# HSC Hub – Aboriginal Studies

## Examination preparation video supplementary resource

This resource contains supplementary information to support the Aboriginal Studies examination preparation video. The content from each slide is contained below, along with a number of useful links from the NESA website pertaining to the contents within the video.

## Key slide content

### Before the exam day

* Download the HSC timetable and highlight all of your exams
* Plan your revision schedule to match up with your exams
* Get a good night sleep before each exam. Late nights will harm your performance
* Eat your breakfast
* Make sure you have all of your equipment ready.

### Materials

NESA allows the following items for **all** HSC examinations:

* **Black** pen (bring spares!)
* Ruler
* Highlighters
* Pencils (2B)
* Sharpener
* Bottle of water in a clear bottle.

There are no additional materials allowed in the Aboriginal studies exam.

### Exam layout

* In Aboriginal Studies, the exam has 3 sections:
  + Section I – social justice and human rights (55 marks)
  + Section II – research and inquiry methods (15 marks)
  + Section III – options (30 marks)
* You will have 5 minutes reading time before you begin the 3 hours of writing time
* A source book will be provided at the back of the paper

#### Section I – social justice and human rights issues (55 marks)

* Part A – global perspective (25 marks)
  + multiple choice and short answer
  + allow 45 minutes
* Part B – comparative study (15 marks)
  + 6 questions with 2-3 parts. You answer **one** of the questions in full
  + expected length – around 4 pages or 600 words
  + Allow 25minutes
* Part C – global perspective and comparative study (15 marks)
  + one question
  + expected length – around 4 pages or 600 words.

##### Let’s look at an example

Q8 – 2019 (6 marks)

How have government initiatives attempted to address discrimination against Aboriginal peoples?

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#### Section II – research and inquiry methods (15 marks)

* One question with multiple parts
* Last part of the question worth at least 8 marks
* Expected length around 4 writing pages or 600 words total
* Allow around 25 minutes.

#### Section III – options (30 marks)

* Two question options – choose one only
* Answer the option that you studied
* Two parts to the question:
  + Stimulus-based extended response (3 pages/400 words)
  + Extended response (6 pages/800 words)
* Allow around 1 hour.

### Ask your teacher

* For other resources for Aboriginal Studies
* How to access past papers and the marking guidelines so you can practice exam responses
* For more hints and tips for your exam and how to study effectively – they are the expert you have access to everyday.

## Additional links

* [NESA HSC Exam Packs](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-exam-papers)
* [Aboriginal Studies Stage 6 Syllabus (2010)](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/hsie/aboriginal-studies)
* [NESA HSC multiple choice quiz](https://quiz.nesa.nsw.edu.au/home)
* [NESA approved calculators list](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/rules-and-processes/approved-calculators)
* [NESA Aboriginal Studies standards materials](https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/resources/hsc-standards-materials)