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Trial Examination 2023

# VCE English Units 1&2

## Written Examination

## Task Booklet

Reading time: 15 minutes
Writing time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

**Structure of booklet**

| *Section* | *Number of questions* | *Number of questions to be answered* | *Number of marks* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Argument and persuasive language | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| | | | Total 20 |

Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners, rulers and an English and/or bilingual printed dictionary.

Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or correction fluid/tape.

No calculator is allowed in this examination.

**Materials supplied**

Task booklet of 5 pages, including **assessment criteria** on page 5

One answer booklet

**Instructions**

Please ensure that you write your **name** and your **teacher's name** on the front cover of the answer booklet.

Complete the Argument and persuasive language section in the answer booklet.

You may ask the supervisor for extra answer booklets.

All written responses must be in English.

**At the end of the examination**

Place all other used answer booklets inside the front cover of the first answer booklet.

You may keep this task booklet.

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## ARGUMENT AND PERSUASIVE LANGUAGE

**Instructions**

Read the background information on this page and the material on pages 3 and 4, and write an analytical response to the task below.

For the purposes of this task, the term 'language' refers to written, spoken and visual language.

Your response will be assessed according to the assessment criteria set out on page 5 of this booklet.

**Task**

Write an analysis of the ways in which argument and written and visual language are used in the material on pages 3 and 4 to try to persuade others to share the point of view presented.

**Background information**

Southreach Bay is a coastal region of Victoria and is a popular holiday destination throughout the summer months. Many businesses in the area rely on the money brought in by tourists during this time.

*Southreach Bay Community News* is a newsletter that is distributed online and to local businesses throughout the year. It is written by local residents and contains news articles and opinion pieces about the Southreach Bay area. Over the last few years, many contributors have voiced concerns about the increase in littering on the beach during the tourist season.

Imara Dunn is the editor of *Southreach Bay Community News* and owns a beachfront café called Dunn's Coffee Hut.


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*Southreach Bay Community News*
*August 2023*

**They're at it AGAIN.**

My fellow Southreach Bay residents,

As the editor, it is my pleasure to welcome you to another edition of *Southreach Bay Community News*. The weather is getting warmer, which is something we are all usually excited for. I can finally enjoy my morning walk along the beach without having to rug up in layers. However, it isn't just us locals who look forward to the changing seasons each year; yep, the tourists are already starting to arrive, and with them one of the most annoying and avoidable issues that our town faces.

For the third year in a row, I am writing about the state of our beautiful, beloved beach. Already, there is an abundance of discarded trash strewn across the sand and along the footpaths. Fast food wrappers. Empty beer bottles. Cigarette butts. Plastic bags. I can see all of these lovely sights from the windows of my café. Lucky me! Soon enough, there will be mountains of it everywhere we look. Is anyone else disappointed, but not surprised, that this issue continues to keep cropping up every year? Surely by now we've all gotten the idea – littering is bad, and we need to take a stand.

Just to show how bad the problem is already, here's a picture of the amount of rubbish I collected as I walked home from my café this afternoon.

The walk is only half an hour long, and I didn't even make it all the way home before I had collected two whole bags worth of scrap! I'm sure the other areas of the beach are just as bad. As soon as I got home, I knew I had to write about this issue again. Because if we don't do something about this epidemic in our town, who knows where we'll end up? We've all seen videos of wildlife entangled in all kinds of plastic contraptions that callous people throw away without a care in the world. We've all heard about the giant 'islands' of trash that are floating in the middle of the ocean. Do we really want to see an island of rubbish floating off our coast? Do we really want to see our native wildlife struggling to escape from a plastic bag? It would be an utter shame to upset the balance we currently have with our environment in Southreach Bay.

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It seems that these trash dumpers have no awareness of their surroundings. Don't they realise that they are the ones who will have to pay the price in the years to come? They want to visit our home and enjoy its pristine views, but if they don't put in the effort to preserve this ecosystem, then soon there might not be any views left. What a shame that would be, for those of us who live here and for the vast majority of the well-behaved tourists who come to our town. I have no doubt that only a minority of the visitors to the area are responsible for this. Many of the families and groups that visit my café are lovely people who care about the area they're visiting and the people who live here year-round. Some of these people have been coming to Southreach Bay for so many years, they're basically part-time locals! Even they have mentioned the rubbish more and more in recent years. I don't want to lump these guests in with those who don't seem to care about the rest of us or the environment they've travelled to see.

This is why we all – locals and visitors alike – must take a stand to preserve our stunning surroundings. Even if you're only here for a weekend, you have the right to go on a morning beach walk untainted by rubbish that someone else didn't bother to take with them. It's why we all need to stand up to these litterers in our midst – if you see someone leaving their rubbish behind on the beach, say something! We've all been tired and forgetful after a long day at the beach in the hot sun. Hopefully one gentle, polite reminder of their responsibilities to their fellow beachgoers and environment will bring them to their senses. If we want to enjoy summers in Southreach Bay for many years to come, we have to take the first step in defending it.

Imara Dunn

Owner of Dunn's Coffee Hut and editor of *Southreach Bay Community News*


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**Assessment criteria**

Students will be assessed against the following criteria:

- understanding of the argument(s) presented and point(s) of view expressed
- analysis of ways in which language and visual features are used to present an argument and to persuade
- control and effectiveness of language use, as appropriate to the task

Santamarcanda (2017). Rubbish collected in Las Canteras's beach [photograph]. Accessed July 2023. Licensed under CC BY-SA 4.0. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rubbish_collected_in_Las_Canteras%27s_beach_11.jpg

**END OF TASK BOOKLET**

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## Answer Booklet

Student's Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

*Number of answer booklets used:* ☐

*Number of this answer booklet:* ☐

**Read these instructions carefully**

| | |
|---|---|
| **1.** | Ensure that you have read all the information on the front cover of the task booklet. |
| **2.** | Write your **name** and your **teacher's name** in the space provided above. |
| **3.** | Write in blue or black pen. |
| **4.** | Complete the Argument and persuasive language section in this answer booklet. |
| **5.** | Do not remove any pages from the answer booklet. |
| **6.** | You may ask the supervisor for additional answer booklets. Complete all details on any additional answer booklets used. |
| **7.** | Enclose any additional answer booklets inside the front cover of the first answer booklet used. |

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## ARGUMENT AND PERSUASIVE LANGUAGE



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