

# English 2019 v1.5

## General Senior External Examination Syllabus

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# 1 Course overview

## 1.1 Introduction

### 1.1.1 Rationale

The QCAA English learning area is made up of five senior secondary subjects: Essential English, English, Literature, English & Literature Extension, and English as an Additional Language. These subjects share common features that include the continuing development of candidates' knowledge, understanding and skills in listening, speaking, reading, viewing, designing and writing. Differences between the subjects lie in the emphasis on how language and skills are developed and the contexts in which they are applied.

English learning area subjects offer candidates opportunities to enjoy language and be empowered as functional, purposeful, creative and critical language users who understand how texts can convey and transform personal and cultural perspectives. In a world of rapid cultural, social, economic and technological change, complex demands are placed on citizens to be literate within a variety of modes and mediums. Candidates are offered opportunities to develop this capacity by drawing on a repertoire of resources to interpret and create texts for personal, cultural, social and aesthetic purposes. They learn how language varies according to context, purpose and audience, content, modes and mediums, and how to use it appropriately and effectively for a variety of purposes. Candidates have opportunities to engage with diverse texts to help them develop a sense of themselves, their world and their place in it.

The subject English focuses on the study of both literary texts and non-literary texts, developing candidates as independent, innovative and creative learners and thinkers who appreciate the aesthetic use of language, analyse perspectives and evidence, and challenge ideas and interpretations through the analysis and creation of varied texts.

Candidates have opportunities to engage with language and texts through a range of teaching and learning experiences to foster:

- skills to communicate effectively in Standard Australian English for the purposes of responding to and creating literary texts and non-literary texts
- skills to make choices about generic structures, language, textual features and technologies for participating actively in literary analysis and the creation of texts in a range of modes, mediums and forms, for a variety of purposes and audiences
- enjoyment and appreciation of literary and non-literary texts, the aesthetic use of language, and style
- creative thinking and imagination, by exploring how literary and non-literary texts shape perceptions of the world and enable us to enter the worlds of others
- critical exploration of ways in which literary and non-literary texts may reflect or challenge social and cultural ways of thinking and influence audiences
- empathy for others and appreciation of different perspectives through studying a range of literary and non-literary texts from diverse cultures and periods, including Australian texts by Aboriginal writers and/or Torres Strait Islander writers.

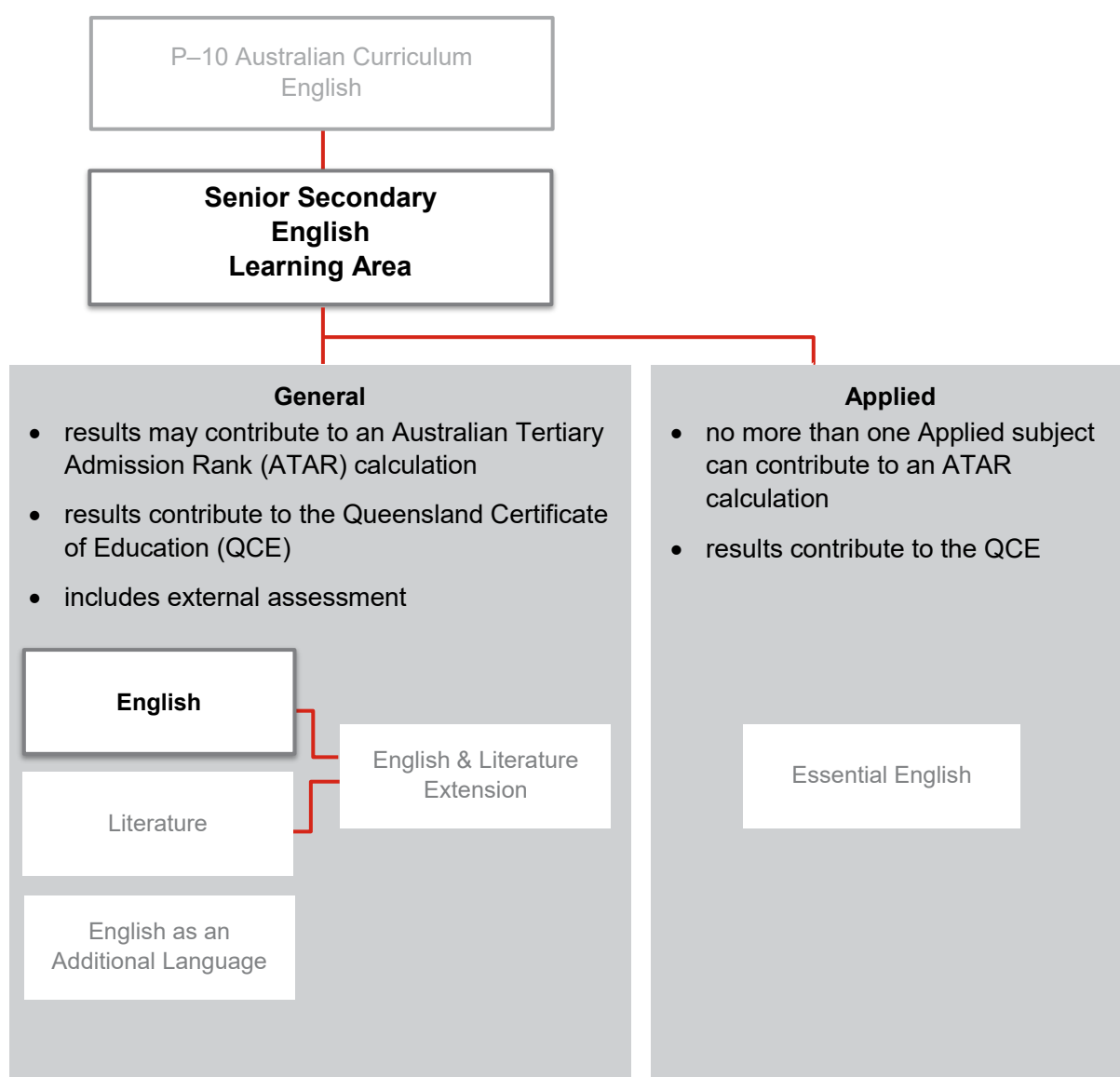
## Pathways

English is a General subject suited to candidates who are interested in pathways beyond school that lead to tertiary studies, vocational education or work. A course of study in English promotes open-mindedness, imagination, critical awareness and intellectual flexibility — skills that prepare candidates for local and global citizenship, and for lifelong learning across a wide range of contexts.

### 1.1.2 Learning area structure

All learning areas build on the P–10 Australian Curriculum.

Figure 1: Learning area structure



### 1.1.3 Course structure

English is a course of study consisting of four units. Subject matter, learning experiences and assessment increase in complexity from Units 1 and 2 to Units 3 and 4 as candidates develop greater independence as learners.

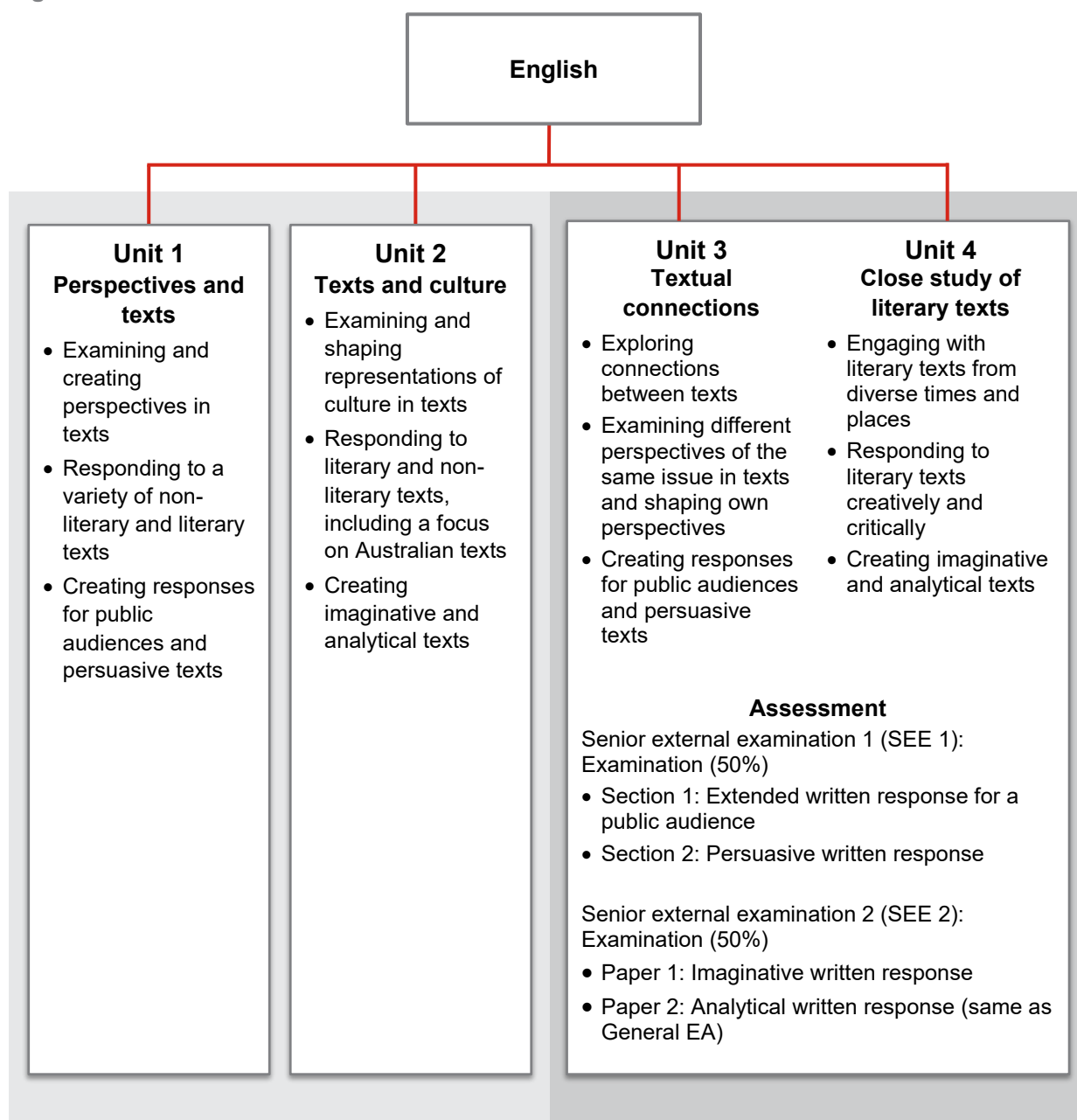
Units 1 and 2 provide foundational learning, which allows candidates to experience all syllabus objectives and begin engaging with the course subject matter. Candidates should complete Units 1 and 2 before beginning Unit 3. It is recommended that Unit 3 be completed before Unit 4.

Units 3 and 4 consolidate candidate learning. Only results from Units 3 and 4 will contribute to ATAR calculations.

Each unit has been developed with a notional time of 55 hours of teaching and learning, including assessment. Time allocation depends on the method of study. Candidates who elect to study without systematic tuition must organise their time according to syllabus requirements and individual circumstances.

Figure 2 outlines the structure of this course of study.

Figure 2: Course structure



## 1.2 Teaching and learning

### 1.2.1 Syllabus objectives

The syllabus objectives outline what candidates have the opportunity to learn. Assessment provides evidence of how well candidates have achieved the objectives.

Syllabus objectives inform unit objectives, which are contextualised for the subject matter and requirements of the unit. Unit objectives, in turn, inform the assessment objectives, which are further contextualised for the requirements of the assessment instruments. The number of each objective remains constant at all levels, i.e. Syllabus objective 1 relates to Unit objective 1 and to Assessment objective 1 in each assessment instrument.

Syllabus objectives are described in terms of actions that operate on the subject matter. Candidates are required to use a range of cognitive processes in order to demonstrate and meet the syllabus objectives. These cognitive processes are described in the explanatory paragraph following each objective in terms of four levels: retrieval, comprehension, analytical processes (analysis) and knowledge utilisation, with each process building on the previous processes (see Marzano & Kendall 2007, 2008). That is, comprehension requires retrieval, and knowledge utilisation requires retrieval, comprehension and analytical processes (analysis).

By the conclusion of the course of study, candidates will:

Syllabus objective	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
1. <u>use patterns and conventions of genres</u> to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations	•	•	•	•
2. establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with audiences	•	•	•	•
3. <u>create</u> and <u>analyse</u> perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places	•	•	•	•
4. make use of and <u>analyse</u> the ways <u>cultural assumptions</u> , <u>attitudes</u> , <u>values</u> and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions	•	•	•	•
5. <u>use aesthetic features</u> and <u>stylistic devices</u> to achieve purposes and <u>analyse</u> their effects in texts	•	•	•	•
6. <u>select</u> and <u>synthesise</u> subject matter to support perspectives	•	•	•	•
7. <u>organise</u> and <u>sequence</u> subject matter to achieve particular purposes	•	•	•	•
8. <u>use cohesive devices</u> to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts	•	•	•	•
9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts	•	•	•	•
10. <u>use</u> grammar and language structures for particular purposes	•	•	•	•
11. <u>use mode-appropriate features</u> to achieve particular purposes	•	•	•	•



**1. use patterns and conventions of genres to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations**

When candidates use patterns and conventions of genres, they apply knowledge and understanding of them to purposefully construct texts by combining elements to form a coherent whole. In their development of texts, candidates demonstrate understanding of genres and their features as influenced by cultural contexts and social situations.

**2. establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with audiences**

When candidates establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with audiences, they set up and sustain a purposeful relationship within a specific context to create a rapport with, position, or have a particular influence over, the audience. Candidates demonstrate their understanding of the relationship between context, audience and purpose of a text by making decisions about language, subject matter, register and mode-appropriate features.

