

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SPECIFICATION A)
Unit 1 Discovering Language**

ENA1

Friday 9 January 2004 Afternoon Session

In addition to this paper you will require:
a 12-page answer book.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 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 ENA1.
- There are **two** Sections:
Section A: Language Analysis
Section B: Language Issues
- You must answer the **compulsory** question in Section A and choose **one** question from Section B.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 70.
- Mark allocations are shown in brackets.
- You will be assessed 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 degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

Advice

- It is recommended that you spend 10 minutes on the reading and preparation of the data to be analysed in answering Section A.

SECTION A – Language Analysis

Answer Question 1.

1 Read carefully **Text A**, which you will find on page 3. **Text A** is an article about careers in Environmental Health. It is taken from a magazine containing careers and higher education information for 16–19 year olds.

- Comment linguistically on the significant features of the article.
- Explain how these language features contribute to the text’s meanings.

In your answer you should consider:

vocabulary and meanings

grammatical features and their effects

how the language represents the work and career of an Environmental Health Officer

how the language is designed to inform and advise the reader.

(45 marks)

Text A

visit www.streetwyse.com

Environmental Health

Challenge and variety – a career in environmental health

What do Environmental Health Officers do?

If you thought that environmental health was just about rat catching you couldn't be more wrong! Environmental health plays a crucial role in everybody's daily life. In fact, you'll probably be surprised how varied and challenging the work of an environmental health officer really is. Environmental health officers work to create an environment where everybody has the same chance to have a healthy life.

There are four important aspects to this work.

- improving food safety and nutrition
- improving housing conditions
- improving the environment
- improving workplace health and safety

What sort of people are E.H.Os?

There's no one type of person. Most E.H.Os choose to work for local authorities, but others may prefer private companies, retailers for example, or companies connected with tourism, such as holiday firms, cruise liners and airlines. What all E.H.Os have in common, regardless of

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where they work, is that they put people first. This means that if you are interested in becoming an E.H.O, you'll need excellent communication skills and an ability to mix with people from every possible background.

You'll find that environmental health is a career that's as rewarding as it is varied. No two days are the same. You'll be out and about, negotiating and offering support and advice. In fact, if you want a varied and challenging professional career, one that helps to improve the quality of life today, whilst working for a better tomorrow, you'll find that there is no better choice than a career in environmental health.

Getting qualified

All E.H.Os have to pass a CIEH accredited degree course at either undergraduate or post graduate level.

If you are leaving school or college and want to start the undergraduate course in environmental health, you'll need 160 points with science, at AS and A2 level, or 200 points without it. There are other entry options for mature students.

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Type of Course:
Degree, Diploma

Duration:
2 - 4 years

Number of courses
available:
44

Further
information:
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SECTION B – Language Issues

Answer **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3.

EITHER

- 2 It has been suggested that campaigns for a non-sexist, non-racist language are a waste of time because language is never neutral. To what extent have you found that the vocabulary of English is connected to people's social values?

(25 marks)

OR

- 3 To what extent do children acquire language by actively working out its rules?

(25 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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