

# VCE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

## 2016 Unit 3&4 Practice Paper 1

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#### TEXT 1

##### Background Information

Text 1 is a media release that was published by the Coalition Government on its website on May 19, 2016 prior to the Australian Federal election held on July 2, 2016.

1. A re-elected Turnbull Government will strengthen existing workplace laws to ensure better
2. protections for workers and to stamp out exploitation by unscrupulous employers.
  
3. The Coalition's focus on jobs and growth will be complemented by increased safeguards for
4. vulnerable workers who have been let down in recent times as a result of blatant non-compliance
5. with workplace laws by employers across a number of industries and in many cases, multinational
6. corporations who ignore their obligations under Australian laws.
  
7. Today the Turnbull Government announces that, if re-elected, stronger protections for vulnerable
8. workers will be delivered by:
  9. - increasing the penalties that apply to employers who underpay workers and who fail to keep
  10. proper employment records. A new higher penalty category of 'serious contraventions' will be
  11. introduced, and will apply to any employer that has intentionally ripped off workers, regardless
  12. of the employer's size
  13. - introducing new offence provisions that capture franchisors and parent companies who fail to
  14. deal with exploitation by their franchisees
  15. - delivering a \$20 million funding increase for the capabilities and workforce of the Fair Work
  16. Ombudsman
  17. - strengthening the powers of the Fair Work Ombudsman so that it can more effectively deal with
  18. employers who intentionally exploit workers by compelling them to produce information and
  19. answer questions
  20. - establishing a Migrant Workers Taskforce in the Fair Work Ombudsman that will target
  21. employers who exploit migrant workers
  
22. The Coalition will provide stronger and more effective laws to help prevent a recurrence of the
23. shocking stories of exploitation that we have witnessed in recent times.
  
24. The widespread non-compliance within the 7-Eleven chain is perhaps the most well-known example,
25. however unfortunately it is by no means the only one.
  
26. Given 7-Eleven's failings to address the significant breaches of workplace laws, Prof Allan Fels AO
27. and Dr David Cousins will be engaged to work with the Fair Work Ombudsman's Migrant Workers
28. Taskforce. The Taskforce, with advice from Professor Fels and Dr Cousins, will provide oversight and

29. advice to the Fair Work Ombudsman to ensure that 7-Eleven rectifies the serious breaches  
 30. committed by its franchise network and to ensure 7-Eleven takes responsibility for addressing its  
 31. systematic failing to provide minimum entitlements to 7-Eleven franchise employees.
32. The Coalition's management of this issue has been strong and methodical, unlike that of Labor. Bill  
 33. Shorten's policy on the run approach has led to a deeply-flawed policy that exempts small  
 34. businesses from any higher penalties. This would mean that 7-Eleven franchisees will not be  
 35. covered by Labor's policy.
36. The existing Fair Work laws established by Labor have failed to prevent worker exploitation  
 scandals such as 7-Eleven. Labor's proposed policy would not address such scandals.
37. The Coalition's commitment will protect vulnerable workers and help ensure better workplaces in  
 38. Australia. A re-elected Turnbull Government will deliver jobs, growth and strong workplace  
 39. protections for all workers

**TEXT 2****Background Information**

Two acquaintances have met outside the local store at a seaside town between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. Speaker K lives permanently in the town, while Speaker T is an occasional visitor. After exchanging greetings, their conversation continues about the local caravan park, which is usually very popular and busy over the summer.

Speaker K – male, aged about 48 years

Speaker T – female aged about 60 years

## Transcript Key

- (.) short pause  
 . final intonation  
 , continuing intonation  
 ? questioning intonation  
 ! excited intonation  
 / rising intonation  
 \ falling intonation  
 Word= elongated word  
word stressed word  
 word- truncated word  
 [word] overlapping speech

- 1 K There doesn't seem to be too many people,  
 2 down here at the moment either,  
 3 compared to last year.  
 4 T No it's funny isn't it.  
 5 I haven't been down  
 6 to the caravan park yet,  
 7 but (.) er Harry said it looked very=

8 K Chockers.  
 9 T no no opposite!  
 10 He said it was not full at all,  
 11 when he came past the other night.  
 12 I haven't even been down there yet.  
 13 K Well they've put rules in this time,  
 14 no one under the age of twenty five,  
 15 is [allow-]  
 16 T [On their] own\  
 17 K Yeah= or ah in groups,  
 18 cos of what happened last time\  
 19 T Why what happened?  
 20 K Oh they trashed the place [jeez].  
 21 T [Did they?]  
 22 K Jeez yeah!  
 23 Just absolutely demolished fences,  
 24 smashed bottles,  
 25 destroyed the joint\  
 26 T You're joking!  
 27 How dreadful!  
 28 Last year?  
 29 K Yeah,  
 30 so they've put a thing in,  
 31 no one at [Christmas time-]  
 32 T [No groups]  
 33 K no groups,  
 34 even said it in the newsletter,  
 35 no one under the age of twenty five.  
 36 Too bad if you're a married couple,  
 37 twenty two or twenty three,  
 38 you're responsible,  
 39 and you're tarnished by these-  
 40 sorry to say it,  
 41 T Yeah.  
 42 K Pricks.  
 43 T Mmm.  
 44 K Those pricks have wrecked it,  
 45 for everyone else.  
 46 T Crumbs.  
 47 How do they enforce that I wonder?  
 48 K Well er they must check the ages,  
 49 of the people coming in.  
 50 T S'pose they must ask for ID or something,

51 do they?  
52 K Yeah.  
53 I said myself,  
54 well they said they're gonna do it,  
55 they'll have to make sure,  
56 they'll sorta you know,  
57 make sure they're not coming in,  
58 staying with someone else either/  
59 T What if you're like say my age,  
60 and got kids in their twenties,  
61 is that alright?  
62 K I think that's alright/  
63 but you're gonna cop the blame,  
64 no matter what then.  
65 T Yeah\  
66 K So it was [real-]  
67 T [My god],  
68 I didn't hear about that!  
69 K A cop come down/  
70 try and disperse them/  
71 T Yeah.  
72 K crowd's too big/  
73 he had to leave/  
74 he was getting threatened/  
75 T Crumbs\  
76 Did they have a concert?  
77 K Ah= I'm not sure=  
78 T You know  
79 because they've had bands and stuff before.  
80 K I think they did.  
81 So instead of going round the gate,  
82 to get in,  
83 they climbed the [fence],  
84 T [Yeah]?  
85 K smashed it,  
86 stretched it,  
87 an stuff\  
88 T Oh my god=  
89 K A lot of you know,  
90 bloody you know,  
91 mess.  
92 T Mmm no good.  
93 K Yeah.