

Cambridge International AS & A Level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE**9093/01**

Paper 1 Text Analysis

For examination from 2029

SPECIMEN PAPER

2 hours 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

This document has **6** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Writing and analysis**Question 1**

You recently read an online newspaper article which said that the world would be a better place if young people did not spend so much money on having the latest phone. You decide to write an email to the editor, in response to this article, giving your opinion.

- (a)** Write the text for your email. In your writing, give reasons to support your opinion.

Write about **300** words.

[10]

- (b)** Analyse how the use of form, structure and language in your email relates to audience and shapes meaning.

[15]

Turn over

Section B: Comparative text analysis

Question 2

Text A and **Text B** are both about a train journey across Canada.

Text A is an extract from an advertisement for the train journey, taken from a travel website.

Text B is an extract from a travel book, about a passenger's experience of the same train journey.

Analyse and compare how the writers' choices of form, structure and language relate to audience and shape meaning. [25]

Text A

Discover the world by rail

Travelling by train is one of the most stress-free and enjoyable ways to explore the world. Meet the locals, watch the scenery pass by your window and soak up the sounds, scents and sights of a country in a way that's just impossible from the air.

In many parts of the world, travelling by train is a convenient and cost-effective way to get around. In the USA, Canada, Australia, Japan, and even China, you could feasibly use the train as your primary means of transport and in many other areas the train is sometimes the best way to reach certain attractions.

The Canadian journey

This epic four-day journey links two of Canada's best loved cities, Toronto and Vancouver, making this one of the world's great rail routes. Leave the buzz of the city behind as you travel through boreal¹ forests, vast prairie lands and the towering Rocky Mountains as this incredible journey crosses 4466 km. During this 4-day, 3-night adventure from Toronto to Vancouver admire the ever-changing landscape as you soak up the stunning scenery all from the comfort of the train.

Life on board

Choose from three levels of service and accommodation for your journey:

Economy Class – Economy Class has spacious reclining seats with panoramic windows and electrical outputs. You also have access to the new Skyline Car that has a café serving light meals, snacks and drinks, a lounge saloon and a viewing dome – perfect for taking in the beautiful scenery.

Sleeper Plus Class – Enjoy comfortable berths, cabins and suites that offer great flexibility and comfort. When travelling in Sleeper Plus Class all your meals are included and are served in the Dining Car. As well as enjoying the Skyline Car you'll also have access to the stylish lounges and glass-domed observation deck of the Park Car.

Berths – During the day time berths have two couch style seats facing each other. At night these seats convert in to bunk beds. Rather than a door, berths have heavy curtains for privacy. You'll have access to public bathroom facilities in the same car.

¹*boreal*: relating to the northern regions of the Earth

Text B

Snaking like a line of silver Dualit¹ toasters from the 1950s, The Canadian flashed in the late evening light. This metallic bruiser², which dwarfed our British trains, needed boarding with a stepladder. Straight from the movies, attendants wearing blazers and shiny shoes registered each passenger, driving beeping buggies piled with luggage and grandmas down the platform to their cabins. Travelling in sleeper-plus class, we had a private cabin and quickly inspected our new surroundings, opening drawers, checking taps and peering into the loo³. Satisfied with the compact apartment, we had barely shaken out our things and freshened up for dinner when the train began to pull away from the station, and the city slid by against a pink-striped sky.

Being on board was reminiscent of the first day back at school, with new faces passing our door, nervous smiles, and that irresistible urge to judge everyone by their bags and clothes. Fittingly, a bell soon beckoned us to dinner and we worked our way up the carriages, the train swaying as it gathered pace. The aroma of fresh rolls warmed my soul as we entered the dining car to find everyone already seated, sharing stories, a comfortable babble drowning out the thump of the train. There were no spare seats, so Jem and I sat alone, like the new kids arriving late to find everyone has already made friends – which was exactly what had happened. To reinforce our outsider status, the attendant cleared away the other two place settings, leaving us with nothing but a single rose for company. Over dinner, I began to grow uncomfortable when Jem, voiced my fears: ‘Do you feel like people are staring at us?’

For a good portion of the evening I had noticed heads turning in our direction but had thought nothing of it until it was clear we were being talked about.

‘We’re the youngest people here by about thirty years.’

‘So, it’s not me being paranoid then,’ Jem replied, running a finger around the edge of his plate and licking the gravy.

‘Don’t lick your plate and people won’t stare.’

‘No one can see.’

‘Perhaps not, but please don’t do that in public.’

‘Maybe it’s because we look homeless.’

‘We are homeless.’

‘Can we finish up and go back to the cabin?’

¹*Dualit*: a British manufacturer of toasters and kettles

²*bruiser*: colloquial term meaning tough, strong, aggressive

³*loo*: colloquial term for toilet

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