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# School-based assessment

The Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) Manual contains essential information on principles, policies and procedures for school-based assessment that needs to be read in conjunction with this syllabus.

Teachers design school-based assessment tasks to meet the needs of students. The table below provides details of the assessment types for the Economics ATAR Year 11 syllabus and the weighting for each assessment type.

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| Type of assessment | Weighting |
| Data interpretation/Short answer  An answer of less than 150 words that can include discuss, explain or analyse an economic concept, event or issue.  Formats can include: multiple-choice questions, calculations and/or short answer questions that can require a definition, description, explanation or application of economic concepts, theories and/or models. Typically questions require students to interpret real or hypothetical economic data or information, such as graphs, tables, text or cartoons.  Typically tasks are a combination of these formats.  At least two data interpretation/short answer tasks should be administered under test conditions. | 30% |
| Extended answer  The question can require a description, discussion, explanation and/or analysis of an economic concept, event or issue, and the application of economic theories and/or models. The question can include stimulus material.  Formats can include: an essay, a sectionalised long answer, an investigation and/or a response to a scenario or a case study.  At least two extended answer tasks should be administered under test conditions. | 40% |
| Examination  Typically conducted at the end of each semester and/or unit. In preparation for Unit 3 and Unit 4, the examination should reflect the examination design brief included in the ATAR Year 12 syllabus for this course. | 30% |

Year 11 ATAR Economics

**EXAM STRUCTURE SEMESTER ONE: 2.5 hours, SEMESTER TWO: 3 hours**

**Section One**

Semester 1: 24 x Multiple Choice questions, 24 marks, 30% of paper. Suggested working time – 30 minutes.

Semester 2: 24 x Multiple Choice questions, 24 marks, 24% of paper. Suggested working time – 30 minutes.

**Section Two**

Semester 1: 3 x Data interpretation/Short Answer questions, 36 marks, 45% of paper. Suggested working time 75 minutes.

Semester 2: 3 x Data interpretation/Short Answer questions, 36 marks, 36% of paper. Suggested working time 70 minutes.

**Section Three**

Semester 1: Extended Answer , 20 marks, 25% of paper, 1 Question (from a choice of 2). Suggested working time 45 minutes.

Semester 2: Extended Answer , 40 marks, 40% of paper, 2 Questions (from a choice of 4). Suggested working time 80 minutes.