**3. create and analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places**

When candidates create perspectives and representations, they develop points of view and devise textual constructions of concepts, identities, times and places. When candidates analyse perspectives and representations, they examine in detail how meaning is constructed in texts.

**4. make use of and analyse the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions**

When candidates create texts that make use of cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs, they manipulate these to invite audiences to take up positions. When candidates analyse, they examine in detail the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and explore how these invite audiences to take up positions.

**5. use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve purposes and analyse their effects in texts**

When candidates use aesthetic features and stylistic devices (the aspects of texts that prompt emotional and critical reactions) to achieve purposes, they apply their knowledge and understanding of these to express a thought, feeling, idea or viewpoint to purposefully invite an audience to respond in a particular way. When candidates analyse the effects of aesthetic features and stylistic devices in texts, they examine those features and devices in detail to explore how they shape meaning and invite audiences to respond in particular ways.

**6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives**

When candidates select subject matter, they make purposeful choices about the inclusion of material to support perspectives. When candidates synthesise, they combine elements to construct coherent texts.

**7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes**

When candidates organise subject matter, they arrange material systematically and purposefully, e.g. by paragraphing. When candidates sequence subject matter, they place information in a continuous or connected manner to achieve particular purposes.

**8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts**

When candidates use cohesive devices, they apply mode-appropriate language structures to emphasise and develop ideas, and connect parts of texts.

**9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts**

When candidates make language choices, they make decisions about the selection of vocabulary that is appropriate to particular purposes and contexts.

**10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes**

When candidates use grammar, they apply knowledge of morphology and syntax to create and express meaning in texts. When candidates use language structures, they systematically arrange words, phrases, clauses and sentences to express meaning in texts for particular purposes.

**11. use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes**

When candidates use mode-appropriate features, they select written, spoken/signed, visual, non-verbal or digital features appropriate to the text type to express meaning in texts for particular purposes.

Mode-appropriate features include:

- written, e.g. conventional spelling and punctuation
- spoken/signed, e.g. pronunciation, phrasing and pausing, audibility and clarity, volume, pace, silence
- non-verbal, e.g. facial expressions, gestures, proximity, stance, movement
- complementary features, including digital features such as graphics, still and moving images, design elements, music and sound effects.

## 1.2.2 Underpinning factors

There are three skill sets that underpin senior syllabuses and are essential for defining the distinctive nature of subjects:

- literacy — the set of knowledge and skills about language and texts essential for understanding and conveying English content
- numeracy — the knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions that candidates need to use mathematics in a wide range of situations, to recognise and understand the role of mathematics in the world, and to develop the dispositions and capacities to use mathematical knowledge and skills purposefully
- 21st century skills — the attributes and skills candidates need to prepare them for higher education, work and engagement in a complex and rapidly changing world.

These skill sets, which overlap and interact, are derived from current education, industry and community expectations. They encompass the knowledge, skills, capabilities, behaviours and dispositions that will help candidates live and work successfully in the 21st century.

Together these three skill sets shape the development of senior subject syllabuses. Although coverage of each skill set may vary from syllabus to syllabus, candidates should be provided with opportunities to learn through and about these skills over the course of study. Each skill set contains identifiable knowledge and skills that can be directly assessed.

### Literacy in English

Literacy is important in the development of the skills and strategies needed to express, interpret, and communicate complex information and ideas. In English, candidates apply, extend and refine their repertoire of literacy skills and practices by establishing and articulating their views through creative response and argument. They experiment with different modes, mediums and forms to create new texts and understand the power of language to represent ideas, events and people.

These aspects of literacy knowledge and skills are embedded in the syllabus objectives, unit objectives and subject matter for English.

### Numeracy in English

Candidates use numeracy in English when they practise and apply the skills of interpreting and analysing, comparing and contrasting, making connections, posing and proving arguments, making inferences and problem-solving as they create and respond to a range of texts. For example, candidates use numeracy skills when they create and interpret sequences and spatial information in non-fiction texts or consider timing and sequence when developing photo stories. They draw conclusions from statistical information and interpret and use quantitative data as evidence in analytical and persuasive texts.

These aspects of numeracy knowledge and skills are embedded in the syllabus objectives, unit objectives and subject matter for English.

## 21st century skills

The 21st century skills identified in the following table reflect a common agreement, both in Australia and internationally, on the skills and attributes candidates need to prepare them for higher education, work and engagement in a complex and rapidly changing world.

21st century skills	Associated skills	21st century skills	Associated skills
critical thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• analytical thinking</li> <li>• problem-solving</li> <li>• decision-making</li> <li>• reasoning</li> <li>• reflecting and evaluating</li> <li>• intellectual flexibility</li> </ul>	creative thinking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• innovation</li> <li>• initiative and enterprise</li> <li>• curiosity and imagination</li> <li>• creativity</li> <li>• generating and applying new ideas</li> <li>• identifying alternatives</li> <li>• seeing or making new links</li> </ul>
communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• effective oral and written communication</li> <li>• using language, symbols and texts</li> <li>• communicating ideas effectively with diverse audiences</li> </ul>	collaboration and teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relating to others (interacting with others)</li> <li>• recognising and using diverse perspectives</li> <li>• participating and contributing</li> <li>• community connections</li> </ul>
personal and social skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• adaptability/flexibility</li> <li>• management (self, career, time, planning and organising)</li> <li>• character (resilience, mindfulness, open- and fair-mindedness, self-awareness)</li> <li>• leadership</li> <li>• citizenship</li> <li>• cultural awareness</li> <li>• ethical (and moral) understanding</li> </ul>	information & communication technology (ICT) skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• operations and concepts</li> <li>• accessing and analysing information</li> <li>• being productive users of technology</li> <li>• digital citizenship (being safe, positive and responsible online)</li> </ul>

English helps develop the following 21st century skills:

- critical thinking
- creative thinking
- communication
- collaboration and teamwork
- personal and social skills
- information & communication technology (ICT) skills.

These elements of 21st century skills are embedded in the syllabus objectives, unit objectives and subject matter for English.

### 1.2.3 Aboriginal perspectives and Torres Strait Islander perspectives

The QCAA is committed to reconciliation in Australia. As part of its commitment, the QCAA affirms that:

- Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples are the first Australians, and have the oldest living cultures in human history
- Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples have strong cultural traditions and speak diverse languages and dialects, other than Standard Australian English
- teaching and learning in Queensland schools should provide opportunities for candidates to deepen their knowledge of Australia by engaging with the perspectives of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- positive outcomes for Aboriginal candidates and Torres Strait Islander candidates are supported by successfully embedding Aboriginal perspectives and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across planning, teaching and assessing achievement.

Guidelines about Aboriginal perspectives and Torres Strait Islander perspectives and resources for teaching are available at [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/k-12-policies/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-perspectives](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/k-12-policies/aboriginal-torres-strait-islander-perspectives).

Where appropriate, Aboriginal perspectives and Torres Strait Islander perspectives have been embedded in the subject matter. Through the study of texts, candidates are provided with opportunities to develop their understanding and appreciation of the diversity of cultures and histories of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their contributions to Australian society.

### 1.2.4 Pedagogical and conceptual framework

Education in the discipline of English offers candidates ways of thinking about, creating and engaging with texts and how they represent the world and human experience. The framework for the subject's interrelated objectives is informed by an understanding of the relationships between language, text, purpose, context and audience, and how these relationships shape meaning and perspectives.

Candidates engage critically and creatively with a variety of texts, taking into account the ways:

- language and structural choices shape perspectives to achieve particular effects
- ideas, attitudes and perspectives are represented in texts and the effects of these representations on readers, viewers and listeners
- that meanings in texts are shaped by purpose, cultural contexts and social situations
- texts position readers, viewers and listeners.

All senior secondary English subjects aim to develop candidates' critical and creative thinking, both independently and collaboratively, and their capacity to understand and contest complex and challenging ideas in order to form their own interpretations and perspectives, and to understand the interpretations and perspectives of others.

## 1.2.5 Subject matter

Subject matter is the body of information, mental procedures and psychomotor procedures (see Marzano & Kendall 2007, 2008) that are necessary for candidates' learning and engagement with English. It is particular to each unit in the course of study and provides the basis for candidate learning experiences.

Subject matter has a direct relationship to the unit objectives, but is of a finer granularity and is more specific. These statements of learning are constructed in a similar way to objectives. Each statement:

- describes an action (or combination of actions) — what the candidate is expected to do
- describes the element — expressed as information, mental procedures and/or psychomotor procedures
- is contextualised for the topic or circumstance particular to the unit.

The subject matter is grouped according to three interrelated areas of study:

- texts in contexts
- language and textual analysis
- responding to and creating texts.

In English, Units 3 and 4 are each organised into two topics. The interrelated areas of study are covered within each topic.

### Text selection

Teachers must give candidates opportunities to engage with a wide range of texts to encourage their development as language learners and users. Candidates are encouraged to read widely across the course.

There must be a range and balance in the texts that candidates read, listen to and view. Courses should include texts from different times, places and cultures, including texts that aim to develop in all candidates an awareness of, interest in, and respect for the literary traditions and expressions of other nations in the Asia–Pacific region. Australian texts, including texts by Aboriginal writers and/or Torres Strait Islander writers, must be included across the course of study and within each unit pair of the course. At least one of the Australian texts studied over the four units of the course must be by an Aboriginal writer or Torres Strait Islander writer. Schools may include texts translated from other languages.

### Units 1 and 2

Across Units 1 and 2, candidates must study at least three texts. The selection must include three of the following four categories:

- one complete play
- one complete prose text (novel or non-fiction or a collection of short stories)
- a selection of poetry (at least five poems)
- a multimodal text (film, television program, documentary, multimedia).

At least one of the texts studied must be Australian.

Other types of texts that candidates could study include:

- essays
- interpretations of literary texts
- speeches
- mass media texts and social media texts, such as news and current affairs, advertising, YouTube, social commentary, blogs, vlogs, podcasts
- popular culture texts
- journal and feature articles
- everyday texts of work, family and community life
- live performances
- graphic novels and digital stories.

Unit 2 includes a focus on Australian texts.

### Units 3 and 4

**Across Units 3 and 4, candidates must study at least four texts from the Senior External Examination prescribed text list, which will be available on the QCAA website.**

The selection must include three of the following four categories:

- one complete play
- one complete prose text (novel or non-fiction or a collection of short stories)
- a selection of poetry (at least five poems)
- a multimodal text (film, television program, documentary)

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- popular culture texts
- journal and feature articles
- live performances
- graphic novels and digital stories.

Unit 3 must include a study of media texts.

A text studied in Unit 3 or Unit 4 cannot be studied in Unit 1 or Unit 2 of this syllabus, or in any units in the General syllabus of Literature.



## Aesthetic features and stylistic devices

Engaging with aesthetic texts 'allows us to rehearse different ways of seeing the world and different emotional reactions' (Misson & Morgan 2006, p. 136). Such engagement is crucial for developing empathy.

The aesthetic is far more than that which is simply 'beautiful' in a text. It refers to the complex relationship between perception and sensation, and encompasses a wide range of emotional and critical responses to texts.

Aesthetic features and stylistic devices refer to those aspects of texts that prompt emotional and critical reactions. As such, the aesthetic is closely tied to reader/audience positioning. Aesthetic features and stylistic devices may draw upon and interplay with textual features already used for other purposes.

The experience of reading aesthetic texts and the experience of writing them are closely interrelated. The more candidates engage with the aesthetic dimension of texts, the more they learn to read with their own writing in mind, and write with their reader in mind.

Creators of aesthetic texts, including candidates as writers, engage in a creative process when crafting texts. This process involves manipulating, refining, and experimenting with language choices and text structures to produce more successful texts.

Style refers to the distinctive ways in which aspects of texts are arranged, the ways particular techniques and forms have been used to create an imaginative reality, and how these arrangements, techniques and forms affect the reading or viewing experience of an audience. Style can distinguish the work of individual writers, the work of a particular period, or works of a particular genre or type of text.

Examples of aesthetic features include:

- poetic devices such as alliteration, assonance, imagery, metaphor, personification, simile, symbolism
- written devices such as imagery, irony, metaphor, motif, personification, representation, symbolism
- spoken devices such as imagery, motif, rhetoric, symbolism
- film devices such as costuming, editing, imagery, motif, photography, screenplay, symbolism
- dramatic devices such as costuming, dialogue, motif, style, symbolism.

Stylistic devices can be any literary device or technique, such as:

- text structures
- juxtaposition, e.g. of two contrasting settings
- approaches to narration
- the use of narrative viewpoint
- approaches to characterisation
- use of figurative devices
- use of rhetorical devices, e.g. repetition
- control of sentence length and form
- literary patterns and variations
- sound devices
- visual devices.

## Analytical essay

The central purpose of an analytical essay in English is to inform the reader of an interpretation of a literary text. This analysis is written in a formal tone, includes relevant literary terminology and follows appropriate academic conventions. The audience of an analytical essay is an educated reader familiar with the literary text being discussed. Like any genre, there are many valid ways to respond in an analytical essay.

An analytical essay is structured around a thesis, which is a statement of the central argument of an essay. This thesis presents an interpretation of a literary text or texts. It is supported by arguments and substantiated by relevant evidence, in the form of discussion, exploration and examination of a literary text.

As the focus of an analytical essay is an interpretation of a literary text, the majority of supporting evidence is comprised of references to this text.

## 1.3 Assessment — general information

External examinations will be based on topics and subject matter from Units 3 and 4. Examinations require assumed knowledge from Units 1 and 2.

Assessment	Unit 1	Unit 2	Unit 3	Unit 4
Senior external examination 1			•	
Senior external examination 2				•

### 1.3.1 Formative assessments — Units 1 and 2

If this syllabus is delivered in an educational setting, assessment of Units 1 and 2 will be a matter for each education provider to decide. Where providers choose to conduct assessment for Units 1 and 2, they are encouraged to use the A–E descriptors in the [reporting standards](#) to provide formative feedback to candidates, and to report on progress.

