



Victorian Certificate of Education 2004

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# **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

# Written examination

Friday 12 November 2004

Reading time: 3.00 pm to 3.15 pm (15 minutes) Writing time: 3.15 pm to 5.15 pm (2 hours)

# **QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK**

Structure of book			
Section	Number of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Number of marks
1	12	12	40
2	6	6	20
3	3	1	40
			Total 100

## Structure of book

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

## Materials supplied

• Question and answer book of 20 pages, including Assessment criteria on page 20.

# Instructions

- Write your **student number** in the space provided above on this page.
- All written responses must be in English.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other electronic communication devices into the examination room.

# **Instructions for Section 1**

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Section 1 requires short answers to questions about two texts in the same domain. Answer **all** questions in this section. In your response you are expected to demonstrate your ability to use relevant descriptive and analytical metalinguistic tools. You are required to demonstrate familiarity with the 'Englishes in Contemporary Australia' and 'Texts in their Contexts' areas of study.

# Text 1 – The Whitsundays – Out of the Blue

This text is part of a web page. Its purposes/functions include: to provide information to prospective visitors and to promote the Whitsundays as a desirable destination.



27 offer. Soak up the beauty and wildlife on one of many island or coastal 28 walking trails & unspoilt wetlands, play golf on Queensland's number one 29 resort golf course, sip cocktails by the pool, take a joy flight, try a tandem 30 skydive or simply enjoy a picnic on a deserted beach.

The words *pristine* (line 7), *vibrant* (line 8), *unique* (line 10), *stunning* (line 12) and *unspoilt* (line 28) belong to what word class/part of speech?

2 marks

#### **Question 2**

How does the use of the words identified in Question 1 support the purposes/functions of the text?

2 marks

## Question 3

Consider the two sentences in lines 23–30. What sentence type are these sentences? How does the use of this sentence type support the purposes/functions of the text?

List **two** different noun phrases which refer to the Whitsundays. Refer to line numbers. What effect is created by these two noun phrases?



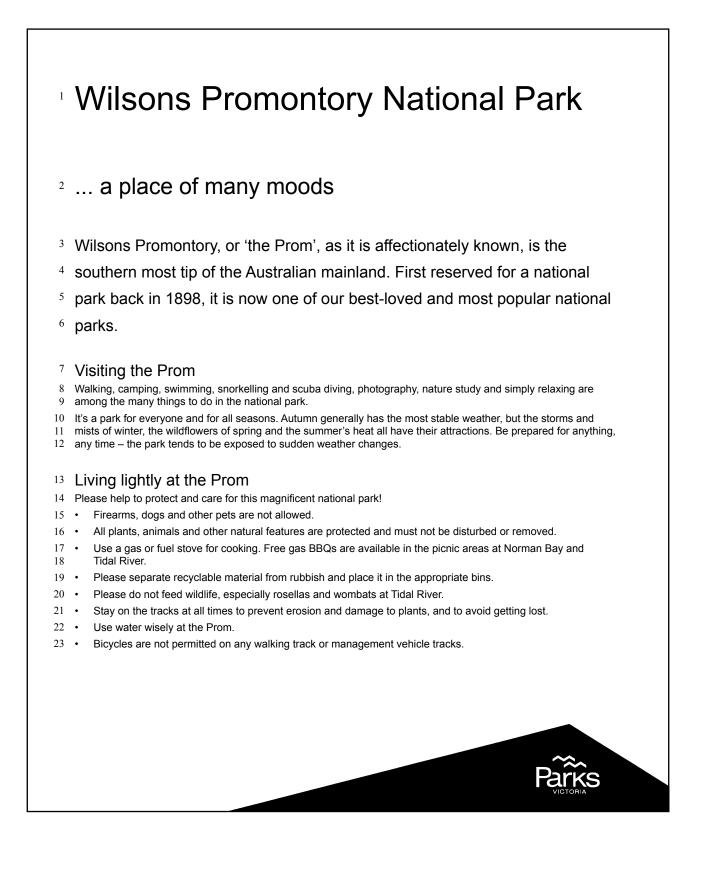
## **Question 5**

Identify **one** example of lexical repetition/listing and **one** example of grammatical repetition/listing in the text. Refer to line numbers. Why has the writer chosen this stylistic device for this text?

