



School Certificate Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship Test Specifications

From 2002 – 2005 the School Certificate Test in Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship will be based on the Stage 5 History (Mandatory) and Stage 5 Geography (Mandatory) courses in the 1998 syllabuses.

The Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship test will be of two hours duration plus 10 minutes reading time. It will consist of two sections, Australian History, Civics and Citizenship and Australian Geography, Civics and Citizenship. These two sections will alternate as Section 1 and Section 2.

Australian History, Civics and Citizenship (50 marks)

- Part A: (20 marks) 20 multiple-choice questions based on nominated topics*
- Part B: (5 marks) 1–2 short answer questions based on nominated topics*
- Part C: (25 marks) 2–3 short-answer questions and one extended response question drawn from the five Focus Issues as specified on page 22 of the History syllabus.

* The nominated topics for Parts A and B of the 2004 and 2005 tests are:

Topic 4: Australia and World War II

Topic 6: Social and Political Issues from the 1970s to the 1990s

Australian Geography, Civics and Citizenship (50 marks)

- Part A: (20 marks) 20 multiple-choice questions based on geographical tools and skills, and the four Focus Areas
- Part B: (5 marks) 1–2 short answer questions based on geographical tools and skills, and the four Focus Areas
- Part C: (25 marks) 2–3 short-answer questions and one extended response question drawn from the four Focus Areas, and which may include geographical tools and skills.

- All questions are compulsory.
- Multiple-choice questions are to be answered on machine-scored Answer Sheets.
- Short-answer and extended response questions are to be answered in the spaces provided in the test paper.

Where stimulus material is used, it will generally be included immediately above the question(s) that relate to it. A separate single source-sheet may be included if appropriate.