

VCE Extended Investigation 2019–2021

Critical Thinking Test – August

Test specifications

Overall conditions

The test 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*.

The Critical Thinking Test for VCE Extended Investigation is undertaken on a computer.

The duration of the test will be 1 hour and 10 minutes. There is no separate specified reading time, but it is recommended that students read the whole test before answering any questions.

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

The test will contribute 10 per cent to the study score.

Content

The *VCE Extended Investigation Study Design 2019–2021* is the document for the development of the test. Questions will be based on the key knowledge and key skills that underpin the outcomes in Unit 3.

Format

The test will be undertaken on a computer.

The test will consist of a range of objectively scored questions, including matching exercises, short-answer questions and extended-answer questions.

All questions will be compulsory. The total marks for the test will be 40.

Approved materials and equipment

Pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers

Relevant references

The following publications should be referred to in relation to the Critical Thinking Test:

- *VCE Extended Investigation Study Design 2019–2021*
- *VCE Extended Investigation – Advice for teachers 2019–2021*
- *VCAA Bulletin*

Advice

During the 2019–2021 accreditation period for VCE Extended Investigation, the Critical Thinking Test will be prepared according to the test specifications above. Each test will conform to these specifications.

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 'Extended Investigation – 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.

The VCAA does not provide answers to sample questions.