### 1.3.2 Summative assessments — Units 3 and 4

Senior external examinations are developed and marked by the QCAA.

In English, it contributes 100% to a candidate's overall subject result.

Candidates will complete a total of *two* external examinations, both of which will count towards their final mark in this subject.

**Examinations will be based on topics and subject matter from Units 3 and 4. Examinations require assumed knowledge from Units 1 and 2.**

**Note:** Paper 2: Analytical written response of Senior External Examination 2 (SEE 2) is the same as the Summative external assessment (EA) in the *English General Senior Syllabus 2019*.

The external examinations provide the evidence of achievement for a candidate's profile.

External examinations are:

- common to all candidates
- administered under the same conditions at the same time and on the same day
- developed and marked by the QCAA according to a commonly applied marking scheme.

## 1.4 Reporting standards

Reporting standards are summary statements that succinctly describe typical performance at each of the five levels (A–E). They reflect the cognitive taxonomy and objectives of the course of study.

The primary purpose of reporting standards is for reporting on candidate progress. If this syllabus is delivered in an educational setting, these descriptors can also be used to help providers give formative feedback to candidates.

### Reporting standards

#### A

The candidate, in responding to and creating texts, demonstrates discerning application of knowledge of the relationships between text, context, audience and purpose through: analysis and creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in texts; analysis and use made of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions; and analysis and use of aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve particular effects.

The candidate demonstrates discerning organisation and development of texts for purpose, audience and context through: use of genres and the role of writer/speaker/signer/designer to achieve consistently controlled relationships with audiences in a variety of cultural contexts and social situations; selection, synthesis, organisation and sequencing of subject matter to support perspectives, including use of mode-appropriate cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts.

The candidate demonstrates discerning use of textual features for purpose, audience and context through: combination of a range of grammatically accurate/appropriate language structures and language choices, including aesthetic and stylistic, to achieve particular purposes; and use of mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes.

#### B

The candidate, in responding to and creating texts, demonstrates effective application of knowledge of the relationships between text, context, audience and purpose through: analysis and creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in texts; analysis and use made of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions; and analysis and use made of aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve particular effects.

The candidate demonstrates effective organisation and development of texts for purpose, audience and context through: use of genres and the role of writer/speaker/signer/designer to achieve control over relationships with audiences in a variety of cultural contexts and social situations; selection, synthesis, organisation and sequencing of subject matter to support perspectives, including use of mode-appropriate cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts.

The candidate demonstrates effective use of textual features for purpose, audience and context through: combination of a range of grammatically accurate/appropriate language structures and language choices, including aesthetic and stylistic, to achieve particular purposes; and use of mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes.

## C

The candidate, in responding to and creating texts, demonstrates suitable application of knowledge of the relationships between text, context, audience and purpose through: analysis and creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in texts; analysis and use made of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions; and analysis and use made of aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve particular effects.

The candidate demonstrates suitable organisation and development of texts for purpose, audience and context through: use of genres and the role of writer/speaker/signer/designer to establish and maintain relationships with audiences in a variety of cultural contexts and social situations; selection, synthesis, organisation and sequencing of subject matter to support perspectives, including use of mode-appropriate cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts.

The candidate demonstrates suitable use of textual features for purpose, audience and context through: combination of a range of mostly grammatically accurate/appropriate language structures and language choices, including aesthetic and stylistic, to achieve particular purposes; and use of mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes.

## D

The candidate, in responding to and creating texts, demonstrates a superficial application of knowledge of the relationships between text, context, audience and purpose through: analysis and creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in texts; analysis and some use made of ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions; and analysis and some use made of aesthetic features and stylistic devices.

The candidate demonstrates inconsistency in organisation and development of texts for purpose, audience and context through: use of genres and the role of writer/speaker/signer/designer to establish relationships with audiences in a variety of cultural contexts and social situations; selection of subject matter and organisation and sequencing of subject matter to support perspectives, including some use of mode-appropriate cohesive devices to connect parts of texts.

The candidate demonstrates inconsistency in use of textual features for purpose, audience and context through: grammar, language structures and language choices, including some aesthetic and stylistic, and use of mode-appropriate features.

## E

The candidate, in responding to and creating texts, demonstrates fragmented application of knowledge of the relationships between text, context, audience and purpose through: analysis and creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in texts; and analysis of the ways attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts.

The candidate demonstrates fragmented organisation and development of texts for purpose, audience and context through: use of genres and the role of writer/speaker/signer/designer; selection and sequencing of subject matter; and some connections between parts of texts.

The candidate demonstrates fragmented use of textual features through: grammar, language structures and language choices, and mode-appropriate features.

## 2 Unit 1: Perspectives and texts

### 2.1 Unit description

In Unit 1, candidates explore individual and/or collective experiences and perspectives of the world through engaging with a variety of texts in a range of contexts. They examine how perspectives and representations of concepts, identities and/or groups are constructed through textual choices such as language, medium, style and text structures. This unit allows candidates to explore how meaning is shaped through the relationships between language, text, purpose, context and audience. Candidates respond to a variety of non-literary texts and literary texts, and create texts of their own for a variety of purposes and audiences.

In responding to texts, candidates analyse the perspectives and representations of concepts, identities and/or groups in texts and how these shape their own and others' ideas and perspectives. Analysis may include, for example:

- examining ways in which concepts, identities and/or groups are reported differently in the media and how these are represented to position readers and viewers
- exploring how writers convey perspectives and representations through textual structures, conventions, style and language, and how the meaning of a text is affected by the contexts in which it is created and received
- examining ways perspectives and representations are conveyed through argument, rhetoric, tone, register, style and language to influence audiences.

In creating texts, candidates demonstrate their understanding of the relationships between text, purpose, context and audience by purposefully shaping perspectives and representations of concepts, identities/and or groups. Candidates experiment with, and make choices about, textual structures, medium, conventions and language to develop voice and style and position audiences.

#### Unit requirements

In Unit 1, candidates must be given opportunities to engage in a study of at least one text (a play, a prose text or a multimodal text such as a film) or a selection of poetry.

Across Units 1 and 2, candidates must study at least three texts. The selection must include three of the following four categories:

- one complete play
- one complete prose text (novel or non-fiction or a collection of short stories)
- a selection of poetry (at least five poems)
- a multimodal text (film, television program, documentary, multimedia).

Other types of texts that candidates could study include:

- essays
- interpretations of literary texts
- speeches
- mass media texts and social media texts, such as news and current affairs, advertising, YouTube, social commentary, blogs, vlogs, podcasts

- popular culture texts
- journal and feature articles
- everyday texts of work, family and community life
- live performances
- graphic novels and digital stories.

## 2.2 Unit objectives

Unit objectives are drawn from the syllabus objectives and are contextualised for the subject matter and requirements of the unit.

Candidates will:

1. use patterns and conventions of genres to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations including public audiences
2. establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with a range of audiences, including public audiences
3. create and analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in a range of texts
4. make use of, in their own texts, the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions, and analyse these ways in texts created by others
5. use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve purposes and analyse their effects in texts
6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts
9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts
10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes in written, spoken and/or multimodal texts
11. use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes.

## 2.3 Areas of study

### Subject matter

#### Texts in contexts

When candidates work with texts in contexts, they will:

- read, listen to and view a range of texts to explore how the personal, social, historical, and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced influence their meaning
- investigate the relationships between language, text, purpose, audience and context by exploring how texts create various representations of human experience within individual and/or collective contexts
- explore the ways texts establish and maintain relationships with public audiences to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- explore the intertextual relationships among texts to identify how and why texts conform to conventions of particular genres or modes, such as life-writing, poetry, reflective texts, documentaries, media texts and speeches
- consider how patterns and conventions of genres, such as text structures, language features and stylistic choices, are used in different types of texts.

#### Language and textual analysis

When candidates work with language and textual analysis, they will:

- analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities and groups in a variety of texts, e.g. by exploring how representations of individuals are shaped within autobiographical and biographical texts or by exploring how representations of groups, such as teenagers or minority groups, are constructed in media texts
- explore how texts invite readers/viewers to take up positions, e.g. by analysing how documentaries use editing, music, visuals, juxtaposition etc. to invite audiences to support the perspectives offered
- explore how different cultural assumptions, values, attitudes and beliefs underpin texts
- examine the ways generic patterns, language features, text structures and conventions communicate perspectives and representations
- develop knowledge and understanding of strategies for convincing argument, and rhetoric and sites of their use and application, including various modes such as public debate, public forums, online publications, digital texts and graphic texts
- identify and consider the use of aesthetic features and stylistic devices and their effects in texts
- analyse how language choices are used for different purposes and contexts
- question the assumptions and values in texts, e.g. assumptions made about gender or teenagers in advertising texts
- identify omissions, inclusions, emphases and marginalisation in texts.

#### Responding to and creating texts

When candidates respond to and create texts, they will:

- consider how personal responses to texts are shaped by elements of an individual's contexts, e.g. locality, family background, beliefs, experiences, gender, age, psychology, culture
- discuss how texts may be read in different ways
- analyse examples of persuasive texts for public audiences, focusing on the use of rhetoric
- analyse examples of written responses for public audiences, focusing on style and tone
- use appropriate language, aesthetic features and stylistic devices to sustain a perspective
- synthesise subject matter and substantiate their own responses using textual evidence
- use cohesive devices to develop and emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts
- use appropriate form, content, style and tone for different purposes and audiences in real and imagined contexts
- use text structures, grammar and language features related to specific genres for particular effects
- use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes
- participate in teacher-modelled, guided, shared and independent construction of texts in a variety of modes and classroom contexts, where appropriate
- use strategies for planning, drafting, editing and proofreading to produce appropriately sequenced and coherent texts, where appropriate
- reflect on and respond to feedback.



## 2.4 Assessment guidance

If this syllabus is delivered in an educational setting, providers should ensure that the objectives being assessed cover, or are chosen from, the unit objectives. If one formative assessment instrument is developed for a unit, it must assess all the unit objectives; if more than one formative assessment instrument is developed, the unit objectives must be covered across those instruments.

## 3 Unit 2: Texts and culture

### 3.1 Unit description

In Unit 2, candidates explore cultural experiences of the world through engaging with a variety of texts, including a focus on Australian cultures for at least half of the unit. Building on Unit 1, candidates develop their understanding of how relationships between language, text, purpose, context and audience shape meaning and cultural perspectives. By engaging with a variety of texts, including Australian texts, candidates examine the relationship between language and identity, the effect of textual choices and the ways in which these choices position audiences for particular purposes, revealing attitudes, values and beliefs. Candidates respond to and create imaginative and analytical texts of their own.

In responding to texts, candidates analyse the relationship between language, representation, identity and cultural context, uncovering cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs that underpin texts.

In creating texts, candidates purposefully shape perspectives and representations that reveal certain cultural attitudes, values and beliefs.

#### Unit requirements

In Unit 2, candidates must be given opportunities to engage in a study of:

- at least two texts (selected from: a play, a prose text, a multimodal text such as a film, or a selection of poetry)
- at least one of the two texts should be an Australian text.

Unit 2 must include a focus on Australian texts, including texts by Aboriginal writers or Torres Strait Islander writers. Schools may choose to focus on texts from another cultural context for the other half of the unit.

Across Units 1 and 2, candidates must study at least three texts. The selection must include three of the following four categories:

- one complete play
- one complete prose text (novel or non-fiction or a collection of short stories)
- a selection of poetry (at least five poems)
- a multimodal text (film, television program, documentary, multimedia).

Other types of texts that candidates could study include:

- essays
- interpretations of literary texts
- speeches
- mass media texts and social media texts, such as news and current affairs, advertising, YouTube, social commentary, blogs, vlogs, podcasts
- popular culture texts
- journal and feature articles
- everyday texts of work, family and community life
- live performances
- graphic novels and digital stories.

## 3.2 Unit objectives

Unit objectives are drawn from the syllabus objectives and are contextualised for the subject matter and requirements of the unit.

Candidates will:

1. use patterns and conventions of genres to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
2. establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with audiences
3. create and analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places through an exploration of texts and culture
4. make use of, in their own texts, the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions, and analyse these ways in texts created by others
5. use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve purposes and analyse their effects in texts
6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts
9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts
10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes in written, spoken and/or multimodal texts
11. use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes.

## 3.3 Areas of study

### Subject matter

#### Texts in contexts

When candidates work with texts in contexts, they will:

- read, listen to and view a range of texts, including Australian texts, to explore how the personal, social, historical, authorial and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced influence their meaning
- investigate the relationships between language, text, purpose, audience and context by exploring how texts create various representations of identity within cultural contexts
- explore the ways texts and their producers establish and maintain roles and relationships with audiences to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- consider how various literary texts and non-literary texts reflect or challenge social and cultural perspectives
- identify how texts conform to or challenge the conventions of particular genres or modes, such as poetry, short stories, plays, television programs or film, novels
- consider how the patterns and conventions of genres have been challenged, and changed over time
- identify and explore how intertextual links between texts contribute to meaning-making.

#### Language and textual analysis

When candidates work with language and textual analysis, they will:

- analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in texts, e.g. by examining how cultural identity is constructed in various texts or by comparing how similar concepts are treated in different texts
- explore how and why texts invite readers/viewers to take up positions, e.g. by analysing how narrative texts employ characterisation, aesthetic use of language and point of view to invite audiences to see characters and issues in particular ways
- explore how different cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs about cultural identity underpin texts
- examine the ways generic patterns, language features, text structures and conventions communicate perspectives and representations
- identify and examine the use of aesthetic features and stylistic devices and their effects in texts
- explore how meaning changes when texts are transformed into a different genre or medium
- analyse how language choices are used for different purposes and contexts
- question the assumptions and values in texts, e.g. assumptions made about gender, class, age and culture in literary texts
- examine omissions, inclusions, emphases, and privileged and marginalised perspectives in texts.

