

16+ General Paper 2025

Question Booklet



Time: 1 hour

Instructions to Candidates

Please read this page carefully, but do not turn the question paper until you are told that you may do so.

You have a choice of three questions on this paper. You should only choose **one** question to answer. Whichever question you choose, you will need to engage with an extended text. You are not expected to have any prior knowledge of this text.

If you find the subject of the text difficult or unfamiliar, please don't worry. The exercise is designed to judge your attention to detail, clarity of analysis and fluency of writing. It should be challenging but we also hope you find it interesting. There is no 'correct' answer.

Please take a minute or two to read through the questions and choose one you feel most comfortable with. You should spend about 20-30 minutes reading and annotating the extract for your chosen question. You should then spend about 30-40 minutes on writing your response.

Please use the paper provided. **Please put your name on every sheet that you use**

Questions overleaf

Questions

Please choose **ONE** question from the list below. The extracts can be found in the Extracts Booklet.

Politics-themed question

Question 1: What can Extract A tell us about Australian politics and how Australians voted in the 2022 Australian Federal Election?

History-themed question

Question 2: What can Extract B tell us about the political and social values of the author?

English-themed question

Question 3: Analyse the opening of this short story, exploring the ways in which the writer has used language, structure and style to present the characters, their relationship and the setting of the story.