# Question 6Identify three of the following features in the text. Refer to line numbers. Explain the effect of each of the threefeatures you have chosen.personificationoverstatementmetaphorsynecdoche/metonymyantithesisdeictics

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This text is an extract from an information brochure available to people planning to visit Wilsons Promontory National Park, in Victoria. Its purposes/functions include: to provide information to prospective visitors; to promote the park as a desirable destination; and to instruct visitors on how to protect and care for the park.



List **two** different ways in which Wilsons Promontory National Park has been named between lines 2 and 23. Refer to specific line numbers in your answer.



#### **Question 8**

Why has the writer varied the ways in which Wilsons Promontory National Park is named in the text?

2 marks

## **Question 9**

Identify the sentence type used in lines 19–22. Compare the use of this sentence type with the use of the sentence type in Text 1 lines 23–30.

Identify the following constructions in Text 2.

- one compound sentence
- one simple sentence
- two different examples of conjunctions used in coordination

Refer to line numbers in your answer.

4 marks

# **Question 11**

Explain, with an example of each, how sentence structure and lexical choice create an impersonal style/register in this text. Refer to line numbers in your answer.

Identify **one** example of lexical or grammatical repetition/listing in the text. Refer to line numbers. In what ways is the use of repetition/listing in Text 2 similar to repetition/listing in Text 1?

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Total 40 marks

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# **SECTION 2**

# **Instructions for Section 2**

Section 2 requires you to respond to questions about a single text. Answer **all** questions in this section. In your responses you are expected to demonstrate your ability to use relevant descriptive and analytical metalinguistic tools. You are required to draw on knowledge and material covered throughout the year in 'Englishes in Contemporary Australia' and 'Texts in their Contexts' areas of study.

The transcript below is an extract of a conversation between two teenagers, Erin (E) and Faye (F), about their favourite desserts.

The transcript is divided into intonation units, which are numbered consecutively.

1 11	e Ionov	ving transcription conventions are used.
•		final intonation unit
,		continuing intonation unit
?		questioning or appealing intonation unit
\		falling/terminal pitch direction
/		rising pitch direction
		truncated intonation unit
-		truncated word
		very short pause
		brief pause less than half a second
^		primary accent
=1		lengthened syllable one second duration
*		onset and duration of simultaneous speech
(a)		laughter
<F	F>	forte; that is, words inside arrowed brackets are spoken loudly
<l< td=""><td>L&gt;</td><td>lento; that is, words inside arrowed brackets are spoken slowly and distinctly</td></l<>	L>	lento; that is, words inside arrowed brackets are spoken slowly and distinctly
< R	H…RF	rhythmic quality; that is, words inside arrowed brackets have a rhythmic quality
1	E:	Well,
2		Chocolate sponge cakes go down well actually,
3	F:	O= they're beautiful,
4		With the egg,
5		And the sugar,
6		And * <u>the o=</u>
7	E:	<u>O=</u>
8		And little little little strawberries on top.
9	F:	Strawberries?
10		Cream
11	E:	Ând cream\
12	F:	And chocolate
13	E:	Yeah.
14	F:	And * <u>o=</u>
15	E:	And the chocolate cream,

