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HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE  
EXAMINATION

# English (ESL)

## Paper 1 — Language Study

### within an Area of Study

#### General Instructions

- Reading time – 10 minutes
- Working time – 1½ hours
- Write using black or blue pen

**Total marks – 45**

**Section I** Pages 2–4

**25 marks**

- Attempt Question 1
- Allow about 50 minutes for this section

**Section II** Pages 6–7

**20 marks**

- Attempt Question 2
- Allow about 40 minutes for this section

## Section I

**25 marks**

**Attempt Question 1**

**Allow about 50 minutes for this section**

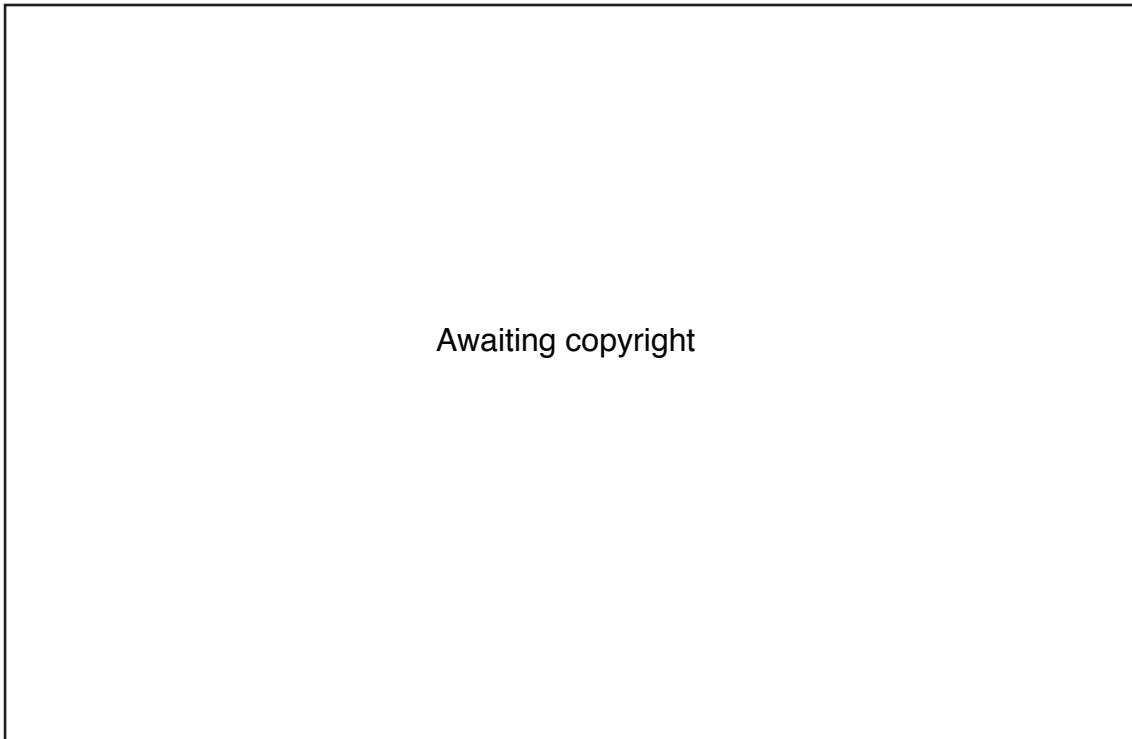
Examine **Texts one, two, and three** carefully and then answer the questions in the Section I Question 1 Answer Booklet.

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In this section you will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate understanding of the ways language shapes and expresses perceptions
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### **Text one — Photograph**



Portraits from a Land Without People, John Ogden, Cyclops Press, 2008, 1st Ed Plate 214, page 187, Reproduced with the permission of AIATSIS

**Question 1 continues on page 3**

Question 1 (continued)

**Text two — Extract from a novel**

I like to walk around the streets at night and fantasise about being in other people's houses.

It started when I was nine and I wagged school one day. The night before, my sisters pulled my trousers down to my ankles in front of their boyfriends, because I used a big word. My mum just laughed, and I hated her.

