

General Certificate of Education Advanced Subsidiary Examination June 2014

English Language (Specification A)

ENGA1

Unit 1 Seeing through Language

Wednesday 14 May 2014 9.00 am to 11.00 am

For this paper you must have:

• an AQA 12-page answer book.

Time allowed

• 2 hours

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The Paper Reference is ENGA1.
- Answer **two** questions.
- There are **two** sections:

Section A: Language and Mode

Section B: Language Development.

- Answer Question 1 from Section A and either Question 2 or Question 3 from Section B.
- At the very start of the examination, tear along the perforations to detach the question on page 2.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets. There are 45 marks for Question 1 and 45 marks for **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 90.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

 It is recommended that you spend 30 minutes on the reading and preparation of the data to be analysed in answering the questions. It is recommended that you spend 45 minutes writing your Section A answer and 45 minutes writing your Section B answer.

Section A – Language and Mode

Answer Question 1.

You may detach this page by tearing along the perforations.

Question 1

0 1

Text A, on page 4, is part of a leaflet advertising a Play Farm.

Text B, on page 5, is a transcript of part of a talk given to visitors by Jenny, a member of the Play Farm staff.

- Identify and describe the main mode characteristics of the texts.
- Examine how the creators of **Text A** and the participants in **Text B** use language to achieve their purposes and create meanings.

In your answer you should consider:

how situation and channel affect the use of language how the creators of **Text A** use language to inform and persuade how the participants in **Text B** use language for a range of purposes how choices of vocabulary, grammar and structure create meanings.

[45 marks]

Turn over for Text A and Text B

Text A



Source: Ash End Children's Farm, Friendly Farm Fun for all the Family, RG and JM Rawlins, 2012

Text B

[There is a background noise of excited visitors and animals throughout the transcript] ok guys (.) welcome to our chick chat where you can stroke some tiny baby chicks Jenny and ducklings (.) but first girls and boys I have to tell you that this is a very special day (.) four new chicks were born last night and one of them is really rare (1) he's 5 a Transylvanian naked neck chick (2) look at his neck guys (.) and you can see there are **no** feathers (1) I'll bring him round and you can **sing** to him (2) it's his birthday but instead of singing happy birthday (.) boys and girls (.) I'd like you to sing happy hatchday (3) adults you can join in too ΑII happy hatch day to you (.) happy hatch day to you (.) happy hatch day dear 10 [inaudible] (.) happy hatch day to you well done everybody (.) now we'll put him back in the incubator to keep him warm Jenny [Jenny puts the chick back in the incubator and chooses four slightly older ones, including a duckling, puts them in a basket and shows them round to the seated children1 15 well done (.) gently Jenny Child can I have him on my arm you've got no clothes on (.) Jenny All [laugh] I mean no sleeves (.) he might scratch you (.) he has got very sharp claws (2) do 20 Jenny you want him on your knee (5) you can't have him on your head darling (.) you don't want poo in your hair (.) do you ΑII Jenny look at the size of him (.) one of our last eggs as well (.) so well done Parent I like this one here 25 Child I like the little duck Parent he's got a little yellow [inaudible] (.) hasn't he Child [screams] Jenny can I just say one thing guys (.) when the basket comes (.) just stroke them with one finger very gently (.) please don't pick the small ones up (5) ok we'll just put 30 them back in the incubator and we'll go and get your eggs

Transcription Key:

(.)	pause of less than a second
(1)	longer pause (number of seconds indicated)
[italics]	selected non-verbal features
	simultaneous speech
bold	emphatic stress

Source: Private Data

Section B – Language Development

Answer either Question 2 or Question 3.

EITHER

Question 2

0 2 Read **Data Set 1** below. Comment linguistically on **five** different features of language use which you find of interest.

[10 marks]

AND

To what extent does the acquisition of language depend on children's interaction with the people and things around them?

In your answer you should:

- refer to particular examples of children's language
- discuss relevant research and theory
- present a clear line of argument.

[35 marks]

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Data Set 1

Isobel is two years and five months old. She is talking as she plays. First, she puts her toy animals back into a toy farmhouse. Then she plays a keyboard with her doll, Minnie Mouse.

Isobel see you later (2) bye bye cow (.) see you later (.) bye bye duck (.) see you

later (.) bye bye sheep (.) see you later (.) bye bye donkey (.) see you later (3) good bye Minnie Mouse (.) go to sleep (2) and go in there and have a little sleep [plays keyboard] (6) Minnie will play the piano (1) with her hands (5) and Minnie Mouse will play this song on the piano [plays keyboard] (12) shall

I read a Maisy story (.) Grandad

Grandad yes (.) let's read a story (.) Isobel

Transcription Key:

- (.) pause of less than a second
- (2) longer pause (number of seconds indicated)

[italics] selected non-verbal features

Source: Private Data

OR

Question 3

Read **Data Set 2** below. Comment linguistically on **five** different features of language use which you find of interest.

[10 marks]

AND

0 5 To what extent is learning to write a creative process?

In your answer you should:

- refer to particular examples of children's language
- discuss relevant research and theory
- present a clear line of argument.

[35 marks]

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Data Set 2

The writer is five years and eleven months old.



Meg and Mog
meg is a witc
She has acat and a Owt.
She Also has a Big Pointed
hat.
When ever she does
a spell Itgoes
WRong

Source: Private Data

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Text B: Private Data
Data Set 1: Private Data
Data Set 2: Private Data

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