#### Responding to and creating texts

When candidates respond to and create texts, they will:

- consider how personal responses to texts are shaped by elements of an individual's contexts, e.g. locality, family background, beliefs, experiences, psychology, culture
- explore new forms of texts made available through emerging technologies and experiment with multimedia and hybrid texts for particular purposes, e.g. digital stories and online, collaborative approaches to narrative
- discuss different readings of texts and why texts may be read in different ways
- analyse examples of texts to be produced, such as imaginative and analytical texts
- use appropriate language, aesthetic features and stylistic devices to sustain a perspective
- synthesise subject matter and substantiate their own responses using textual evidence
- use cohesive devices to develop and emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts
- use and experiment with appropriate form, content, style and tone for different purposes and audiences in real and imagined contexts
- use and experiment with text structures, grammar and language features related to specific genres for particular effects
- use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes
- participate in teacher-modelled, guided, shared and independent construction of texts in a variety of modes and classroom contexts, where appropriate
- use strategies for planning, drafting, editing and proofreading to produce appropriately sequenced and coherent texts, where appropriate
- reflect on and respond to feedback.

## 3.4 Assessment guidance

If this syllabus is delivered in an educational setting, providers should ensure that the objectives being assessed cover, or are chosen from, the unit objectives. If one formative assessment instrument is developed for a unit, it must assess all the unit objectives; if more than one formative assessment instrument is developed, the unit objectives must be covered across those instruments.

## 4 Unit 3: Textual connections

### 4.1 Unit description

In Unit 3, candidates explore connections between texts by examining representations of the same concepts and issues in different texts. In doing so, they consider how the textual constructions of the same concepts and issues in different texts resonate, relate to, and clash with one another. By examining texts in relation to other texts, candidates are offered opportunities to explore how connections between texts contribute to meaning making. They revisit and build on understandings from Units 1 and 2 about how meaning and perspectives are shaped by the relationships between language, purpose, text, context and audience.

The unit comprises two topics that both explore the connections between texts and may be studied in either order:

- Topic 1: Conversations about concepts in texts
- Topic 2: Conversations about issues in texts.

#### Unit requirements

**Note:** Each year the QCAA will identify the selection of texts for assessment from the Senior External Examination prescribed text list, which will be available on the QCAA website.

In Unit 3, candidates must be given opportunities to engage in a study of:

- two literary texts for External Assessment 1, Section 1
- media texts, such as mass media texts, social media texts, news and current affairs, advertising, YouTube, social commentary, blogs, vlogs, podcasts, essays, speeches, popular culture texts, journal and feature articles for External Assessment 1, Section 2.

Across Units 3 and 4, candidates must study at least four texts from the prescribed text list. The selection must include three of the following four categories:

- one complete play
- one complete prose text (novel or non-fiction or a collection of short stories)
- a selection of poetry (at least five poems)
- multimodal text (film, television program, documentary).

Other types of texts that candidates could study include:

- interpretations of literary texts
- live performances
- graphic novels and digital stories.

## 4.2 Unit objectives

Unit objectives are drawn from the syllabus objectives and are contextualised for the subject matter and requirements of the unit. Each unit objective will be assessed at least once.

Candidates will:

Unit objectives	SEE 1	SEE 2
1. <u>use patterns and conventions</u> of <u>genres</u> to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations involving public audiences	•	
2. establish and maintain roles of the writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with a range of audiences, including public audiences	•	
3. <u>create</u> and <u>analyse</u> perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places through an exploration of textual connections	•	
4. make use of, in their own texts, the ways <u>cultural assumptions</u> , attitudes, <u>values</u> and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions, and analyse these ways in texts created by others	•	
5. <u>use aesthetic features</u> and <u>stylistic devices</u> to achieve particular purposes and <u>analyse</u> their effects in a range of texts	•	
6. <u>select</u> and <u>synthesise</u> subject matter to support perspectives	•	
7. <u>organise</u> and <u>sequence</u> subject matter to achieve particular purposes	•	
8. <u>use cohesive devices</u> to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts for public audiences	•	
9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts	•	
10. <u>use</u> grammar and language structures for particular purposes	•	
11. <u>use mode-appropriate features</u> to achieve particular purposes.	•	

## 4.3 Topic 1: Conversations about concepts in texts

This topic includes the exploration of two literary texts chosen from the Senior External Examination prescribed text list, which are connected by the representation of a concept, identity, time or place.

In responding to two literary texts, candidates explore and discuss the personal, social, historical and cultural significance of representations in different texts and the cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpinning them. Candidates are given opportunities to add to ongoing, informed and public ‘conversations’ about both literary texts and non-literary texts.

### Subject matter

#### Texts in contexts

When candidates work with texts in contexts, they will:

- read, listen to and view a range of texts from diverse times and places to explore how the personal, social, historical and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced influence their meaning
- investigate the relationships between purpose, audience, language and meaning by exploring how different texts create contrasting representations of concepts, identities, times and places
- explore the ways different texts establish and maintain relationships with audiences in different ways to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- investigate the various ways different texts have the power to reflect or challenge social and cultural perspectives
- identify how literary texts from diverse perspectives conform to or challenge the conventions of particular genres or modes
- consider how the patterns and conventions of genres can be challenged, manipulated and changed over time
- explore various ways that intertextual links among texts contribute to meaning-making.

#### Language and textual analysis

When candidates work with language and textual analysis, they will:

- analyse and interpret how representations of concepts, identities, times and places are constructed in different contexts, e.g. by analysing how similar concepts (such as poverty, working life, education, gender, class) are treated in different texts
- analyse how different cultural assumptions, values, attitudes and beliefs underpin texts to better understand and empathise with the worlds of others
- examine the ways generic patterns, language features, text structures and conventions communicate perspectives and representations and how these are used in different texts for different purposes
- identify and examine the use of aesthetic features and stylistic devices and their effects on one's own interpretation of (and aesthetic engagement with) a text. For example, candidates may consider how authors have used language choices, text structures or other stylistic features to position readers to engage emotionally or critically with the text
- analyse how language choices are used in different cultural contexts and social situations and how language is used differently in different texts for particular purposes
- question the assumptions and values in texts (e.g. assumptions about gender, class, culture, religion and history) in texts from diverse cultural contexts, particularly those that have been adapted from/referred to in another text
- examine omissions, inclusions, emphases, and privileged and marginalised perspectives in different texts and their effects.

#### Responding to and creating texts

When candidates respond to and create texts, they will:

- explore how responses to texts may be shaped by different cultural contexts, e.g. locality, family background, beliefs, experiences, gender, age, psychology, culture
- investigate how a reader's understanding and interpretation of one text is expanded and deepened when considered in relation to another text/other texts
- discuss different readings of texts and how responses to texts may change over time and in different



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- cultural contexts, e.g. candidates reread a text they have read when younger and discuss how and why their reading may have changed
- engage with various examples of the written text for a public audience that candidates will produce to enable experimenting with language, aesthetic features and stylistic devices to develop one's own writing style and to sustain a perspective in the response
  - synthesise subject matter and substantiate their own responses using textual evidence
  - use cohesive devices to develop and emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts
  - experiment with appropriate form, content, style and tone for different purposes and audiences in real and imagined contexts
  - experiment with relevant text structures, grammar and language features to further refine one's own style
  - use mode-appropriate features to achieve particular purposes
  - participate in teacher-modelled, guided, shared and independent construction of texts in a variety of modes and classroom contexts, where appropriate
  - develop editorial independence by using strategies for planning, drafting, editing and proofreading to produce appropriately sequenced and coherent texts, where appropriate
  - reflect on and respond to feedback.

## 4.4 Topic 2: Conversations about issues in texts

Candidates will analyse different perspectives by examining representations of the same issue in different texts. Candidates will explore how texts position readers and viewers, and develop their capacity to analyse and contest complex and challenging ideas and the assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpinning them. They will focus on how the power of language and argument are used to construct particular perspectives of similar issues in different texts to prepare for the construction of their own persuasive argument in relation to an issue. Candidates will produce a variety of persuasive texts of their own and the unit will culminate in a written persuasive text.

### Subject matter

#### Texts in contexts

When candidates work with texts in contexts, they will:

- read, listen to and view a range of different texts that represent the same social issues to explore how the personal, social, historical and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced influence their meaning
- investigate the relationships between purpose, audience, language and meaning by exploring how texts create various representations of issues
- explore the ways texts establish and maintain relationships with audiences to invite them to accept particular perspectives within cultural contexts and social situations
- investigate the ways media texts from around the world, such as news, television programs, online publications, documentaries, films, social media, graphic texts, websites, interviews with public figures, music/lyrics, poetry have the power to reflect or challenge social and cultural perspectives and how this is achieved
- consider how the patterns and conventions of genres can be challenged, manipulated and changed over time and the impacts on audiences
- develop knowledge and understanding of strategies for convincing argument, rhetoric, and sites of their use and application, including various modes such as public debate, public forums, online publications, digital texts and graphic texts
- investigate the changing nature of the media and emerging technologies globally and the influence on shaping and shifting understandings and ideas
- explore how texts about social issues are dialogic in the manner in which they connect to one another.

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### Language and textual analysis

When candidates work with language and textual analysis, they will:

- analyse how representations of similar concepts, identities, times and places are constructed in different texts to position audiences in relation to particular points of view
- explore how and why texts invite readers/viewers to take up positions about topical issues, events and/or personalities, e.g. by comparing and contrasting the way the same event or individual might be reported in different media texts and the effects of inclusions and omissions
- examine the ways generic patterns, choice of medium, language features and choices, text structures and conventions construct perspectives and representations and discuss the underpinning cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs
- analyse and compare strategies for argument, persuasive/stylistic features and language to construct varying perspectives and how these strengthen or weaken the authority of argument depending on how they are used
- analyse the ways in which language structures, such as modality, can be used to affect power relationships among individuals
- question the assumptions and values in texts, e.g. assumptions about gender, class, culture, religion and history in texts about topical issues
- examine omissions, inclusions, emphases, privileged and marginalised perspectives in texts designed to influence audiences.

### Responding to and creating texts

When candidates respond to and create texts, they will:

- explore how responses to texts are shaped by different cultural contexts, e.g. locality, family background, beliefs, experiences, gender, age, psychology, culture
- analyse varied examples of argumentative/persuasive written and spoken texts such as editorials, feature articles, blogs, maiden speeches, political speeches, debates, eulogies about public figures, proposals and pitches
- experiment with persuasive and stylistic devices in order to develop their own style
- engage in writing, listening and speaking activities to further develop capacity to communicate in specific contexts
- synthesise subject matter and substantiate their own responses using evidence
- use cohesive devices to develop and emphasise ideas and connect parts of persuasive texts
- experiment with strategies for argument and rhetoric, text structures, grammar and language features, form, content, style and tone for persuasive effects
- participate in teacher-modelled, guided, shared and independent construction of texts in a variety of modes and classroom contexts, where appropriate
- develop editorial independence by using strategies for planning, drafting, editing and proofreading to produce appropriately sequenced and coherent texts, where appropriate
- reflect on and respond to feedback.

## 4.5 Assessment

### 4.5.1 Senior external examination 1 (SEE 1): Examination (50%)

#### General information

This examination paper consists of two sections:

- Section 1: Extended written response for a public audience
- Section 2: Persuasive written response.

The examination assesses the application of a range of cognitions to a provided question or task for each section.

Candidate responses must be completed individually, under supervised conditions, and in a set timeframe.

The total examination time is 3 hours plus 25 minutes planning time.

#### Section 1: Extended written response for a public audience

##### Description

Section 1 is an extended response to two literary texts chosen from the Senior external examination prescribed text list and studied in depth in Unit 3.

It assesses the analysis, interpretation and examination of two literary texts, focusing on a representation of a concept, identity, time or place.

The candidate response is written for a public audience.

**Note:** For the coming year, QCAA will advise of:

- the concept, identity, time or place for study
- the response genres (e.g. literary blog or feature article).

This information will be available on the QCAA website.

##### Assessment objectives

This section is used to determine candidate achievement in the following objectives:

1. use patterns and conventions of the chosen genre to achieve particular purposes in a specific context
2. establish and maintain the role of the writer and relationship with an identified public audience
3. analyse perspectives and the representation of a concept, identity, time or place in two literary texts
4. analyse the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin two literary texts and invite audiences to take up positions
5. analyse the effects of aesthetic features and stylistic devices in two literary texts
6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of a text for a public audience

9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts
10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes
11. use written features, including conventional spelling and punctuation, to achieve particular purposes.

## Specifications

This assessment requires candidates to analyse representations of a concept, identity, time or place in two literary texts from the Senior external examination prescribed text list. In the form of a written response for a public audience, candidates offer a considered perspective, positioning the reader to think about the texts in particular ways and in relation to one another. While the primary purpose of the response is to analyse the representations in the two texts, engaging public audiences in media texts may involve elements of creative, reflective and persuasive writing.

Candidates will be asked to write a media text such as an article, essay, blog or column for an online publication or an article, essay or column for a print publication, offering a perspective on the representations in the texts studied.

The response:

- analyses a representation of a concept, identity, time or place in two literary texts
- offers a perspective on the representations in the texts (such as the personal, social, historical, cultural or contemporary significance) in a focused manner, and with suitable scope for the conditions of the task
- positions the audience to think about the representations in the texts in particular ways through using generic conventions and a range of textual features
- adds to ongoing, informed and public ‘conversations’ about representations in texts
- is a written response for a public audience and may be suitable for print or online media publication, such as an article, blog, essay or column.

## Conditions

- Time: approximately 2 hours.
- Length: 800–1000 words.

## Section 2: Persuasive written response

### Description

Section 2 is a persuasive written response on a contemporary social issue, chosen from the issues specified by the QCAA for that year.

