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Advanced Level Examination



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

ENA5

Monday 28 January 2008 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

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 ENA5.
- There are **two** sections:
 - Section A:** Texts from Different Times
 - Section B:** Contemporary Language Variation and Change in the British Isles.
- 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 60.
- 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 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.

SECTION A – Texts from Different Times

Answer Question 1.

1 Text A is an extract from a diary written in 1796 by Anne Hughes, a farmer's wife.

Analyse and evaluate how the writer uses language to describe her experiences and convey her thoughts and feelings.

(30 marks)

Text A

Sept. ye 26. – Yester morn we up betime to be reddie for Mary Jones weddinge att 11 of the clocke. The sun didd shine and it were verrie warm. Carters wiffe cumming to help in good time we finish work erlie.

Then mee and Sarah upp to her bedd chamber, after me putting reddie Johns best velvet britches and blue silk stockings with the purpel plusshe coate of my lordes with the gold lace, and his best shoes with two big golden buckles, and his best hat. Carters wiffe did praise Sarah much sayeing that she never in her born days did see such a daintie maid in all her finerie. Then I to my bedd chamber to put on my blue silk gown with the wide lace flounces of butter cullor; and shoes with the glass buckels, which were my dear ladies; and a blue straw bonnitt with the white ribbons; and did wear my red necklace which did look verrie fine.

Then me to help John into his britches, which he did get in to after much puffing and grunting; but indeed I was verrie proud when all reddie; and John, mighty proud to see me and Sarah lookeing so fine, did bid Carters wiffe to have a care not to over feed the black sowe and to be sure to strip the cows of all their milk. We off to the church in good time, John mighty proud to be in the cumpany of 2 such fine ladies, he did say, laffing at us.

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Then mee not knowing if I had locked up the meat safe in the dairy, was about to turn about; but Sarah telling me she had done it herself, and put away turkey in the brown pot, I more content and into church, where were all the folk reddie who did stare at us with mouth agape as we did get to our seats; Sarah stopping with us till the wedding partie did cum. Mary did look verrie cumlie in her white gown with a fine lace kerchief; but my Sarah did out shine them all with her dark curlie hair and prettie pinke cheeks. A wedding be a verrie sollum thing, and not to be entered into lightlie; one do make sum verrie grate promisses which we must keep and not fail therein. I could not help but think how blest I was with my John at my side; albeit he be like a great baby at times with his show of temper. I did feel the dear God had bin good to me and my own life had fell in plessente places.

Source: ANNE HUGHES, *The Diary of a Farmer's Wife (1796–1797)*

Turn over for the next question

SECTION B – Contemporary Language Variation and Change in the British Isles

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

EITHER

- 2 There is often fierce debate between people who like non-standard varieties of English and those who do not. Explore why people hold these different attitudes. In your answer, you should refer to specific examples of non-standard language use.

(30 marks)

OR

- 3 Using specific examples, explore how the English Language has changed over the last 50 years as a result of changes in society.

(30 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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