

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE  
(SPECIFICATION A)  
Unit 1 Language Production**

**NTA1**

Thursday 11 January 2007 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm

**For this paper you must have:**

- an 8-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 15 minutes

**Instructions**

- Use blue or black ink or 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 NTA1.
- Answer **both** questions.
- 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 150.
- Question 1 carries 100 marks, while Question 2 carries 50 marks.
- You will be marked on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate. The legibility of your handwriting and the accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be considered.

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Answer **both** questions.

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- 1 Your task is to write an extract from a **biography**. You may write about someone you know – a friend or relative, for example – or someone you know about.

You are advised to write approximately 300 – 400 words.

Text A is taken from the biography of comedian Billy Connolly, written by his wife. It is provided as an example of the kind of style or approach that could be suitable for this task.

*(100 marks)*

- 2 Write a commentary that explains the choices that you made when writing your extract, commenting on the following:

- your vocabulary and style in relation to the audience and purpose for your writing
- the content and structure of your text.

*(50 marks)*

**END OF QUESTIONS**

**Text A**

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**END OF EXTRACTS**

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