It focuses on the creation of a perspective through reasoned argument to persuade an audience. Candidates will be asked to respond to representations of a contemporary social issue in the media within the previous year, identified by the QCAA. There is no prescribed text for this section.

**Note:** For the coming year, QCAA will advise of:

- contemporary social issues for study (issues of contemporary social relevance may be drawn from broader topics, e.g. gender, power, race, religion, age, class and sustainability)
- the response genres (e.g. literary blog or feature article).

This information will be available on the QCAA website.

## Assessment objectives

This section is used to determine achievement in the following objectives:

1. use patterns and conventions of a persuasive genre to achieve particular purposes in a specific context
2. establish and maintain the role of the writer and relationship with an identified public audience
3. create perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places
4. make use of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions
5. use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve persuasive purposes
6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of a persuasive text
9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts
10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes
11. use written features, including conventional spelling and punctuation, to achieve particular purposes.

## Specifications

Candidates will have examined representations of the same issues in different texts over the course of the unit, as well as strategies for persuasive argument. They are to respond to the representation of a contemporary social issue in media texts and construct a persuasive argument of their own that adds to the public dialogue or ‘conversation’ about the issue. This contemporary social issue is identified by QCAA. Candidates might refer to the representations in other media texts in order to create their own perspective on the issue. In the persuasive written response, candidates are to:

- explore a contemporary social issue (or a perspective about a contemporary social issue studied) as identified by the QCAA
- present a contention or thesis in relation to the chosen issue and develop an argument that reflects a particular perspective and makes use of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin perspectives and representations
- generate the argument from critical engagement with media texts about the issue
- employ and synthesise nuanced rhetorical and persuasive strategies to position an audience to accept the perspective constructed in the text.

## Conditions

- Time: approximately 1 hour.
- Length: 500–700 words.

# 5 Unit 4: Close study of literary texts

## 5.1 Unit description

In Unit 4, candidates explore the world and human experience by engaging with literary texts from diverse times and places. They explore how these texts build a shared understanding of the human experience and through this become part of a cultural heritage. This unit includes the close study of literary texts to allow candidates to extend their experience of the world.

The unit comprises two topics:

Topic 1: Creative responses to literary texts

Topic 2: Critical responses to literary texts.

### Unit requirements

**Note:** Each year the QCAA will identify the selection of texts for assessment from the Senior External Examination prescribed text list, which will be available on the QCAA website.

In Unit 4, candidates must be given opportunities to engage in a study of at least two literary texts from the prescribed text list.

Candidates must choose a text for Topic 1: Creative responses to literary texts from those identified by the QCAA for Senior external examination 2, Section 1 for that year.

Candidates must choose a text for Topic 2: Critical responses to literary texts from those identified by the QCAA for Senior external examination 2, Section 2 for that year. This section is the same as the Summative external assessment (EA) in the *English General Senior Syllabus 2019*.

Across Units 3 and 4, candidates must study at least four texts from the prescribed text list. The selection must include three of the following four categories:

- one complete play
- one complete prose text (novel or non-fiction or a collection of short stories)
- a selection of poetry (at least five poems)
- multimodal texts (film, television program, documentary).

Other types of texts that candidates could study include:

- essays
- interpretations of literary texts
- speeches
- mass media texts and social media texts, such as news and current affairs, advertising, YouTube, social commentary, blogs, vlogs, podcasts
- popular culture texts
- journal and feature articles
- live performances
- graphic novels and digital stories.

## 5.2 Unit objectives

Unit objectives are drawn from the syllabus objectives and are contextualised for the subject matter and requirements of the unit. Each unit objective will be assessed at least once.

Candidates will:

Unit objectives	SEE 1	SEE 2
1. <u>use patterns and conventions</u> of imaginative and analytical <u>genres</u> to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations		•
2. establish and maintain roles of writer/speaker/signer/designer and relationships with audiences		•
3. <u>create</u> perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in their own imaginative texts, and analyse these in literary texts created by others		•
4. make use of, in their own imaginative texts, the ways <u>cultural assumptions</u> , attitudes, <u>values</u> and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions, and analyse these ways in literary texts created by others		•
5. <u>use aesthetic features</u> and <u>stylistic devices</u> to achieve purposes in imaginative texts and analyse their effects in literary texts		•
6. <u>select</u> and <u>synthesise</u> subject matter to support perspectives in imaginative and analytical texts		•
7. <u>organise</u> and <u>sequence</u> subject matter to achieve imaginative and analytical purposes		•
8. <u>use cohesive devices</u> to emphasise ideas and connect parts of imaginative and analytical texts		•
9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts		•
10. <u>use</u> grammar and language structures for particular purposes		•
11. <u>use mode-appropriate features</u> to achieve particular purposes.		•



## 5.3 Topic 1: Creative responses to literary texts

By engaging with literary texts, candidates experiment with innovative and imaginative use of language, style and textual elements in order to create their own imaginative texts that promote emotional and critical reactions in readers. In creative responses, candidates challenge ideas and conventions and reimagine perspectives by applying their own knowledge of literary text structures and styles to shape their own representations. Literary texts appropriate to the focus of this topic may include short stories, poetry, a novel or non-fiction text, a play, multimodal texts, such as film or television programs.

### Subject matter

#### Texts in contexts

When candidates work with texts in contexts, they will:

- read, listen to and view a range of literary texts to explore how the personal, social, historical, authorial and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced influence their meaning
- investigate the relationships between purpose, audience, language and meaning by exploring how texts create various representations of the world and human experience
- explore the ways texts establish and maintain relationships with audiences to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- identify how texts conform to or challenge the conventions of particular genres or modes, such as poetry, plays, film and novels, short story anthologies and drama
- consider how the patterns and conventions of genres can be challenged, manipulated and changed over time.

#### Language and textual analysis

When candidates work with language and textual analysis, they will:

- explore how and why texts invite readers/viewers to take up positions (e.g. by intervening in texts, such as by changing the narrative perspective), to explore the ways in which texts have been constructed in order to invite particular meanings
- analyse how different cultural assumptions, values, attitudes and beliefs underpin texts and influence audiences, and experiment with textual elements to manipulate these to position audiences in imaginative texts
- examine the ways generic patterns, language features, text structures and conventions communicate perspectives and representations and experiment with these for different literary effects
- identify and examine the use of aesthetic and stylistic features and their effects in texts and experiment with these in imaginative texts in a variety of modes and mediums
- explore how meaning changes when texts are transformed into a different genre or medium
- analyse how language choices are used for different purposes and contexts in imaginative texts
- interrogate the assumptions and values in texts through the identification of omissions, inclusions, emphases, and privileged and marginalised voices and experiment with these to reposition readers in imaginative texts
- consider intertextual links between 'classic' texts and their contemporary adaptations to explore how and why they position audiences to respond differently.

#### Responding to and creating texts

When candidates respond to and create texts, they will:

- explore how personal responses to texts are shaped by elements of an individual's contexts, e.g. locality, family background, beliefs, experiences, gender, age, psychology, culture
- experiment with form, content, perspective, grammar and language features to develop personal style in imaginative texts
- experiment with aesthetic features and stylistic devices in different mediums to examine the various critical and emotional responses they may prompt in audiences of imaginative texts
- examine various examples of the imaginative text type to be produced for the internal assessment
- participate in teacher-modelled, guided, shared and independent construction of texts in a variety of modes and classroom contexts, where appropriate
- develop editorial independence by using strategies for planning, drafting, editing and proofreading to produce appropriately sequenced and coherent texts, where appropriate
- reflect on and respond to feedback.



## 5.4 Topic 2: Critical responses to literary texts

Through a close, critical study of a literary text and various interpretations of it, candidates strengthen their capacity to develop their own analytical response to it.

Candidates independently develop and compose original, analytical texts.

### Subject matter

#### Texts in contexts

When candidates work with texts in contexts, they will:

- read, listen to and view a range of literary texts to explore how the personal, social, historical, authorial and cultural contexts in which these texts are produced influence their meaning
- investigate the relationships between purpose, audience, language and meaning by exploring how texts create various representations of the world and human experience
- explore the ways texts establish and maintain relationships with audiences to achieve particular purposes in cultural contexts and social situations
- investigate the role of literature, from various times and places, within cultures and its power to reflect and challenge social and cultural perspectives in relation to the larger issues of gender, age, race, identity, power, class and the environment
- investigate the reception of a particular literary text within different cultural and historical contexts to develop understanding of textual integrity and the cultural significance of the text
- identify how texts conform to or challenge the conventions of particular genres or modes, such as poetry, plays, film and novels, short story anthologies and drama
- consider how the patterns and conventions of genres can be challenged, manipulated and changed over time.

#### Language and textual analysis

When candidates work with language and textual analysis, they will:

- analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places within literary texts to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of the complexities and nuances of these textual constructions
- explore how and why texts invite readers/viewers to take up positions, by examining the ways in which texts have been constructed in order to invite particular meanings
- analyse how different cultural assumptions, values, attitudes and beliefs underpin texts and influence audiences
- examine the ways generic patterns, language features, text structures and conventions communicate perspectives and representations
- examine the use of aesthetic features and stylistic devices (e.g. characterisation, plot structure, setting, narrative voice, mood, approaches to narration, imagery, symbolism, motif, figurative language, dialogue, juxtaposition, contrast) and their effects in texts
- analyse how language choices are used for different purposes and contexts in analytical texts
- interrogate the assumptions and values in texts through the identification of omissions, inclusions, emphases, and privileged and marginalised voices.

#### Responding to and creating texts

When candidates respond to and create texts, they will:

- explore how personal responses to texts are shaped by elements of an individual's contexts, e.g. locality, family background, beliefs, experiences, gender, age, psychology, culture
- explore and discuss a range of contemporaneous, historical and contemporary interpretations and perspectives of literary texts
- test, develop and deepen own interpretations of literary texts through discussion, debate and examination of others' interpretations
- develop cogent, insightful analysis and argument, through synthesis of subject matter and integration of textual evidence
- use cohesive devices to develop and emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts in the development of a reasoned and logical argument

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- use text structures, grammar, language features and written features related to literary analysis to express and sustain a point of view
- participate in teacher-modelled, guided, shared and independent construction of analytical texts in a variety of modes and classroom contexts, where appropriate
- develop editorial independence by using use strategies for planning, drafting, editing and proofreading to produce appropriately sequenced and coherent texts, where appropriate
- reflect on and respond to feedback.

## 5.5 Assessment

### 5.5.1 Senior external examination 2 (SEE 2): Examination (50%)

#### General information

This examination paper consists of two papers:

- Paper 1: Imaginative written response
- Paper 2: Analytical written response.

The examination assesses the application of a range of cognitions to a provided question or task in each paper.

Candidate responses must be completed individually, under supervised conditions, and in a set timeframe.

The total examination time is 3 hours plus a total of 25 minutes planning time.

#### Paper 1: Imaginative written response

##### Description

Paper 1 focuses on the interpretation of a poetry text as a springboard for an imaginative response. It assesses a range of cognitions when responding to a particular situation, task or scenario.

Candidates will respond to a poetry text from those identified by the QCAA in the Senior external examination prescribed text list for Examination 2, Paper 1 that year.

**Note:** For the coming year, QCAA will advise of:

- the selection of poetry texts from poets on the Senior external examination prescribed text list
- the response genres (e.g. short story or epistolary narrative).

This information will be available on the QCAA website.

##### Assessment objectives

This section is used to determine candidate achievement in the following objectives:

1. use patterns and conventions of an imaginative genre to achieve particular purposes in a specific context
2. establish and maintain the role of writer and relationships with audiences
3. create perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in an imaginative text
4. make use of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions
5. use aesthetic features and stylistic devices to achieve purposes
6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives
7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of an imaginative text
9. make language choices for particular purposes and contexts

10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes
11. use written features, including conventional spelling and punctuation, to achieve particular purposes.

### **Specifications**

Candidates produce an imaginative response to a poetry text from those identified by the QCAA in the Senior external examination prescribed text list for SEE 2, Paper 1 that year.

Their response will draw on their knowledge of the craft of writing, to prompt critical and emotional responses in the reader for a purpose, such as to engage, to move, to express, to challenge or subvert.

During Unit 4, candidates will have examined how textual and language features have been used in various literary styles, and will have experimented with these in order to develop their own imaginative writing style. They also will have had opportunities to generate ideas for imaginative responses using a literary text as a springboard. Candidates may write an extended response in any imaginative form other than poetry.

### **Conditions**

- Time: 1 hour plus 10 minutes planning time.
- Length: 500–700 words.

## Paper 2: Analytical written response

### Description

Paper 2 is an analytical written response to a literary text which is studied in depth in Unit 4. Candidates must choose a literary text from those identified by the QCAA in the Senior external examination prescribed text list for SEE 2, Paper 2 that year.

**Note:** This paper is the same as the Summative external assessment (EA) in the *English General Senior Syllabus 2019*, and will be administered in the same way and at the same time as the Summative external assessment (EA) in the *English General Senior Syllabus 2019*.

### Assessment objectives

This section is used to determine achievement in the following objectives:

1. use patterns and conventions of an analytical essay to respond to an unseen question/task
2. establish and maintain the role of essay writer and relationships with readers
3. analyse perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and places in a literary text
4. analyse the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and beliefs underpin a literary text and invite audiences to take up positions
5. analyse the effects of aesthetic features and stylistic devices in a literary text
6. select and synthesise subject matter to support perspectives in an essay response to an unseen question/task
7. organise and sequence subject matter to achieve particular purposes
8. use cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of an essay
9. make language choices for particular purposes in an essay
10. use grammar and language structures for particular purposes in an essay
11. use written features to achieve particular purposes in an essay.

### Specifications

The examination is an analytical response to a literary text selected by the candidate from the Senior external examination prescribed text list for SEE 2, Paper 2 that year. Candidates respond in the form of an analytical essay for an audience with a deep understanding of the text. The purpose is to communicate an informed and critical perspective in response to an unseen question or task on the text studied in depth in Unit 4.

