

- Significant Australian and global macro issues and events impacting on the Australian economy will attract potential questions.

Comments on specific sections and questions

Section One: Multiple-choice

Attempted by 2146 candidates

Mean 17.58(/24)

Max 24 Min 0

Section One was fairly straightforward with all questions being attempted by all candidates. The lowest mean was for Question 15 as a result of candidates not reading carefully enough to see what was being asked.

Section Two: Data interpretation/Short answer

Attempted by 2142 candidates

Mean 22.23(/36)

Max 36

Min 0

Performance in Section Two was quite even across the three compulsory questions, although there was quite marked variation in the means achieved in question parts. Question 25 (a)(ii) attained a mean of 93.41%, whereas the mean for part (c) was 56.50%. Similarly, the means for Question 26 ranged from 56.66% for part (c) to 84.60% for part (a)(ii).

Section Three: Extended answer

Attempted by 2116 candidates

Mean 19.69(/40)

Max 40

Min 0

Section Three produced the lowest overall mean for the examination. Question 31 was the most popular, and Question 30, the least popular choice, attempted by 646 candidates. The relatively poor performance on Question 28 was due mostly to candidates interpreting 'bloc' as 'block', thus producing the significantly lower mean of 39.43% for Question 28 (a).