



BOARD OF STUDIES  
NEW SOUTH WALES

**1999  
SCHOOL  
CERTIFICATE  
TEST**

**8 November**

**ENGLISH—literacy**

**SECTION 2  
WRITING**

**CENTRE NUMBER**

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## Directions for Section 2

- 1 Allow about 40 minutes to answer this section
- 2 This section has TWO parts

Part F	Question 49	(10 marks)
Part G	Question 50	(20 marks)
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  - Write your answer to Question 49 in this booklet
  - Write your answer to Question 50 in the Part G booklet
- 4 Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of this page AND at the top of page 35

## PART F—WRITING TASK

- Allow about **15 minutes** to answer this part.
- Refer to the Part D—Feature Article *A rage for curiosity* on page 18 to assist you in answering Question 49.

In this Writing Task you will be assessed on your ability to:

- express yourself clearly in a formal letter to the editor;
- write using appropriate language for the audience, purpose and form;
- communicate your argument(s) effectively.

### Question 49 (10 marks)

In his article *A rage for curiosity* one of Phillip Adams' criticisms is that today's young adults lack curiosity because they depend on mind-numbing technology for their entertainment.

Write a formal letter to the editor of a major daily newspaper in which you argue for or against Phillip Adams' view of today's young adults.

**Do NOT include illustrations. Do NOT include your name, your school's name or your address. You should write at least 150 words.**

**Write your letter on the lines provided on page 33.**

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Yours faithfully,

*A student*

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## PART G—WRITING TASK

- Write your Centre Number and Student Number at the top of this page.
- Allow about **25 minutes** to answer this part.

In this Writing Task you will be assessed on your ability to:

- express yourself clearly in the form of a formal speech;
- write using appropriate language for the audience, purpose and form;
- organise, develop and communicate your ideas effectively.

### Question 50 (20 marks)

The material you have read and viewed in Section 1 has been concerned with the idea of challenge.

Think about a particular challenge that appeals to you or a personal goal you would like to achieve. Imagine that your school is offering support under a new Personal Challenge Scheme. Write a formal speech to be delivered to a committee of parents and teachers, convincing them that you should receive support under this scheme.

Your speech could include:

- a description of your challenge or goal;
- reasons why this challenge or goal is important to you;
- an explanation of how you plan to pursue your challenge or goal;
- your arguments why the committee should support your challenge or goal.

**Do NOT include illustrations. Do NOT include your name, your school's name or your address. You should write at least 250 words.**

**Write your speech on the lines provided on pages 36–37.**

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**End of test**

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