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ENGLISH LANGUAGE (SPECIFICATION A)   **ENA1**
Unit 1   Discovering Language

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ASSESSMENT and
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ALLIANCE

Thursday 10 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 ENA1.
- There are **two** sections:
    Section A: Language Analysis
    Section B: Language Issues
- 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 10 minutes on the reading and preparation of the data to be analysed in answering Section A.

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SECTION A – Language Analysis

Answer Question 1.

1   Read carefully **Text A**, which you will find on page 3. **Text A** is an introduction, written by Ian Rankin, to the novel *The Big Sleep* by Raymond Chandler.

- Comment linguistically on the significant features of the text.
- 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 Raymond Chandler and his writing
how the language shapes the reader's response.

(45 marks)

Text A

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SECTION B – Language Issues

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

EITHER

2 Some linguists argue that the language used to refer to social groups can never be neutral and unbiased. How far do you agree with this view?

In your answer you should discuss language used to refer to **one or more** of the following: gender, age, ethnicity, disability, sexuality.

(25 marks)

OR

3 In what ways might the speech children hear affect how they learn language?

(25 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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