

VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies

Written examination – End of year

Sample questions

These sample questions are intended to demonstrate how new aspects of Units 3 and 4 of VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies may be examined. They do **not** constitute a full examination paper.

Question 1 (8 marks)

Select **one** of the following outdoor environments by ticking (✓) the box beside it:

- Lake Pedder (Tasmania)
- Little Desert (Victoria)
- Franklin River (Tasmania)

- a. Name and describe the formation of **one** environmental movement that was part of a conflict involving the use of the selected outdoor environment.

3 marks

Name _____

Description _____

- b. With reference to examples from the selected outdoor environment, evaluate the role that the environmental movement named in **part a.** played in changing relationships with outdoor environments.

5 marks

Question 2 (8 marks)

In September 2016 there was a major power outage in South Australia. All businesses and households were without power for up to 24 hours. The outage was caused by a violent storm. South Australia had recently become more dependent on renewable energy than other Australian states. After the power outage from the storm, the debate about relying on renewable energy rather than non-renewable energy intensified.

- a. Outline two opposing viewpoints that have been expressed in the debate about relying on renewable energy rather than non-renewable energy. 4 marks

Viewpoint 1 _____

Viewpoint 2 _____

- b. Analyse the impact of each opposing viewpoint outlined in **part a.** on societal relationships with outdoor environments. 4 marks

Impact of viewpoint 1 _____

Impact of viewpoint 2 _____

Question 3 (6 marks)

Select **one** of the following environmental debates for which major Australian political parties have a policy by ticking (✓) the box beside it:

- climate change
- water management
- renewable energy

a. Describe a major political party's policy on the selected environmental debate. 3 marks

Political party _____

Description _____

b. Analyse the likely effect of the policy described in **part a.** on relationships with outdoor environments. 3 marks

Question 4 (8 marks)

The current national State of the Environment (SoE) report provides a comprehensive snapshot of the health of the Australian environment.

Identify one theme of the current national SoE report.

Theme _____

- a.** Outline the contemporary state of Australian outdoor environments that is covered by the identified theme from the current national SoE report. 3 marks

- b.** Evaluate the contemporary state of outdoor environments that is covered by the identified theme from the current national SoE report. 5 marks

Question 5 (4 marks)

Select **one** of the following conflicts by ticking (✓) the box beside it:

- marine national parks and sanctuaries
- grazing in the Alpine National Park
- desalination plant at Wonthaggi
- proposed Great Forest National Park
- extraction of coal seam gas

With reference to two opposing groups involved, describe **one** method used by each group to influence the decision-makers in the selected conflict.

Question 6 (7 marks)

The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty that was introduced in 1971 and to which Australia is a signatory.

- a.** Name and describe a specific outdoor environment that has been protected by the Ramsar Convention. 2 marks

Name _____

Description _____

- b.** Evaluate the effectiveness of the Ramsar Convention in sustaining the outdoor environment named in **part a.** 5 marks
