The assessment for this unit contains the synoptic element required of an A2 course.

Candidates should be taught the content of the unit prior to being given the coursework assignment. The folio of work which is produced can be utilised throughout the coursework assignment.

1. **When can the coursework assignment be accessed?**
   From early March.

2. **When can the candidates be shown the assignment?**
   The candidates can see the assignment as soon as it is opened on the date set by WJEC.

3. **When is the completion date?**
   Teachers can be guided by the date which is to be found on the assignment front cover; this will be approximately mid-May.

4. **Should the research file be checked by the teacher before the 10 hours’ write-up time begins?**
   Yes, the research should be checked by the teacher before commencing the write-up to prevent the submission of a pre-prepared/written report and to avoid collaborative working or malpractice.

5. **How should the 10 hours be used?**
   During the 10 hours the candidates have to write up their assignment using the research they have gathered. This must be done individually.

6. **Can candidates use resources other than their research files?**
   Candidates can use their research file, but may also use other sources of reference during the writing of the report, e.g. text books.

7. **Can candidates add to their research after the 10 hours' write-up time has begun?**
   No, the candidates’ research files and any other resources should be kept securely in the centre once the 10 hours has commenced. No other additional resources may be used.

8. **Do we send the candidates’ research to the examiner?**
   No, WJEC does not need to see the candidates’ research; however it must be kept securely until the end of the post-results period.

9. **Can the report be word processed?**
   Yes, if the candidates have access to computers, although this is not essential, the work may be handwritten. However, if being word processed, the following conditions must be met:
   - Internet privileges must be removed.
   - There must be no access to any memory devices.
   - Checks must be put in place to ensure the candidate cannot add or remove detail to their report outside the controlled environment.
10. **When are teachers allowed to give guidance to candidates?**
Guidance may be given from the time of the opening of the coursework assignment to the commencement of the 10 hours.

11. **Who invigilates the 10 hours?**
It is acceptable for the subject teacher to invigilate, however candidates may **not** ask for subject-specific help during the 10 hours.

The time may also be timetabled by the examinations officer and be invigilated by alternative staff should the centre wish.

12. **How should the 10 hours be timetabled?**
This can be done at the discretion of the centre; for example, examination officers could timetable the 10 hours:
- within the examination period/study leave time
- within normal lesson times
- as blocked sessions, e.g. morning/afternoon/day sessions

13. **What happens if the candidates’ work is over the word limit?**
The recommended word count of 2,000 encourages the candidates to produce a report which utilises and evaluates the data effectively and is realistic within the time constraints. However, WJEC will be flexible with the word count – up to a maximum of 4,500.