

2014 Trial Examination

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE Units 3 & 4 - Written examination

Reading time: 15 minutes
Writing time: 120 minutes

QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

Structure of book

Section			
Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
A	5	5	15
В	1	1	30
C	3	1	30

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape and dictionaries.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

• Question and answer book of 24 pages, including two texts and the assessment criteria.

Instructions

- Write your student number in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

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SECTION A – Short-answer questions

Instructions for Section A

Refer to Text 1 while answering this section.

Section A requires you to analyse distinctive features of language in a text. Answer **all** questions in this section.

In your response you are expected to

- demonstrate your ability to use relevant descriptive and metalinguistic tools
- demonstrate familiarity with the topics of Unit 3, 'Language variation and social purpose', and the topics of Unit 4, 'Language variation and identity'.

Answer all questions in this section.

Section A is worth 15 marks.

Text 1

Key For Text 1

	Fast paced utterance	<p p=""> quiet utterance</p>
(.)	Short pause	() Longer pause
\	Falling Pitch	/ Rising pitch
Stress	Stressed word	@ laughter
[]	Overlapping Speech	= lengthening

This transcript is an interview between DJ Rosstar and Andy Biersack, the lead singer from Black Veil Brides, an American band. In this interview which appeared on DJ Rosstar's web show, they discuss Andy's recent injury.

1	DJ:	So what does the x-ray look like? Do you have (.) a copy?/
2	AB:	Ah, <a ()="" a="" it="" just="" like="" looks="" well="">, when I first broke them because of the impact and
3		like how far I fell () to and landed on it, it's like pieces of shrapnel/, like bone just
4		everywhere/, so that's why I had to miss, cos (.) I ran the risk of puncturing <p lungs="" or="" shit<="" some="" th=""></p>
5		P>\ but now it sort of turns into calcium deposits and uh () it's all good know
6	DJ:	Does this affect anything at all for your performance?/
7	AB:	Movement wise () yer/ and I'm in a lot more pain, probably a little more on edge () uh,
8		but the problem the that is, you know, I, ah, that being on edge I can't really fight anybody or
9		anything, because they could just poke me in my [ribs] and I'd just crumble.
10	DJ:	[Exactly]
11	DJ:	@@@. Now are you doing signings every single day of this tour?/
12	AB:	Yes, yes.
13	DJ:	And what are people (.) So far what are people bringing you, like what kind of gifts have you
14		[got]
15	AB:	[Lots] of Batman stuff. I'm a big batman fan I've got a bunch of batman tattoos, but I think
16		more than anything the irony, is ah, is great there () I jumped off a, a ledge, you know, in an

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17	DI.	attempt, to maybe look <u>a bit</u> like batman, and ah and really [failed]
18	DJ:	[Is there] a video of this fall?/
19	AB:	There's <u>a l=ot</u> of videos of this fall
20	DJ:	Different angles of the fall/
21	AB:	Yes, there's a montages video, which is one of my favourite, which has like <u>sad</u> music, and its
22	4.70	(.) like a montage of every angle of my fall (.) I watch that quite a bit\.
23	AB:	Cos ah, the whole idea was I, I thought I was gonna climb up and jump back on stage, but
24		once I got up there I realised that my height was way too high/, and I'm wearing cowboy boots on
25	DI	marble.
26	DJ:	
27	AB:	So I'm like slipping around and trying to like not give in (.) to the audience (.) the fact that I'm
28		clearly (.) I've no idea what I'm doing.
29	DJ:	Yer, yer
30	AB:	So once I'm up there I () the thing I should of done is just walk back down casually and
31		finished the show () but that would have been admitting defeat, so instead I decided to, to, try
32		to jump (.) down one and then down another one, but I immediately $f^{***}d$ it up\(\)
33	DJ:	
34	AB:	Yer. I cracked a bunch of ribs\
35	DJ:	So that wasn't even the end of the last song?/
36	AB:	I <u>had</u> to finish the show, it was the <u>second</u> song, and I <u>had</u> to finish it because I felt so stupid.
37		It was a requirement to do it, you can't, you can't beef that hard if you're like "well that's it, sorry
38 39		guys, I'm done." So I (.) you know the adrenaline and everything sort of got me through <p of="" p="" rest="" show="" the=""> () and then immediately passed out.</p>
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Ques	tion 1 ((2 marks)
Ident	ify the t	ext type and function.
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Question 2 (3 marks)
Identify three (3) non-fluency features in this text and provide an example, with reference to line numbers.
Question 3 (4 marks) Is this text formal or informal? Refer to at least two different subsystems and provide examples from the text.