### Conditions

- Time: 2 hours plus 15 minutes planning time.
- Length: 800–1000 words.

## 6 Glossary

Term	Explanation
<b>A</b>	
<b>accomplished</b>	highly trained or skilled in a particular activity; perfected in knowledge or training; expert
<b>accuracy</b>	the condition or quality of being true, correct or exact; freedom from error or defect; precision or exactness; correctness; in science, the extent to which a measurement result represents the quantity it purports to measure; an accurate measurement result includes an estimate of the true value and an estimate of the uncertainty
<b>accurate</b>	precise and exact; to the point; consistent with or exactly conforming to a truth, standard, rule, model, convention or known facts; free from error or defect; meticulous; correct in all details
<b>aesthetic features</b>	refers to those aspects of texts that prompt emotional and critical reactions; as such, the aesthetic is closely tied to reader/audience positioning; aesthetic features and stylistic devices may draw upon and interplay with textual features used for other purposes
<b>adept</b>	very/highly skilled or proficient at something; expert
<b>adequate</b>	satisfactory or acceptable in quality or quantity equal to the requirement or occasion
<b>analyse</b>	dissect to ascertain and examine constituent parts and/or their relationships; break down or examine in order to identify the essential elements, features, components or structure; determine the logic and reasonableness of information; examine or consider something in order to explain and interpret it, for the purpose of finding meaning or relationships and identifying patterns, similarities and differences
<b>analytical essay</b>	in English, the central purpose of an analytical essay is to inform the reader of an interpretation of a literary text; this analysis is written in a formal tone, includes relevant literary terminology and follows appropriate academic conventions; the audience of an analytical essay is an educated reader familiar with the literary text being discussed; like any genre, there are many valid ways to respond; an analytical essay is structured around a thesis, which is a statement of the central argument of an essay; the thesis presents an interpretation of a literary text or texts and is supported by arguments and substantiated by relevant evidence in the form of discussion, exploration and examination of a literary text
<b>applied learning</b>	the acquisition and application of knowledge, understanding and skills in real-world or lifelike contexts that may encompass workplace, industry and community situations; it emphasises learning through doing and includes both theory and the application of theory, connecting subject knowledge and understanding with the development of practical skills

Term	Explanation
<b>Applied subject</b>	a subject whose primary pathway is work and vocational education; it emphasises applied learning and community connections; a subject for which a syllabus has been developed by the QCAA with the following characteristics: results from courses developed from Applied syllabuses contribute to the QCE; results may contribute to ATAR calculations
<b>apply</b>	use knowledge and understanding in response to a given situation or circumstance; carry out or use a procedure in a given or particular situation
<b>appraise</b>	evaluate the worth, significance or status of something; judge or consider a text or piece of work
<b>appreciate</b>	recognise or make a judgment about the value or worth of something; understand fully; grasp the full implications of
<b>appropriate</b>	acceptable; suitable or fitting for a particular purpose, circumstance, context, etc.
<b>apt</b>	suitable to the purpose or occasion; fitting, appropriate
<b>area of study</b>	a division of, or a section within a unit
<b>argue</b>	give reasons for or against something; challenge or debate an issue or idea; persuade, prove or try to prove by giving reasons
<b>aspect</b>	a particular part of a feature of something; a facet, phase or part of a whole
<b>assess</b>	measure, determine, evaluate, estimate or make a judgment about the value, quality, outcomes, results, size, significance, nature or extent of something
<b>assessment</b>	purposeful and systematic collection of information about candidates' achievements
<b>assessment instrument</b>	a tool or device used to gather information about candidate achievement
<b>assessment objectives</b>	drawn from the unit objectives and contextualised for the requirements of the assessment instrument (see also 'syllabus objectives', 'unit objectives')
<b>assessment technique</b>	the method used to gather evidence about candidate achievement, (e.g. examination, project, investigation)
<b>astute</b>	showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people; of keen discernment
<b>ATAR</b>	Australian Tertiary Admission Rank
<b>audience</b>	in English, the recipients of a text; the group of readers, listeners or viewers that the writer, designer, filmmaker or speaker is addressing; audience includes candidates in the classroom, an individual, the wider community, review writers, critics and the implied audience; candidates may be asked to speak/sign/write/design a text for a 'public audience', e.g. a specific magazine or journal article published in print or online, or a presentation at a lifelike gathering for a particular purpose

Term	Explanation
<b>authoritative</b>	able to be trusted as being accurate or true; reliable; commanding and self-confident; likely to be respected and obeyed
<b>B</b>	
<b>balanced</b>	keeping or showing a balance; not biased; fairly judged or presented; taking everything into account in a fair, well-judged way
<b>basic</b>	fundamental
<b>C</b>	
<b>calculate</b>	determine or find (e.g. a number, answer) by using mathematical processes; obtain a numerical answer showing the relevant stages in the working; ascertain/determine from given facts, figures or information
<b>categorise</b>	place in or assign to a particular class or group; arrange or order by classes or categories; classify, sort out, sort, separate
<b>challenging</b>	difficult but interesting; testing one's abilities; demanding and thought-provoking; usually involving unfamiliar or less familiar elements
<b>characteristic</b>	a typical feature or quality
<b>clarify</b>	make clear or intelligible; explain; make a statement or situation less confused and more comprehensible
<b>clarity</b>	clearness of thought or expression; the quality of being coherent and intelligible; free from obscurity of sense; without ambiguity; explicit; easy to perceive, understand or interpret
<b>classify</b>	arrange, distribute or order in classes or categories according to shared qualities or characteristics
<b>clear</b>	free from confusion, uncertainty, or doubt; easily seen, heard or understood
<b>clearly</b>	in a clear manner; plainly and openly, without ambiguity
<b>coherent</b>	having a natural or due agreement of parts; connected; consistent; logical, orderly; well-structured and makes sense; rational, with parts that are harmonious; having an internally consistent relation of parts
<b>cohesive</b>	characterised by being united, bound together or having integrated meaning; forming a united whole
<b>cohesive devices</b>	features of vocabulary, syntax and grammar that bind different parts of a text together; examples include connectives, ellipses, synonyms; in multimodal texts examples include establishing shots in films and icons for links on web pages
<b>comment</b>	express an opinion, observation or reaction in speech or writing; give a judgment based on a given statement or result of a calculation
<b>communicate</b>	convey knowledge and/or understandings to others; make known; transmit



Term	Explanation
<b>compare</b>	display recognition of similarities and differences and recognise the significance of these similarities and differences
<b>competent</b>	having suitable or sufficient skills, knowledge, experience, etc. for some purpose; adequate but not exceptional; capable; suitable or sufficient for the purpose; having the necessary ability, knowledge or skill to do something successfully; efficient and capable (of a person); acceptable and satisfactory, though not outstanding
<b>competently</b>	in an efficient and capable way; in an acceptable and satisfactory, though not outstanding, way
<b>complex</b>	composed or consisting of many different and interconnected parts or factors; compound; composite; characterised by an involved combination of parts; complicated; intricate; a complex whole or system; a complicated assembly of particulars
<b>comprehend</b>	understand the meaning or nature of; grasp mentally
<b>comprehensive</b>	inclusive; of large content or scope; including or dealing with all or nearly all elements or aspects of something; wide-ranging; detailed and thorough, including all that is relevant
<b>concise</b>	expressing much in few words; giving a lot of information clearly and in a few words; brief, comprehensive and to the point; succinct, clear, without repetition of information
<b>concisely</b>	in a way that is brief but comprehensive; expressing much in few words; clearly and succinctly
<b>conduct</b>	direct in action or course; manage; organise; carry out
<b>consider</b>	think deliberately or carefully about something, typically before making a decision; take something into account when making a judgment; view attentively or scrutinise; reflect on
<b>considerable</b>	fairly large or great; thought about deliberately and with a purpose
<b>considered</b>	formed after careful and deliberate thought
<b>consistent</b>	agreeing or accordant; compatible; not self-opposed or self-contradictory, constantly adhering to the same principles; acting in the same way over time, especially so as to be fair or accurate; unchanging in nature, standard, or effect over time; not containing any logical contradictions (of an argument); constant in achievement or effect over a period of time
<b>construct</b>	create or put together (e.g. an argument) by arranging ideas or items; display information in a diagrammatic or logical form; make; build
<b>context</b>	the environment in which a text is responded to or created; context can include the general social, historical and cultural conditions in which a text is responded to and created (the context of culture) or the specific features of its immediate social environment (context of situation)

Term	Explanation
<b>contrast</b>	display recognition of differences by deliberate juxtaposition of contrary elements; show how things are different or opposite; give an account of the differences between two or more items or situations, referring to both or all of them throughout
<b>controlled</b>	shows the exercise of restraint or direction over; held in check; restrained, managed or kept within certain bounds
<b>convincing</b>	persuaded by argument or proof; leaving no margin of doubt; clear; capable of causing someone to believe that something is true or real; persuading or assuring by argument or evidence; appearing worthy of belief; credible or plausible
<b>course</b>	a defined amount of learning developed from a subject syllabus
<b>create</b>	bring something into being or existence; produce or evolve from one's own thought or imagination; reorganise or put elements together into a new pattern or structure or to form a coherent or functional whole
<b>creative</b>	resulting from originality of thought or expression; relating to or involving the use of the imagination or original ideas to create something; having good imagination or original ideas
<b>credible</b>	capable or worthy of being believed; believable; convincing
<b>criterion</b>	the property or characteristic by which something is judged or appraised
<b>critical</b>	involving skilful judgment as to truth, merit, etc.; involving the objective analysis and evaluation of an issue in order to form a judgment; expressing or involving an analysis of the merits and faults of a work of literature, music, or art; incorporating a detailed and scholarly analysis and commentary (of a text); rationally appraising for logical consistency and merit
<b>critique</b>	review (e.g. a theory, practice, performance) in a detailed, analytical and critical way
<b>cultural assumptions</b>	ideas, beliefs or attitudes about such things as gender, religion, ethnicity, youth, age, disability, sexuality, social class and work that are taken for granted as being part of the fabric of the social practices of a particular culture; cultural assumptions underpin texts and can be used to position audiences
<b>cursory</b>	hasty, and therefore not thorough or detailed; performed with little attention to detail; going rapidly over something, without noticing details; hasty; superficial
<b>D</b>	
<b>decide</b>	reach a resolution as a result of consideration; make a choice from a number of alternatives
<b>deduce</b>	reach a conclusion that is necessarily true, provided a given set of assumptions is true; arrive at, reach or draw a logical conclusion from reasoning and the information given
<b>defensible</b>	justifiable by argument; capable of being defended in argument
<b>define</b>	give the meaning of a word, phrase, concept or physical quantity; state meaning and identify or describe qualities

Term	Explanation
<b>demonstrate</b>	prove or make clear by argument, reasoning or evidence, illustrating with practical example; show by example; give a practical exhibition
<b>derive</b>	arrive at by reasoning; manipulate a mathematical relationship to give a new equation or relationship; in mathematics, obtain the derivative of a function
<b>describe</b>	give an account (written or spoken) of a situation, event, pattern or process, or of the characteristics or features of something
<b>design</b>	produce a plan, simulation, model or similar; plan, form or conceive in the mind; in languages, select, organise and use particular elements in the process of text construction for particular purposes; these elements may be linguistic (words), visual (images), audio (sounds), gestural (body language), spatial (arrangement on the page or screen) and multimodal (a combination of more than one)
<b>detailed</b>	executed with great attention to the fine points; meticulous; including many of the parts or facts
<b>determine</b>	establish, conclude or ascertain after consideration, observation, investigation or calculation; decide or come to a resolution
<b>develop</b>	elaborate, expand or enlarge in detail; add detail and fullness to; cause to become more complex or intricate
<b>devise</b>	think out; plan; contrive; invent
<b>differentiate</b>	identify the difference/s in or between two or more things; distinguish, discriminate; recognise or ascertain what makes something distinct from similar things; in mathematics, obtain the derivative of a function
<b>digital stories</b>	emerging new forms of digital narrative, e.g. web-based stories, interactive stories, hypertexts, narrative computer games, audio and video podcasts
<b>discerning</b>	discriminating; showing intellectual perception; showing good judgment; making thoughtful and astute choices; selected for value or relevance
<b>discriminate</b>	note, observe or recognise a difference; make or constitute a distinction in or between; differentiate; note or distinguish as different
<b>discriminating</b>	differentiating; distinctive; perceiving differences or distinctions with nicety; possessing discrimination; perceptive and judicious; making judgments about quality; having or showing refined taste or good judgment
<b>discuss</b>	examine by argument; sift the considerations for and against; debate; talk or write about a topic, including a range of arguments, factors or hypotheses; consider, taking into account different issues and ideas, points for and/or against, and supporting opinions or conclusions with evidence
<b>disjointed</b>	disconnected; incoherent; lacking a coherent order/sequence or connection