I got on a train and travelled as far as I could on one ticket. It was a hot day and the sun curdled the asphalt, drugged the crows on their wires and made people smell of vinegar. The sun also made the day easy to remember.

I had my face pressed to the train's window and made curtains out of my hands. The train sped through green suburbs. I saw back yards and gardens filled with toys and sheds and swings and swimming pools. I wanted to get off the train and into one of the lives I could see from the window.

I got the idea then that I would one day live in somebody else's house and be adopted by somebody else's family. I had engaged in a great deal of adoption fantasy before this, but this was much more than daydreaming about who my real parents might be: famous writers, royalty or billionaires. This was about getting out for good. More exciting than my favourite book...

I got off the train and walked until dark, in the silent lamp-lit streets and cul-de-sacs. I walked slowly past front yards filled with the homey blue lights of televisions flickering through lounge-room windows. I became hungry as I watched the shadows of people moving behind net curtains, their shadowy shapes slow and drowsy, as though they rolled and turned beneath heavy sheets. I knocked at the front door of a two-storey house and said, 'Could I come in? I've run away from home.'

I wanted the woman who answered the door to acknowledge my craving without words or questions. I wanted her simply to get it.

In this big house, the family had been watching a movie together. The mother took me into the living room and told me to sit. The father turned off the TV and it hissed to a disappointing black. The small children – a girl and a boy – did not speak or look at me. I said, 'This is a nice house.' The mother sent her children to their bedrooms. I wanted to follow them up the stairs and find a bed of my own. I wanted the mother to say, 'This is your bed. You can stay here tonight.' But the mother had a hard voice. She wanted to know why I was out on the street alone when it was so late.

I told her that I wanted to sleep in a bed in a nice big clean house. The father just stood by the door; he had been standing all the while. He had a nasty double chin and I didn't want to look at it.

'Has something happened to you at home? Are you in trouble?' he asked, the crease in his chin bobbing...

'No,' I said, 'nothing has happened. I just wanted to see what it was like somewhere else.'

Extract from *How the Light Gets In*, M S Hyland  
Penguin Group Australia, 2003. Reproduced with  
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**Question 1 continues on page 4**

Question 1 (continued)

**Text three — Press release**

## **Together We Do Better campaign launched**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2001**

‘Together We Do Better’ — VicHealth announces campaign to promote mental health

A world first campaign was today launched by VicHealth and John Landy, Governor of Victoria to get people thinking and talking with friends, workmates and family about the personal and social benefits of belonging to a community, and of being accepted, respected and included.

“The ‘Together We Do Better’ campaign is about getting people thinking about the personal and community benefits of having strong social connections, a sense of belonging, and feeling supported by social groups”, said Dr Rob Moodie, CEO of VicHealth.

“Today our community faces a number of challenges—virtually every day we read and hear about drug use, depression, crime, problem gambling and problem drinking.”

“Far too many people in our community live a life of alienation, isolation, discrimination and bullying. And the more we look forward, the greater are the indications that these social ills will only increase.”

Results of the research, *Community Attitudes Towards Health and Wellbeing*, released today by VicHealth indicate that a lower sense of wellbeing was observed among people who have no one to trust or confide in. According to the research 15% of men over the age of 25 indicated they have no one to confide in. “We need to find meaningful ways to promote health and wellbeing. Mental health promotion is for everyone. It’s for individuals, organisations, and communities.”

“And this is a challenge for us both personally and as a community. We need to think about the personal and community benefits of social interaction and how we can work together to develop more tolerant and accepting attitudes.”

“And it’s about starting small. All it takes is simple things like saying hello to your neighbour, parents reading to their children, reaching out to someone who needs a hand, or for that matter, asking for one.”

“I think we all want to feel part of something, whether it’s our local street, community club or workplace. And there are many organisations—churches, sport, art and recreation clubs, service clubs, guide and scout troops, adult education centres—that provide opportunities to participate, and belong.”

