VCE English Language Examination – November

Revised section instructions

The section instructions for this examination have been revised for 2013. The changes have been made for clarity and consistency only, there are no changes to the way students are required to prepare for or complete the examination.

The changes are demonstrated below.

Please note that these sample instructions are based on the 2012 VCE English Language examination. The number of texts and questions may vary as described in the examination specifications.

SECTION A – Short-answer questions

Instructions for Section A

Refer to the insert from the centre of this book while answering this section.

Section A requires answers to questions about two texts. Questions 1–5 refer to Text 1. Question 6 refers to Text 2. Answer **all** questions in this section.

In your responses 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 A is worth 15 marks.

SECTION B – Analytical commentary

Instructions for Section B

Refer to the insert from the centre of this book while answering this section.

Section B requires an analytical commentary on Text 3. Question 7 refers to Text 3.

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.

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.