Term	Explanation
<b>distinguish</b>	recognise as distinct or different; note points of difference between; discriminate; discern; make clear a difference/s between two or more concepts or items
<b>diverse</b>	of various kinds or forms; different from each other
<b>document</b>	support (e.g. an assertion, claim, statement) with evidence (e.g. decisive information, written references, citations)
<b>draw conclusions</b>	make a judgment based on reasoning and evidence
<b>E</b>	
<b>effective</b>	successful in producing the intended, desired or expected result; meeting the assigned purpose
<b>efficient</b>	working in a well-organised and competent way; maximum productivity with minimal expenditure of effort; acting or producing effectively with a minimum of waste, expense or unnecessary effort
<b>element</b>	a component or constituent part of a complex whole; a fundamental, essential or irreducible part of a composite entity
<b>elementary</b>	simple or uncompounded; relating to or dealing with elements, rudiments or first principles (of a subject); of the most basic kind; straightforward and uncomplicated
<b>erroneous</b>	based on or containing error; mistaken; incorrect
<b>essential</b>	absolutely necessary; indispensable; of critical importance for achieving something
<b>evaluate</b>	make an appraisal by weighing up or assessing strengths, implications and limitations; make judgments about ideas, works, solutions or methods in relation to selected criteria; examine and determine the merit, value or significance of something, based on criteria
<b>examination</b>	a supervised test that assesses the application of a range of cognitions to one or more provided items such as questions, scenarios and/or problems; candidate responses are completed individually, under supervised conditions, and in a set timeframe
<b>examine</b>	investigate, inspect or scrutinise; inquire or search into; consider or discuss an argument or concept in a way that uncovers the assumptions and interrelationships of the issue
<b>experiment</b>	try out or test new ideas or methods, especially in order to discover or prove something; undertake or perform a scientific procedure to test a hypothesis, make a discovery or demonstrate a known fact
<b>explain</b>	make an idea or situation plain or clear by describing it in more detail or revealing relevant facts; give an account; provide additional information
<b>explicit</b>	clearly and distinctly expressing all that is meant; unequivocal; clearly developed or formulated; leaving nothing merely implied or suggested

Term	Explanation
<b>explore</b>	look into both closely and broadly; scrutinise; inquire into or discuss something in detail
<b>express</b>	convey, show or communicate (e.g. a thought, opinion, feeling, emotion, idea or viewpoint); in words, art, music or movement, convey or suggest a representation of; depict
<b>extended response</b>	an open-ended assessment technique that focuses on the interpretation, analysis, examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in response to a particular situation or stimulus; while candidates may undertake some research when writing of the extended response, it is not the focus of this technique; an extended response occurs over an extended and defined period of time
<b>Extension subject</b>	a two-unit subject (Units 3 and 4) for which a syllabus has been developed by QCAA, that is an extension of one or more General subject/s, studied concurrently with, Units 3 and 4 of that subject or after completion of, Units 3 and 4 of that subject
<b>extensive</b>	of great extent; wide; broad; far-reaching; comprehensive; lengthy; detailed; large in amount or scale
<b>external assessment</b>	summative assessment that occurs towards the end of a course of study and is common to all schools; developed and marked by the QCAA according to a commonly applied marking scheme
<b>external examination</b>	a supervised test, developed and marked by the QCAA, that assesses the application of a range of cognitions to multiple provided items such as questions, scenarios and/or problems; candidate responses are completed individually, under supervised conditions, and in a set timeframe
<b>extrapolate</b>	infer or estimate by extending or projecting known information; conjecture; infer from what is known; extend the application of something (e.g. a method or conclusion) to an unknown situation by assuming that existing trends will continue or similar methods will be applicable
<b>F</b>	
<b>factual</b>	relating to or based on facts; concerned with what is actually the case; actually occurring; having verified existence
<b>familiar</b>	well-acquainted; thoroughly conversant with; well known from long or close association; often encountered or experienced; common; (of materials, texts, skills or circumstances) having been the focus of learning experiences or previously encountered in prior learning activities
<b>feasible</b>	capable of being achieved, accomplished or put into effect; reasonable enough to be believed or accepted; probable; likely
<b>fluent</b>	spoken or written with ease; able to speak or write smoothly, easily or readily; articulate; eloquent; in artistic performance, characteristic of a highly developed and excellently controlled technique; flowing; polished; flowing smoothly, easily and effortlessly

Term	Explanation
<b>fluently</b>	in a graceful and seemingly effortless manner; in a way that progresses smoothly and readily
<b>formative assessment</b>	assessment whose major purpose is to improve teaching and candidate achievement
<b>fragmented</b>	disorganised; broken down; disjointed or isolated
<b>frequent</b>	happening or occurring often at short intervals; constant, habitual, or regular
<b>fundamental</b>	forming a necessary base or core; of central importance; affecting or relating to the essential nature of something; part of a foundation or basis
<b>G</b>	
<b>General subject</b>	a subject for which a syllabus has been developed by the QCAA with the following characteristics: results from courses developed from General syllabuses contribute to the QCE; General subjects have an external assessment component; results may contribute to ATAR calculations
<b>generate</b>	produce; create; bring into existence
<b>genre</b>	the categories into which texts are grouped; the term has a complex history within literary and linguistic theory and is often used to distinguish texts on the basis of, e.g. their subject matter (detective fiction, romance, science fiction, fantasy fiction) and form and structure (poetry, novels, short stories); genres are not static but change in response to a range of factors, such as social context, purpose and experimentation; some texts are hybridised or multigeneric
<b>H</b>	
<b>hypothesise</b>	formulate a supposition to account for known facts or observed occurrences; conjecture, theorise, speculate; especially on uncertain or tentative grounds
<b>I</b>	
<b>identify</b>	distinguish; locate, recognise and name; establish or indicate who or what someone or something is; provide an answer from a number of possibilities; recognise and state a distinguishing factor or feature
<b>illogical</b>	lacking sense or sound reasoning; contrary to or disregarding the rules of logic; unreasonable
<b>implement</b>	put something into effect, e.g. a plan or proposal
<b>implicit</b>	implied, rather than expressly stated; not plainly expressed; capable of being inferred from something else
<b>improbable</b>	not probable; unlikely to be true or to happen; not easy to believe
<b>inaccurate</b>	not accurate
<b>inappropriate</b>	not suitable or proper in the circumstances

Term	Explanation
<b>inconsistent</b>	lacking agreement, as one thing with another, or two or more things in relation to each other; at variance; not consistent; not in keeping; not in accordance; incompatible, incongruous
<b>independent</b>	thinking or acting for oneself, not influenced by others
<b>in-depth</b>	comprehensive and with thorough coverage; extensive or profound; well-balanced or fully developed
<b>infer</b>	derive or conclude something from evidence and reasoning, rather than from explicit statements; listen or read beyond what has been literally expressed; imply or hint at
<b>informed</b>	knowledgeable; learned; having relevant knowledge; being conversant with the topic; based on an understanding of the facts of the situation (of a decision or judgment)
<b>innovative</b>	new and original; introducing new ideas; original and creative in thinking
<b>insightful</b>	showing understanding of a situation or process; understanding relationships in complex situations; informed by observation and deduction
<b>instrument-specific marking guide</b>	ISMG; a tool for marking that describes the characteristics evident in candidate responses and aligns with the identified objectives for the assessment (see 'assessment objectives')
<b>integral</b>	<i>adjective</i> necessary for the completeness of the whole; essential or fundamental; <i>noun</i> in mathematics, the result of integration; an expression from which a given function, equation, or system of equations is derived by differentiation
<b>intended</b>	designed; meant; done on purpose; intentional
<b>internal assessment</b>	assessments that are developed by schools; summative internal assessments are endorsed by the QCAA before use in schools and results externally confirmed contribute towards a candidate's final result
<b>interpret</b>	use knowledge and understanding to recognise trends and draw conclusions from given information; make clear or explicit; elucidate or understand in a particular way; bring out the meaning of, e.g. a dramatic or musical work, by performance or execution; bring out the meaning of an artwork by artistic representation or performance; give one's own interpretation of; identify or draw meaning from, or give meaning to, information presented in various forms, such as words, symbols, pictures or graphs

Term	Explanation
<b>investigation</b>	an assessment technique that requires candidates to research a specific problem, question, issue, design challenge or hypothesis through the collection, analysis and synthesis of primary and/or secondary data; it uses research or investigative practices to assess a range of cognitions in a particular context; an investigation occurs over an extended and defined period of time
<b>investigate</b>	carry out an examination or formal inquiry in order to establish or obtain facts and reach new conclusions; search, inquire into, interpret and draw conclusions about data and information
<b>irrelevant</b>	not relevant; not applicable or pertinent; not connected with or relevant to something
<b>ISMG</b>	instrument-specific marking guide; a tool for marking that describes the characteristics evident in candidate responses and aligns with the identified objectives for the assessment (see 'assessment objectives')
<b>isolated</b>	detached, separate, or unconnected with other things; one-off; something set apart or characterised as different in some way
<b>J</b>	
<b>judge</b>	form an opinion or conclusion about; apply both procedural and deliberative operations to make a determination
<b>justified</b>	sound reasons or evidence are provided to support an argument, statement or conclusion
<b>justify</b>	give reasons or evidence to support an answer, response or conclusion; show or prove how an argument, statement or conclusion is right or reasonable
<b>L</b>	
<b>language features</b>	linguistic elements that support meaning, e.g. sentence structure, noun group/phrase, vocabulary, punctuation, figurative language; choices in language features and text structures together define a type of text and shape its meaning; these choices vary according to the purpose of a text, its subject matter, audience, and mode or medium of production
<b>learning area</b>	a grouping of subjects, with related characteristics, within a broad field of learning, e.g. the Arts, sciences, languages
<b>literary texts</b>	past and present texts across a range of cultural contexts that are valued for their form and style and are recognised as having enduring or artistic value; while the nature of what constitutes literary texts is dynamic and evolving, they are seen as having personal, social, cultural and aesthetic value and potential for enriching candidates' scope of experience; literary texts include a broad range of forms such as novels, poetry, short stories, plays, fiction, multimodal texts such as film, and non-fiction; the classification of texts as 'literary' changes over time and across cultural contexts, and texts considered non-literary in some contexts are considered literary in other contexts



Term	Explanation
<b>logical</b>	rational and valid; internally consistent; reasonable; reasoning in accordance with the principles/rules of logic or formal argument; characterised by or capable of clear, sound reasoning; (of an action, decision, etc.) expected or sensible under the circumstances
<b>logically</b>	according to the rules of logic or formal argument; in a way that shows clear, sound reasoning; in a way that is expected or sensible
<b>M</b>	
<b>make decisions</b>	select from available options; weigh up positives and negatives of each option and consider all the alternatives to arrive at a position
<b>manipulate</b>	adapt or change to suit one's purpose
<b>media texts</b>	spoken, print, graphic or electronic communications with a public audience; they often involve numerous people in their construction and are usually shaped by the technology used in their production; media texts can be found in newspapers and magazines and on television, film, radio, computer software and the internet
<b>medium</b>	channel of communication, which may include face-to-face, film, television, stage, radio, print and electronic media
<b>mental procedures</b>	a domain of knowledge in Marzano's taxonomy, and acted upon by the cognitive, metacognitive and self-systems; sometimes referred to as 'procedural knowledge' there are three distinct phases to the acquisition of mental procedures — the cognitive stage, the associative stage, and the autonomous stage; the two categories of mental procedures are skills (single rules, algorithms and tactics) and processes (macroprocedures)
<b>methodical</b>	performed, disposed or acting in a systematic way; orderly; characterised by method or order; performed or carried out systematically
<b>minimal</b>	least possible; small, the least amount; negligible
<b>mode</b>	in English, a method of communication chosen as the way to transmit a message; these may be written, spoken/signed, nonverbal, visual or auditory; in combination, these methods form multimodal texts
<b>mode-appropriate features</b>	include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written, e.g. conventional spelling and punctuation</li> <li>• spoken/signed, e.g. pronunciation, phrasing and pausing, audibility and clarity, volume, pace, silence</li> <li>• non-verbal, e.g. facial expressions, gestures, proximity, stance, movement</li> <li>• complementary features, including digital features such as graphics, still and moving images, design elements, music and sound effects</li> </ul>
<b>modify</b>	change the form or qualities of; make partial or minor changes to something

Term	Explanation
<b>multimodal</b>	uses a combination of at least two modes (e.g. spoken, written), delivered at the same time, to communicate ideas and information to a live or virtual audience, for a particular purpose; the selected modes are integrated so that each mode contributes significantly to the response
<b>N</b>	
<b>narrow</b>	limited in range or scope; lacking breadth of view; limited in amount; barely sufficient or adequate; restricted
<b>non-literary texts</b>	contemporary, traditional and everyday texts that use language (spoken/signed, written, visual, auditory and digital) to explain, interpret, analyse, argue, persuade and give opinions; to remember, recall and report on things, events and issues; to transact and negotiate relationships, goods and services
<b>nuanced</b>	showing a subtle difference or distinction in expression, meaning, response, etc.; finely differentiated; characterised by subtle shades of meaning or expression; a subtle distinction, variation or quality; sensibility to, awareness of, or ability to express delicate shadings, as of meaning, feeling, or value
<b>O</b>	
<b>objectives</b>	see 'syllabus objectives', 'unit objectives', 'assessment objectives'
<b>obvious</b>	clearly perceptible or evident; easily seen, recognised or understood
<b>optimal</b>	best, most favourable, under a particular set of circumstances
<b>organise</b>	arrange, order; form as or into a whole consisting of interdependent or coordinated parts, especially for harmonious or united action
<b>organised</b>	systematically ordered and arranged; having a formal organisational structure to arrange, coordinate and carry out activities
<b>outstanding</b>	exceptionally good; clearly noticeable; prominent; conspicuous; striking
<b>P</b>	
<b>partial</b>	not total or general; existing only in part; attempted, but incomplete
<b>particular</b>	distinguished or different from others or from the ordinary; noteworthy
<b>patterns and conventions</b>	a genre's distinguishing structures, features and patterns that relate to context, purpose and audience
<b>perceptive</b>	having or showing insight and the ability to perceive or understand; discerning (see also 'discriminating')
<b>perspective</b>	in English, the way a reader/viewer is positioned by a text, or how a particular ideology is embedded in a text, e.g. a feminist perspective; a point of view or way of regarding/thinking about situations, facts and texts