“We need to reaffirm the value of existing organisations and establish new ones. These groups make an enormous contribution to the wellbeing of our community.”

“I think we all know these things are good for us, but it’s about reaffirming their value in society. Our long-term health depends on it.”

Information courtesy of VicHealth

**End of Question 1**

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## Section II

20 marks

Attempt Question 2

Allow about 40 minutes for this section

Answer the question in a SEPARATE writing booklet. Extra writing booklets are available.

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

- demonstrate understanding of the ways language shapes and expresses perceptions
  - organise, develop and express ideas using language appropriate to audience, purpose and context
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### Question 2 (20 marks)

Relationships and experiences shape an individual's sense of belonging.

To what extent do the texts that you have studied support this idea?

In your response, refer to your TWO prescribed texts and ONE text of your own choosing.

The prescribed texts are:

- **Prose Fiction** – Allan Baillie, *The China Coin*

**or**

- Ruth Praver Jhabvala, *Heat and Dust*

**or**

- Tara June Winch, *Swallow the Air*

- **Drama** – Willy Russell, *Educating Rita*

**or**

- Jane Harrison, *Rainbow's End*  
from Vivienne Cleven et al. (eds) *Contemporary Indigenous Plays*

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Question 2 (continued)

- **Poetry**
  - Peter Skrzynecki, *Immigrant Chronicle*
    - \* *Immigrants at Central Station, 1951*
    - \* *Feliks Skrzynecki*
    - \* *St Patrick's College*
    - \* *Ancestors*
    - \* *10 Mary Street*
    - \* *Post card*
    - \* *In the Folk Museum*

**or**

- Emily Dickinson, *Selected Poems of Emily Dickinson*
  - \* 66 'This is my letter to the world'
  - \* 67 'I died for beauty but was scarce'
  - \* 82 'I had been hungry all the years'
  - \* 83 'I gave myself to him'
  - \* 127 'A narrow fellow in the grass'
  - \* 154 'A word dropped careless on the page'
  - \* 161 'What mystery pervades a well!'
  - \* 181 'Saddest noise, the sweetest noise'

- **Nonfiction**
  - Alice Pung, *Unpolished Gem*

- **Film**
  - Phillip Noyce, *Rabbit-Proof Fence*

**or**

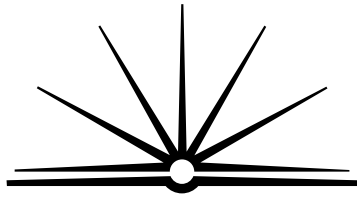
- Stephen Daldry, *Billy Elliot*

- **Multimedia**
  - Multicultural Programs Unit, NSW Department of Education and Training, *Making Multicultural Australia*, [www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au](http://www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au)
    - \* History [www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au/history/index.php](http://www.multiculturalaustralia.edu.au/history/index.php)
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## Paper 1 — Language Study

### within an Area of Study

## Section I Question 1 Answer Booklet

#### **Instructions**

- Answer Question 1 in this answer booklet
- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of this page

## Section I

25 marks

### Attempt Question 1

Allow about 50 minutes for this section

Read the texts on pages 2–4 of the question paper, then answer the corresponding questions in the spaces provided.

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

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### Question 1 (25 marks)

#### Text one — Photograph

- (a) (i) What is ONE idea about belonging communicated in the photograph? **1**

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- (ii) How is this idea communicated? **2**

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#### Text two — Extract from a novel

- (b) Give TWO reasons why the person telling the story dreams of living in somebody else's house. **2**

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Question 1 continues on page 3

Question 1 (continued)

- (c) Explain TWO ways the author conveys a sense of ‘not belonging’ in the extract. **4**

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**Text three — Press release**

- (d) Why did VicHealth develop the *Together We Do Better* campaign? Give TWO reasons. **2**

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- (e) Why does Dr Rob Moodie say “And it’s about starting small”? **2**

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- (f) Identify TWO persuasive techniques used in this press release. Explain the effect of these techniques. **4**

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