marks)

(a) Briefly describe ONE issue in Aboriginal housing today.  

(b) Explain the impact of housing standards on Aboriginal quality of life.  

(c) Analyse the importance of regaining land in addressing the housing situation for Indigenous peoples. In your answer you must refer to an Australian Indigenous community and an international Indigenous community.

Question 5 — Employment (20 marks)

(a) Briefly describe ONE impact of colonisation on Aboriginal people’s work patterns today.  

(b) How do culturally appropriate strategies address Aboriginal employment?  

(c) Analyse the impact of Indigenous initiatives on the current employment status of Indigenous peoples. In your answer you must refer to an Australian Indigenous community and an international Indigenous community.

Question 6 — Criminal Justice (20 marks)

(a) Outline ONE political change that has addressed criminal justice issues for Aboriginal people.  

(b) Explain the consequences of colonisation on the over-representation of Aboriginal people in the criminal justice system today.  

(c) Analyse ways in which culturally appropriate initiatives can address the over-representation of Indigenous peoples in the criminal justice system. In your answer you must refer to an Australian Indigenous community and an international Indigenous community.
Question 7 — Economic Independence (20 marks)

(a) Briefly describe ONE way in which Aboriginal people have attempted to reassert their economic independence.

(b) Explain the ongoing impact of colonisation on Aboriginal economic independence.

(c) Account for the differences between Indigenous and non-Indigenous participation in the economy. In your answer you must refer to an Australian Indigenous community and an international Indigenous community.

Please turn over
Section II

30 marks
Attempt either Question 8 or Question 9
Allow about 55 minutes for this section

Answer the question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

In your answers you will be assessed on how well you:

■ use your knowledge and the information provided
■ integrate course concepts throughout your response
■ present a sustained, logical and well-structured answer to the question
■ use your Local Aboriginal Community Case Study in your answer

Question 8 — Aboriginality and the Land (30 marks)

Source $D$

(a) Using Source $D$ and your own knowledge, describe contemporary issues relating to Aboriginal land and water rights.

(b) Discuss the impact on one major industry of native title and/or land and/or water rights. Refer to your local Aboriginal community case study in your answer.

OR

(30 marks)
Source E

Question 9 — Heritage and Identity (30 marks)

(a) Using Source E and your own knowledge, examine how major community events contribute to contemporary Aboriginal social and/or cultural life.

(b) Evaluate the impact of Aboriginal cultural expression on contemporary Australian society. Refer to your local Aboriginal community case study in your answer.
Question 10 — Research and Inquiry Methods – Major Project (10 marks)

(a) Give TWO reasons why it is important to use information from a variety of sources when undertaking research.

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(b) Outline the ways in which Aboriginal viewpoints were reflected in your logbook and/or project.

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