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ustralian English	equivalent would be.

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Question 5 (2 marks)
Clearly identify two prosodic features within the text and explain the function of each. Refer to line numbers in your response.

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Total 15 marks

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SECTION B – Analytical commentary

Instructions for Section B

Section B requires an analytical commentary on Text 2. Question 6 refers to Text 2.

In your response, you are expected to

- demonstrate your ability to use relevant descriptive and metalinguistic tools
- demonstrate familiarity with the topics of Unit 3, 'Language variation and social purpose', and the topics of Unit 4, 'Language variation and identity'.

Section B is worth 30 marks

TEXT 2

The following text appeared in *The Age* Newspaper Good Weekend Magazine in June 2012.

Question 6 (30 marks)

Write an analytical commentary on the language features of Text 2.

In your response, you should comment on the

- contextual factors affecting/surrounding the text
- social purpose and register of the text
- stylistic and discourse features of the text.

Refer to at least two subsystems in your analysis.

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Total 30 marks

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SECTION C – Essay

Instructions for Section C

Section C requires a sustained expository response to one question.

In your response, you are expected to

- demonstrate your ability to use relevant descriptive and metalinguistic tools
- demonstrate familiarity with the topics of Unit 3, 'Language variation and social purpose', and the topics of Unit 4, 'Language variation and identity'
- refer to the stimulus material provided.

Section C is worth 30 marks.

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Question 7 (30 marks)

Stimulus Material:

(a) Carl Baron referred to Aussie English as a 'smart-arsed' Language' eg

How ya goin? Not bad Whatcha been doin? Nothin much How much dya say it was? Not cheap How far is it? Not long

(Aussies tell you what they aren't doing and you guess the rest)

(b) People love me yeah only hated by a whack bunch
Probably cause my crew jacked their shit and left em
smacked up
Don't hate the player they say hate the game
Yeah why a hater calls you rap so you can take the
blame

(Kerser is the sickest)

(c) yallah has been conjugated to yallahing
tl:dr (too long: didn't read)
trill: true + real
shut the front gate: a euphemism for shut the f up

(examples from Social Media in 2014)

To what extent is the idea of a uniquely Australian language variety valid in the 21st century? Refer to at least **two** subsystems in your response.

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Question 8 (30 marks)

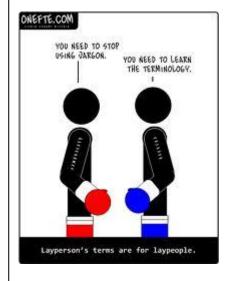
Stimulus Material:

(a) Incomprehensible jargon is the hallmark of a profession. Kingman Brewster, Jr.

(b)



(c)



Discuss the functions of jargon in a range of contemporary Australian contexts. Make reference to at least two subsystems in your response.

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Question 9 (30 marks)

Discuss how one contemporary Australian has constructed his or her identity. Explain the range of attitudes that arise in response to this constructed identity. Refer to a range of subsystems in your response.

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Total 30 marks

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Assessment criteria

The examination will address all of the criteria. All students will be examined against the following criteria.

Examination responses will be assessed on the extent to which they demonstrate the ability to

- use metalanguage to describe and analyse structures, features and functions of language in a range of contexts
- explain and analyse linguistic features of written and spoken English in a range of registers
- understand and analyse relationships between language and identities in society
- identify and analyse differing attitudes to varieties of Australian English
- draw on contemporary discussions and debate about language
- write clearly organised responses with controlled and effective use of language appropriate to the task.

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