General Certificate of Education June 2008 Advanced Subsidiary Examination



ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SPECIFICATION B) Unit 1 Introduction to the Study of Language

ENB₁

Friday 16 May 2008 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

• a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is ENB1.
- Answer **both** questions.
- At the very start of the examination, tear along the perforations in order to detach the questions on page 2 from the texts.
- The texts are printed on pages 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 which can be unfolded.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 70.
- There are 35 marks for each question.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

• You are advised to spend about 10 minutes reading the whole paper before you begin Question 1.

Answer **both** questions.

There are 35 marks for each question.

You may detach this page by tearing along the perforations.

1 Study the texts A–H on the next six pages. These texts illustrate different varieties of language use.

Discuss various ways in which these texts can be grouped, giving reasons for your choices.

2 Taking either Text A or Text B and any two of the remaining texts, analyse some of the language features of these texts and explain how these are affected by context.

Use **some** of the following language frameworks **where appropriate**:

- lexis
- grammar
- phonology
- semantics
- discourse
- pragmatics
- graphology.

END OF QUESTIONS

Text A

This text is an announcement heard at the start of a ferry voyage.

Key: (.) indicates a brief pause.

Numbers within brackets indicate length of pause in seconds.

we would now like to draw your attention to notices regarding emergency and safety procedures that can be found on the various notice boards on each deck throughout the ship (1.0) we strongly recommend that you read them during the voyage (1.0) these notices include the locations of muster stations (.) that is the areas where passengers should assemble in the case of an emergency (.) the method of donning a lifejacket and the description of the general emergency alarm signal (.) this signal consists of seven or more short blasts followed by one prolonged blast from the ship's whistle (1.0) on hearing the signal you should proceed to the nearest muster station (.) on this vessel they are located in the bar and in the ship's saloon on B deck (.) and the farther end of C deck

Source: IOS Travel

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Text B

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Text C

This text is from an email about holiday accommodation in Cuba.

Dear Gillian:

It is a pleasure for receiving you and your husband at home on February 22 (3 nights)

You'll not repent of having chosen our house. We are located in the best part of town, very near to National Capitol, Central Park, the famous Floridita Restaurant and Theatres, Hotels and Churches of our City and many other places of your interest. Our price is 30.00 CUC each night, breakfast 4.00 CUC each person (we prefer you pay us in Euros). If you decide to come at our home, please confirm your reservation immediately because we have other solicitudes. We recommend you to be sure the taxi driver doesn't take you to another address. A good reference: you'll see three green and white striped awnings and two black lamps embellishing our colonial balcony.

Best regards

Mercedes and Jorge

Text D

This text is an extract from a booklet called "Preparing for Emergencies: What You Need to Know", sent by the government to all households in 2004.

If you are at home and an emergency happens, try to gather together:

- A list of useful phone numbers, such as your doctor's and close relatives'
- Home and car keys
- Toiletries, sanitary supplies and any regularly prescribed medication
- A battery radio, with spare batteries
- A torch with spare batteries, candles and matches
- A First Aid kit
- Your mobile phone
- Cash and credit cards
- Spare clothes and blankets

Also, it is always useful to have:

 Bottled water, ready-to-eat food (e.g. tinned food) and a bottle/tin opener, in case you have to remain in your home for several days

In certain very unlikely situations, you may be asked to leave your home by the emergency services. If this happens, leave as quickly and calmly as possible. And, if you have time:

- Turn off electricity, gas and water supplies, unplug appliances and lock all doors and windows
- See the items listed above for what to take with you
- If you leave by car, take bottled water and blankets, and tune in to local radio for emergency advice and instructions

When you are told that it is safe to return home, open windows to provide fresh air before reconnecting gas, electricity and water supplies.

Source: Private data

Text E

This text is a copy of a poster found in a sixth form college.

Sell it. Manage it. Run it. Love it.

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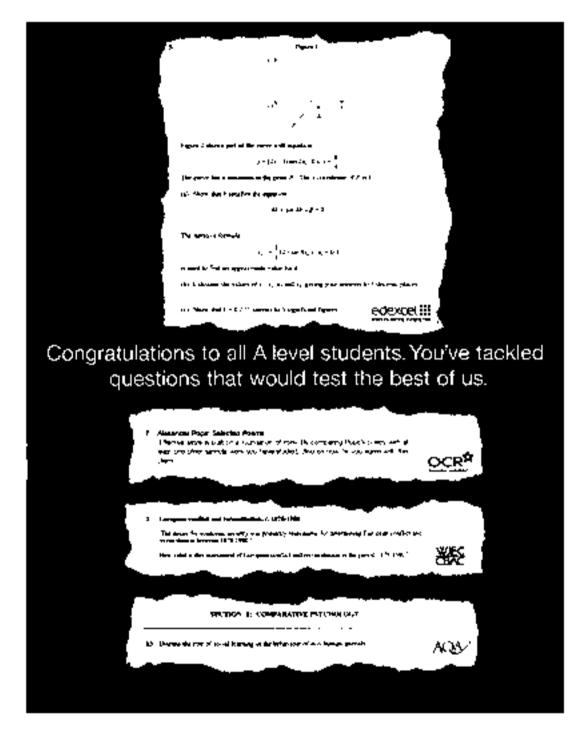
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Source: Staples UK

Text F

This text appeared in *The Guardian* newspaper on A level results day, 17 August, 2006.



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Source: The Guardian Newspaper

Text G

This text is a copy of a poster advertising a themed evening. It was displayed on the wall in a pub.



get off ya horse an mosey on down

Okay pardner, I'm the rootness, tootness, fa-stest shootness, meanest sun-of-a-gun in the whoole wild west, an i'm gonna mosey on down to them critiers at The Fox and have me a mean ole wild west time. That cowboy behind that there bar reckon he's gonna give me a hoss whipping cost I gone an got me a whole lot of nuggets for winning that there rodeo bull he's gon an got. That critter was one mean ride, and that aint no bull! So if you cowboys in cowgits and anny you dam red innians reckon on doing any better, then you git down to that ole crazy saloon The Fox on 23rd July and we'll have ourselves a showdown.

23/07/05

The Fox Inn

there for then you can shake a stick at

Source: The Fox Inn

Text H

This text shows the front and back of a promotion pack given to rail passengers in Manchester.



Source: Virgin Trains

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