

General Certificate of Education
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Advanced Level Examination



ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SPECIFICATION A)
Unit 5 Language Variation and Change

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Friday 24 June 2005 9.00 am to 10.30 am

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 ENA5.
- There are **two** Sections:
 - Section A:** Texts from Different Times
 - Section B:** Contemporary Language Variation and Change in the British Isles.
- You **must** answer **Question 1** from Section A and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 from Section B.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 60.
- 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 15 minutes studying and preparing the source material. It is further recommended that you spend approximately 35 minutes writing your answer to Section A, and 40 minutes writing your answer to Section B.

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SECTION A – Texts from Different Times

Answer Question 1.

- 1 **Text A** is an extract from a letter written by Fanny Burney to a friend. In it she describes her social activities and her feelings about the death of Doctor Samuel Johnson.

Analyse and evaluate how she uses language to convey her thoughts and feelings.

(30 marks)

Text A

TO MISS ———

ST. MARTIN'S STREET, JAN. 3, 1785

YOUR and my beloved Mrs. Delany I have not yet been able to see, though we are now both inhabitants of this 'dark and busy city.' I heard on Thursday of her arrival, from Mr. Sandford, the seaman, whom I met at St. James's Place. I was anxious to catch her alone, that I might enjoy what is so precious to me—her own conversation, by casual visitors and miscellaneous talk; but I fancy, by my ill success, my plan was too selfish. She had been tired the day before, and was not stirring. Mrs. Astley, however, assured me she was pretty well, and I have heard, from Mrs. Boscawen, that she is in excellent spirits; and her spirits, we know, enliven all around her, though their vivacity is so gentle that they could not oppress even a mourner in the deepest affliction—if, indeed, such a one could be present and her spirits not sink into similar sadness.

I am sure my dear M—— will give me a little share of concern for the loss of my great, and highly revered friend, Dr. Johnson. My loss, indeed, where a whole nation has cause to mourn, it seems almost impertinent to mention; yet, immaterial as it is in so wide and general a regret, I do not feel it the less for knowing it to be universal. You can now only know him in his works; and, perhaps, from his character of harshness and severity, you may think you could there alone know him to any advantage. But had you been presented to him, you would not have found that the case. He was always indulgent to the young, he never attacked the unassuming, nor meant to terrify the diffident. I pretend not, however, to vindicate his temper, nor to justify his manners; but his many and essential virtues and excellencies made all who were much connected with him rather grieve at his defects than resent them,—grieve, indeed, to see how much remains to be pardoned, even where there is most to be applauded and admired!

Source: 1785 letter from *English Letters of the Eighteenth Century*, edited by JAMES AITKEN (Pelican) 1946.
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SECTION B – Contemporary Language Variation and Change in the British Isles

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

EITHER

- 2 Describe the key lexical and grammatical features of one or more non-standard varieties of English. Discuss why people use these features. *(30 marks)*

OR

- 3 Examine how new words and meanings have developed over the last 50 years in the British Isles. Discuss why these changes sometimes provoke strong feelings and heated arguments. *(30 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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