Term	Explanation
<b>performance</b>	an assessment technique that requires candidates to demonstrate a range of cognitive, technical, creative and/or expressive skills and to apply theoretical and conceptual understandings, through the psychomotor domain; it involves candidate application of identified skills when responding to a task that involves solving a problem, providing a solution or conveying meaning or intent; a performance is developed over an extended and defined period of time
<b>persuasive</b>	capable of changing someone's ideas, opinions or beliefs; appearing worthy of approval or acceptance; (of an argument or statement) communicating reasonably or credibly (see also 'convincing')
<b>perusal time</b>	time allocated in an assessment to reading items and tasks and associated assessment materials; no writing is allowed; candidates may not make notes and may not commence responding to the assessment in the response space/book
<b>planning time</b>	time allocated in an assessment to planning how to respond to items and tasks and associated assessment materials; candidates may make notes but may not commence responding to the assessment in the response space/book; notes made during planning are not collected, nor are they graded or used as evidence of achievement
<b>polished</b>	flawless or excellent; performed with skilful ease
<b>positioning</b>	how texts influence responders to read in certain ways; responders are positioned or invited to construct particular meanings in relation to the characters, the arguments, or the groups in a text; a selection of techniques of composition influencing the responder to adopt a particular point of view and interpret a text in a particular way; composers position responders by selectively using detail or argument, by carefully shaping focus and emphasis and by choosing language and other textual features that promote a particular interpretation and reaction
<b>precise</b>	definite or exact; definitely or strictly stated, defined or fixed; characterised by definite or exact expression or execution
<b>precision</b>	accuracy; exactness; exact observance of forms in conduct or actions
<b>predict</b>	give an expected result of an upcoming action or event; suggest what may happen based on available information
<b>product</b>	an assessment technique that focuses on the output or result of a process requiring the application of a range of cognitive, physical, technical, creative and/or expressive skills, and theoretical and conceptual understandings; a product is developed over an extended and defined period of time
<b>proficient</b>	well advanced or expert in any art, science or subject; competent, skilled or adept in doing or using something

Term	Explanation
<b>project</b>	an assessment technique that focuses on a problem-solving process requiring the application of a range of cognitive, technical and creative skills and theoretical understandings; the response is a coherent work that documents the iterative process undertaken to develop a solution and includes written paragraphs and annotations, diagrams, sketches, drawings, photographs, video, spoken presentations, physical prototypes and/or models; a project is developed over an extended and defined period of time
<b>propose</b>	put forward (e.g. a point of view, idea, argument, suggestion) for consideration or action
<b>prove</b>	use a sequence of steps to obtain the required result in a formal way
<b>purposeful</b>	having an intended or desired result; having a useful purpose; determined; resolute; full of meaning; significant; intentional
<b>psychomotor procedures</b>	a domain of knowledge in Marzano's taxonomy, and acted upon by the cognitive, metacognitive and self-systems; these are physical procedures used to negotiate daily life and to engage in complex physical activities; the two categories of psychomotor procedures are skills (foundational procedures and simple combination procedures) and processes (complex combination procedures)
<b>Q</b>	
<b>QCE</b>	Queensland Certificate of Education
<b>R</b>	
<b>realise</b>	create or make (e.g. a musical, artistic or dramatic work); actualise; make real or concrete; give reality or substance to
<b>reasonable</b>	endowed with reason; having sound judgment; fair and sensible; based on good sense; average; appropriate, moderate
<b>reasoned</b>	logical and sound; based on logic or good sense; logically thought out and presented with justification; guided by reason; well-grounded; considered
<b>recall</b>	remember; present remembered ideas, facts or experiences; bring something back into thought, attention or into one's mind
<b>recognise</b>	identify or recall particular features of information from knowledge; identify that an item, characteristic or quality exists; perceive as existing or true; be aware of or acknowledge
<b>refined</b>	developed or improved so as to be precise, exact or subtle
<b>reflect on</b>	think about deeply and carefully
<b>register</b>	the use of language and detail in a text appropriate for its purpose, audience and context; a register suited to one kind of text may be inappropriate in another; the composer makes deliberate choices when constructing a text in relation to the language, subject matter, the role and relationship with the audience, e.g. the degree of formality or informality for a particular purpose or in a particular social situation
<b>rehearsed</b>	practised; previously experienced; practised extensively

Term	Explanation
<b>related</b>	associated with or linked to
<b>relevance</b>	being related to the matter at hand
<b>relevant</b>	bearing upon or connected with the matter in hand; to the purpose; applicable and pertinent; having a direct bearing on
<b>repetitive</b>	containing or characterised by repetition, especially when unnecessary or tiresome
<b>reporting</b>	providing information that succinctly describes candidate performance at different junctures throughout a course of study
<b>representation</b>	textual constructions that give shape to ways of thinking about or acting in the world; texts re-present concepts, identities, times and places, underpinned by the cultural assumptions, attitudes, beliefs, values or world view of the writer, shaper, speaker/signer, designer (and of the reader, viewer, listener)
<b>resolve</b>	in the Arts, consolidate and communicate intent through a synthesis of ideas and application of media to express meaning
<b>routine</b>	often encountered, previously experienced; commonplace; customary and regular; well-practised; performed as part of a regular procedure, rather than for a special reason
<b>rudimentary</b>	relating to rudiments or first principles; elementary; undeveloped; involving or limited to basic principles; relating to an immature, undeveloped or basic form
<b>S</b>	
<b>safe</b>	secure; not risky
<b>secure</b>	sure; certain; able to be counted on; self-confident; poised; dependable; confident; assured; not liable to fail
<b>select</b>	choose in preference to another or others; pick out
<b>sensitive</b>	capable of perceiving with a sense or senses; aware of the attitudes, feelings or circumstances of others; having acute mental or emotional sensibility; relating to or connected with the senses or sensation
<b>sequence</b>	place in a continuous or connected series; arrange in a particular order
<b>show</b>	provide the relevant reasoning to support a response
<b>significant</b>	important; of consequence; expressing a meaning; indicative; includes all that is important; sufficiently great or important to be worthy of attention; noteworthy; having a particular meaning; indicative of something
<b>simple</b>	easy to understand, deal with and use; not complex or complicated; plain; not elaborate or artificial; may concern a single or basic aspect; involving few elements, components or steps

Term	Explanation
<b>simplistic</b>	characterised by extreme simplification, especially if misleading; oversimplified
<b>sketch</b>	execute a drawing or painting in simple form, giving essential features but not necessarily with detail or accuracy; in mathematics, represent by means of a diagram or graph; the sketch should give a general idea of the required shape or relationship and should include features
<b>skilful</b>	having technical facility or practical ability; possessing, showing, involving or requiring skill; expert, dexterous; demonstrating the knowledge, ability or training to perform a certain activity or task well; trained, practised or experienced
<b>skilled</b>	having or showing the knowledge, ability or training to perform a certain activity or task well; having skill; trained or experienced; showing, involving or requiring skill
<b>solve</b>	find an answer to, explanation for, or means of dealing with (e.g. a problem); work out the answer or solution to (e.g. a mathematical problem); obtain the answer/s using algebraic, numerical and/or graphical methods
<b>sophisticated</b>	of intellectual complexity; reflecting a high degree of skill, intelligence, etc.; employing advanced or refined methods or concepts; highly developed or complicated
<b>specific</b>	clearly defined or identified; precise and clear in making statements or issuing instructions; having a special application or reference; explicit, or definite; peculiar or proper to something, as qualities, characteristics, effects, etc.
<b>sporadic</b>	happening now and again or at intervals; irregular or occasional; appearing in scattered or isolated instances
<b>straightforward</b>	without difficulty; uncomplicated; direct; easy to do or understand
<b>structure</b>	<i>verb</i> give a pattern, organisation or arrangement to; construct or arrange according to a plan; <i>noun</i> in English, arrangement of words into larger units, e.g. phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and whole texts, in line with cultural, intercultural and textual conventions
<b>structured</b>	organised or arranged so as to produce a desired result
<b>style</b>	the way in which aspects of texts are arranged and how they affect meaning; style can distinguish the work of individual writers, as well as the work of a particular period, or of a particular genre or type of text
<b>stylistic devices</b>	aspects of texts (such as words, sentences, images), how they are arranged, and how they affect meaning; examples of stylistic devices include narrative viewpoint, approaches to characterisation, structure of stanzas, juxtaposition, nominalisation and lexical choice

Term	Explanation
<b>subject</b>	a branch or area of knowledge or learning defined by a syllabus; school subjects are usually based in a discipline or field of study (see also 'course')
<b>subject matter</b>	the subject-specific body of information, mental procedures and psychomotor procedures that are necessary for candidates' learning and engagement within that subject
<b>substantial</b>	of ample or considerable amount, quantity, size, etc.; of real worth or value; firmly or solidly established; of real significance; reliable; important, worthwhile
<b>substantiated</b>	established by proof or competent evidence
<b>subtle</b>	fine or delicate in meaning or intent; making use of indirect methods; not straightforward or obvious
<b>successful</b>	achieving or having achieved success; accomplishing a desired aim or result
<b>succinct</b>	expressed in few words; concise; terse; characterised by conciseness or brevity; brief and clear
<b>sufficient</b>	enough or adequate for the purpose
<b>suitable</b>	appropriate; fitting; conforming or agreeing in nature, condition, or action
<b>summarise</b>	give a brief statement of a general theme or major point/s; present ideas and information in fewer words and in sequence
<b>summative assessment</b>	assessment whose major purpose is to indicate candidate achievement; summative assessments contribute towards a candidate's subject result
<b>superficial</b>	concerned with or comprehending only what is on the surface or obvious; shallow; not profound, thorough, deep or complete; existing or occurring at or on the surface; cursory; lacking depth of character or understanding; apparent and sometimes trivial
<b>supported</b>	corroborated; given greater credibility by providing evidence
<b>sustained</b>	carried on continuously, without interruption, or without any diminishing of intensity or extent
<b>syllabus</b>	a document that prescribes the curriculum for a course of study
<b>syllabus objectives</b>	outline what the school is required to teach and what candidates have the opportunity to learn; described in terms of actions that operate on the subject matter; the overarching objectives for a course of study (see also 'unit objectives', 'assessment objectives')
<b>symbolise</b>	represent or identify by a symbol or symbols
<b>synthesise</b>	combine different parts or elements (e.g. information, ideas, components) into a whole, in order to create new understanding

Term	Explanation
<b>systematic</b>	done or acting according to a fixed plan or system; methodical; organised and logical; having, showing, or involving a system, method, or plan; characterised by system or method; methodical; arranged in, or comprising an ordered system
<b>T</b>	
<b>test</b>	take measures to check the quality, performance or reliability of something
<b>text</b>	communication of meaning produced in any medium that incorporates language, including sound, print, film, digital and multimedia representations; texts include written, spoken, nonverbal or visual communication of meaning; they may be extended unified works or series of related pieces
<b>text structures</b>	the ways in which information is organised in different types of texts (e.g. layout, heading, lead, subheadings, overviews, introductory and concluding paragraphs, sequencing, topic sentences, cause and effect); choices in text structures and language features together define a text type and shape its meaning; examples of text structures in literary texts include sonnets, monologues and hypertext
<b>thorough</b>	carried out through, or applied to the whole of something; carried out completely and carefully; including all that is required; complete with attention to every detail; not superficial or partial; performed or written with care and completeness; taking pains to do something carefully and completely
<b>thoughtful</b>	occupied with, or given to thought; contemplative; meditative; reflective; characterised by or manifesting thought
<b>topic</b>	a division of, or sub-section within a unit; all topics/sub-topics within a unit are interrelated
<b>tone</b>	in English, the voice adopted by a speaker or writer to indicate emotion, feeling or attitude to subject matter and audience, e.g. playful, serious, ironic, formal
<b>U</b>	
<b>unclear</b>	not clear or distinct; not easy to understand; obscure
<b>understand</b>	perceive what is meant by something; grasp; be familiar with (e.g. an idea); construct meaning from messages, including oral, written and graphic communication
<b>uneven</b>	unequal; not properly corresponding or agreeing; irregular; varying; not uniform; not equally balanced
<b>unfamiliar</b>	not previously encountered; situations or materials that have not been the focus of prior learning experiences or activities
<b>unit</b>	a defined amount of subject matter delivered in a specific context or with a particular focus; it includes unit objectives particular to the unit, subject matter and assessment direction



Term	Explanation
<b>unit objectives</b>	drawn from the syllabus objectives and contextualised for the subject matter and requirements of a particular unit; they are assessed at least once in the unit (see also 'syllabus objectives', 'assessment objectives')
<b>unrelated</b>	having no relationship; unconnected
<b>use</b>	operate or put into effect; apply knowledge or rules to put theory into practice
<b>V</b>	
<b>vague</b>	not definite in statement or meaning; not explicit or precise; not definitely fixed, determined or known; of uncertain, indefinite or unclear character or meaning; not clear in thought or understanding; couched in general or indefinite terms; not definitely or precisely expressed; deficient in details or particulars; thinking or communicating in an unfocused or imprecise way
<b>valid</b>	sound, just or well-founded; authoritative; having a sound basis in logic or fact (of an argument or point); reasonable or cogent; able to be supported; legitimate and defensible; applicable
<b>values</b>	characteristics, qualities, philosophical and emotional stances, e.g. moral principles or standards often shared with others in a cultural group
<b>variable</b>	<i>adjective</i> apt or liable to vary or change; changeable; inconsistent; (readily) susceptible or capable of variation; fluctuating, uncertain; <i>noun</i> in mathematics, a symbol, or the quantity it signifies, that may represent any one of a given set of number and other objects
<b>variety</b>	a number or range of things of different kinds, or the same general class, that are distinct in character or quality; (of sources) a number of different modes or references
<b>W</b>	
<b>wide</b>	of great range or scope; embracing a great number or variety of subjects, cases, etc.; of full extent
<b>with expression</b>	in words, art, music or movement, conveying or indicating feeling, spirit, character, etc.; a way of expressing or representing something; vivid, effective or persuasive communication
<b>writers</b>	in English, 'writers' is used as a common term to refer to producers, composers and creators of texts, e.g. novelists, authors, short story writers, playwrights, screenwriters, film directors, poets, essayists, biographers, designers, digital storytellers, performance poets, vlog creators, spoken word artists

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