

2021 EXAM LAYOUT IMPROVEMENTS

Following consultation with Exam Setters and Critics, TLOs and Marking Coordinators, some minor adjustments to the exam cover page and new layout elements are being included in the 2021 exam papers.

These adjustments were informed by a review of the senior secondary exam paper layouts used by other Australian states and territories.

Importantly:

- there are **no changes** to the layout of the actual exam questions, or the space provided for answers
- students will continue to attach their candidate labels at the top-right of the exam cover page as in previous years
- this information sheet explains the adjustments and provides an initial sample of how exam papers will look. The first two pages of all 2021 exam papers will be made available to ensure students can view the changes before exams.

With the improvements, students will find it easier to identify which exam booklet (section or part) they have. They will also be able to more clearly focus on the exam questions, with the marking information moved to a dedicated marking bar on the edge of the page.

Overview of the exam layout improvements:

- **Exam cover page** – a modern and clear exam cover page that retains all of the existing exam cover content, emphasises the section/part number, and has an improved space for markers to record the marking totals. The exam instructions are brief and clearly state what a student needs to do.
- **Guide to Exam Structure** – a quick reference table on the inside cover of the exam booklet that offers a single place to view the number of questions, recommended working time and marks available in each section or part of the exam so students can see at a glance how the exam is structured and plan their approach.
- **Marking bar** (in booklets where students record their answer in the question booklet). The marking bar on the far right of the page provides a clear place for markers to record the marks awarded. The bar is separate from the exam questions and answers to not be a distraction for students but also allow them to quickly see the number of marks they can be awarded for a question.



See the **attached sample exam** showing the new elements (*using questions from a previous exam*). TASC will publish the **first two pages of all 2021 exam papers** on our website in October, so students can see the instructions and guide to exam structure before they sit their exams.

Why are we making these layout changes?

TASC is committed to developing exam papers that meet the needs of students sitting exams. We are working closely with Exam Setters and Exam Critics, TLOs and Marking Coordinators to provide exams that are clear and straightforward to understand so students are able to do their best in their external assessments.

If you have questions or would like to make further suggestions on exam paper improvements, [contact us](#).

Sample showing exam layout elements:

(Note – this sample uses the 2020 Sport Science exam content and is not the 2021 exam paper)



External Assessment 2021

Attach your candidate label here

SPORT SCIENCE

SPT315118

Section **A** Exercise Physiology

Pages	20
Questions	7

Recommended working time: 60 minutes

Instructions

- Attempt **all questions** and **all parts** within each question
 - Answers must be written in the spaces provided in this exam paper
 - All written responses must be in **English**
- You **must** make sure that your response to questions addresses:
 - Criterion 1 describe and analyse physiological aspects of exercise
 - Criterion 2 analyse and explain physiological responses to training and recovery
 - Criterion 5 analyse and interpret sport science data and information

Marker use	
C1	25
C2	25
C5	10

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Guide to Exam Structure

	Questions available	How many questions to answer	Suggested working time	Marks available
Section A	7	Attempt all questions	60 minutes	60
Section B	4		45 minutes	45
Section C	4		45 minutes	45
Section D	3	2	30 minutes	30
Total	18	17	180 minutes (3 hours)	180

Question 1

This question assesses **Criterion 1**.

Simone Biles is the most decorated American gymnast ever, with over 30 Olympic and World Championship medals to her name. She competes in floor, vault, balance beam and uneven bars as well as the all-around competition.



Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Simone_Biles

- a) The vault is over in less than 5 seconds. Biles would utilise stored ATP molecules as a source of immediate energy for this event. What is ATP and how does it provide this immediate energy?

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- b) Biles would experience both acute and chronic responses to exercise.

- i. List **two** acute respiratory responses Biles would have when performing her 90 second floor routine.

Acute respiratory response 1:

Acute respiratory response 2:

Marker use

2

1

Total C1

25

Question 1 continues