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NEW SOUTH WALES

2004

**HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
EXAMINATION**

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Centre Number

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Student Number

English (ESL) Listening Paper

General Instructions

- Working time – 30 minutes including reading time and listening time
- Write using black or blue pen
- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of this page

Total marks – 15

- Attempt Questions 1–7

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Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

In your answers you will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate understanding of the relationship between language, text, audience and purpose
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The Listening Task

You are about to hear an Australian short story entitled *Winston*. The story is about a pet bird named Winston. Winston Churchill was an English leader and politician famous for his speeches. The story was written by Gina Dillon and it is read by Liz Spencer.

Before you hear the recording you will have two minutes to read the questions printed in this paper.

As you are listening to the recording, follow the questions. You may write notes if you wish in the Candidate's Notes spaces provided on pages 2–4. Anything you write in the Candidate's Notes spaces will NOT be marked.

You will hear the recording, then the questions will be read aloud. You will hear the recording a SECOND time, and then you will be given time to write the answers.

You now have two minutes to read the questions.

Marks

Question 1 (1 mark)

Tick the box that corresponds to the best answer.

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What was the main character terrified of?

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| (A) Public speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (B) Reading books | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (C) Second-hand shops | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (D) Winston Churchill | <input type="checkbox"/> |

CANDIDATE'S NOTES: *These notes will NOT be marked.*

Question 2 (2 marks)

Describe ONE technique used to create the character of the shop-owner.

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Question 3 (1 mark)

The shop-owner says: ‘So here, he’s all yours.’

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What is happening at this point in the story?

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Question 4 (2 marks)

Explain why the main character and Winston both benefit from the partnership.

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Question 5 (1 mark)

The main character says: ‘Our debating team rocketed to stardom.’

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What does ‘rocketed to stardom’ mean?

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Please turn over

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Question 6 (4 marks)

(a) Explain how the plan fails. **2**

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(b) What techniques does the speaker use to build suspense at the end of the story? **2**

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Question 7 (4 marks)

What features make this an effective oral presentation? **4**

Analyse TWO features.

Feature 1:

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Feature 2:

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End of paper

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