#### The following transcription conventions are used.

16		<b>X7 1 7 1 1 1 1 1 4 1 1 1 1</b>	
16 17	Б.	You have two layers with the chocolate * <u>cream</u> in the middle,	
17	F:	Yes.	
18	E:	With strawberries * <u>in the middle</u> .	
19 20	F:	<u>Yes yes, yes</u> , yes.	
20	E:	O= yum.	
21	F:	And um o= it's delicious.	
22		It's delicious.	
23		Okay\	
24	_	Um what else is good?	
25	E:	Pavlovas are real* <u>ly nice and lov</u>	
26	F:	Pavlovas are delicious.	
27	E:	With the * <u>beautiful fruit on top</u>	
28	F:	<rh rh="" whipple="" whup=""></rh>	
29	E:	Yep,	
30	F:	<rh <u="">whup whup RH&gt;</rh>	
31	E:	with the beautiful whipped cream on top,	
32	F:	<rh <u="">whup whup whup whup whup whup whup whup </rh>	
33	E:	with	
34	F:	Well you've gotta whip the entire thing to start with,	
35	E:	Yeah I know,	
36		It's shock	
37	F:	mm.	
38	E:	That's why we don't make them,	
39		We just eat someone else's * <u>that they made</u> .	
40	F:		
41	F:	Or you buy it.	
42	E:	Yeah	
43	F:	Anyway,	
44		Um what else is nice?	
45	E:	<f oh="F">,</f>	
46		I had the nicest dessert the other day.	
47	F:	What did you have?	
48	E:	We=ll,	
49		It was like,	
50		It was pastry/	
51	F:	Yep/	
52	E:	That was cooked/	
53	F:	Yep/	
54	E:	And inside was Nutella/	
55	F:	O=h yum.	
56	E:	It was so= warm,	
57		And it was just spêwing it's an spewing ah Nutella out,	
58		It was so= warm,	
59		It was like <l coming="" l="" nutêlla="" out="" pâstry="" this="" with="" wârm="">,</l>	
60		And it was u=l yum.	
61		So anyway yeah	
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There are **three** main topics in the discourse structure of this text. Referring to line numbers, identify the beginning and end of each topic.

3 marks

#### **Question 14**

Explain the discourse function of *well* (line 1) and *yeah* (line 42), and the discourse function of *okay* (line 23) and *anyway* (line 43).

2 marks

#### **Question 15**

Identify **one** instance of Faye overlapping Erin and **one** instance of Erin overlapping Faye. Refer to line numbers in your answer. What do these instances reveal about their approach to turn-taking?

2 marks

# **Question 16**

Consider Faye's responses in lines 51–55. Explain the discourse function of Faye's responses.

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## **Question 17**

What is the social relationship between Faye and Erin? Explain how the conversational features/strategies discussed in Questions 15 and 16 and at least one other conversational feature/strategy in this text support your answer. Refer to line numbers in your answer.

The primary functions/purposes of conversational interaction are to communicate, to share social rapport and to maintain social relationships. Explain whether or not this spoken interaction upholds the cooperative principle of conversation. Provide examples and refer to line numbers.



5 marks Total 20 marks

# **SECTION 3**

# **Instructions for Section 3**

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Section 3 requires a sustained expository response. Answer **one** question in this section. In your response you are expected to demonstrate your ability to use relevant descriptive and analytical metalinguistic tools. You are required to draw on knowledge and material covered throughout the year in 'Englishes in Contemporary Australia' and 'Texts in their Contexts' areas of study.

Tick the box beside the question that you are answering.

**Question 19** 

'Jargon has two distinct functions: the primary function is to serve as a technical or specialist language. The other is to promote in-group solidarity: to exclude those people who do not use the jargon.'

How does jargon (professional or popular) create cohesiveness within a speech community? Support your response with specific examples.

OR

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Texts do not exist in a vacuum; they are created to be interpreted within a particular context. Discuss how context determines the register and the degree of formality of language use. By drawing on a range of subsystems of language, support your response with specific examples of Australian English.

#### OR

#### **Question 21**

By taking a range of examples from the different subsystems of language, discuss how at least one particular group or individual has constructed their identity. Explain the range of attitudes that arise in response to this constructed identity.

Total 40 marks

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# Assessment criteria

#### **Criteria for evaluation of responses**

The examination will address all of the criteria. All students will be examined against each criterion.

#### Knowledge of the relevant content

- ability to identify specific language choices, conversational features and/or discourse features in a range of spoken and written texts
- understanding of how such language choices, conversational features and/or discourse features achieve particular purposes in particular social contexts
- awareness of a range of attitudes towards varieties of language; awareness of how language reflects personal, social and cultural understandings; and awareness of how language constructs a sense of identity

#### Analysis of relevant content

- appropriate use of the terms of language description relevant to the task
- effective and appropriate analysis

#### Clear and effective organisation of the response

- appropriate selection and use of material
- logical structure
- coherence

#### Control of the conventions of English language to support meaning

- effective, accurate and fluent language
- clarity of meaning

END OF QUESTION AND ANSWER BOOK

