VCE Physical Education
2018–2021

Written examination – End of year

Examination specifications

Overall conditions
The examination will be sat at a time and date to be set annually by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA). VCAA examination rules will apply. Details of these rules are published annually in the VCE and VCAL Administrative Handbook.

There will be 15 minutes reading time and 2 hours writing time.

The examination will be marked by a panel appointed by the VCAA.

The examination will contribute 50 per cent to the study score.

Content
The VCE Physical Education Study Design 2018–2021 (Units 3 and 4) is the document for the development of the examination. All outcomes in Units 3 and 4 will be examined.

All of the key knowledge and key skills that underpin the outcomes in Units 3 and 4 are examinable.

Format
The examination will be in the form of a question and answer book.

The examination will consist of two sections.

Section A will consist of 15 multiple-choice questions worth 1 mark each and will be worth a total of 15 marks.

Section B will consist of short-answer and extended-answer questions, including questions with multiple parts. One of the extended-answer questions will be worth 8–10 marks and will not have multiple parts. The number of questions may vary from year to year. Section B will be worth a total of 105 marks.

The examination may include questions that refer to visual and/or written material, including scenarios.

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the examination will be 120.

Answers to Section A are to be recorded on the answer sheet provided for multiple-choice questions.

Answers to Section B are to be recorded in the spaces provided in the question and answer book.
Approved materials and equipment
Pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers

Relevant references
The following publications should be referred to in relation to the VCE Physical Education examination:
- VCE Physical Education Study Design 2018–2021 (Units 3 and 4)
- VCE Physical Education – Advice for teachers 2018–2021 (includes assessment advice)
- VCAA Bulletin

Advice
During the 2018–2021 accreditation period for VCE Physical Education, examinations will be prepared according to the examination specifications above. Each examination will conform to these specifications and will test a representative sample of the key knowledge and key skills from all outcomes in Units 3 and 4.

Examination questions may relate to one or more areas of study. The weighting of examination questions will reflect approximately the weighting of the outcomes in the study design.

Students should use command/task words, other instructional information within questions and corresponding mark allocations to guide their responses.

A separate document containing sample questions has been published on the ‘Physical Education – Exams and Examination Reports’ page on the VCAA website.

The sample questions provide an indication of the types of questions teachers and students can expect until the current accreditation period is over.

Answers to multiple-choice questions are provided on page 26 of the sample questions document.

Answers to other questions are not provided.