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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SPECIFICATION A)
Unit 3 Interacting through Language

ENA3

Tuesday 22 May 2007 9.00 am to 10.30 am

For this paper you must have:

- 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 ENA3.
- There are **two** sections:
 - Section A:** Spoken Language Analysis
 - Section B:** Essay Topics.
- Answer Question 1 from Section A and **either** Question 2 **or** Question 3 from Section B.
- 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 70.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You will be marked on your ability to use good English, to organise information clearly and to use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- It is recommended that you spend 20 minutes on the reading and preparation of the data to be analysed in answering Section A.

SECTION A – Spoken Language AnalysisAnswer Question 1.

1 **Text A** is a transcript of a conversation between five students: two girls (Di and Carol) and three boys (Del, Adam and Rob). They are gathered round a computer being used by Del in their College's Learning Resource Centre.

- Comment linguistically on the significant features of this interaction.
- Explain how the participants use language to create meanings and express feelings.

In your answer you should consider:

the participants' purposes and roles
the structure of the interaction
interactive features of speech
vocabulary and grammar.

(45 marks)

Transcription Key:

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

Text A has been omitted due to third-party copyright restraints.

SECTION B – Essay Topics

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

EITHER

- 2 Discuss the effect of gender and social position on people's spoken interaction. In your answer you should refer to a variety of specific situations. *(25 marks)*

OR

- 3 What skills does a good listener need? Examine how these skills help to create effective spoken interaction in a variety of contexts. *(25 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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