

# **2000 HSC Notes from the Examination Centre Russian**

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## **3 Unit Russian**

### **Section 1 – Processing Spoken Information**

This section consisted of 5 questions based on a radio programme describing a visit to E Hemingway's residence in Cuba. All the questions posed a challenge to the candidates, as they required them to analyse, process and synthesize the information contained in the passage. Although there was a good spread of marks among the candidates a considerable number achieved high marks in this section and this indicated a generally high level of aural comprehension skill.

### **Section 2 – Processing Written Information**

In this section, the candidates were required to either write a letter, diary entry or newspaper article describing the bicentenary celebration of A.S. Puskin as conducted by the city of Odessa. On the whole the candidates were able to extract the required information and completed the task satisfactorily.

### **Section 3 – Essay Writing**

This section was based on 6 set syllabus topics. Two of the topics, seeing one's own country before going abroad and the teenage years proved to be the most popular. This section showed the widest spread of marks awarded as essay writing provided the greatest challenge to candidates.