**Sample Assessment Tasks**

English

General Year 11

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Sample assessment task

English – General Year 11

Task 5– Unit 1

**Assessment type:** Responding

**Conditions**

Time for the task: in class and at home

In class Term 2, Week 12

Suggested length: 500–700 words

**Task weighting:**  7.5%

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Report – examine a range of informational print texts and/or websites that compares or reviews a wide range of products and/or services and write a report in which you explain how **one** of these compares or reviews goods and services effectively. Your report should:

* identify what is effective communication of information in your chosen medium
* consider the elements of construction in your chosen text and how each element communicates information effectively
* explain how all elements of the text or website combine to communicate information effectively to the intended audience
* conclude with a summary of your findings.

All argument is to be supported with evidence. Students are also required to provide evidence of research, drafting and editing.

Marking key for sample assessment Task 5 – Unit 1

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| **Engages with the question** | 0–5 |
| Engages with all aspects of the question by writing a report addressing all dot-point requirements and providing evidence of research, drafting and editing. |  |
| **Expression**  | 0–5 |
| Controls spelling, punctuation and grammar; sentence construction is clear and fluent. |  |
| **Form and structure** | 0–5 |
| Creates a systematic, organised report that defines and analyses; has appropriate headings and sub-headings; contains clear paragraph structures that introduce, organise and conclude points of argument with topic sentences in linked paragraphs; develops an extended response. |  |
| **Analysis** | 0–5 |
| Explains what constitutes effective communication of information in the chosen text and applies these criteria to each element of construction with explanation and relevant supporting evidence; draws appropriate conclusions about data collected and summarises concisely. |  |
| **Construction to engage and shape audience response** | 0–5 |
| Identifies techniques used in the construction of informative/analytical/persuasive texts to engage and communicate information effectively. |  |
| **Total**  | **/25**  |

Sample assessment task

English – General Year 11

Task 7 – Unit 2

**Assessment type:** Creating

**Conditions**

Time for the task: Set Week 1 for at home and two lessons in class

Due Term 3, Week 3

**Task weighting:** 7.5%

Create a digital or print feature article for an overseas publication in which you argue for or against a significant issue e.g. censorship in China, gun control in America, whaling in Japan.

In your planning you may consider:

* how a text’s meaning is influenced by the context in which it is received
* how visual and literary techniques can be used to persuade an audience
* persuasive use of media, types of texts and text structures on audiences in another culture
* how ideas and values are effectively presented in everyday texts.

Marking key for sample assessment Task 7 – Unit 2

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
| **Expression**  | 1–5 |
| Controls grammar, vocabulary, spelling and punctuation appropriate to genre, purpose and audience. |  |
| **Control of feature article conventions to communicate information, ideas and values** | 1–5 |
| Uses a wide range of text structures, language features and persuasive, visual and literary feature article conventions to shape a particular audience’s response; communicates information, ideas and values, demonstrating how meaning is influenced by the context in which it is created and/or received. |  |
| **Issues argument** | 1–5 |
| Selects and synthesises relevant information from different sources to explore an issue; understands the ways in which ideas, values and attitudes are represented in texts; builds a coherent argument, showing how the structure and language of persuasive texts varies in different modes, mediums and contexts. |  |
| **Planning** | 1–5 |
| Uses strategies for effective planning, drafting, editing and proofreading. |  |
| **Total**  | **/20**  |

Generic marking key to access syllabus content related to
*Communicating and interacting with others*

The following key assesses students’ communication and interaction with others in interactive class activities. Teachers are encouraged to assess this course-organising element as an assessment component within the assessment requirements for applicable tasks such as Task 2, Task 6(a), Task 9 and Task 11.

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| **Description** | **Marks** |
|  | Date 1 | Date 2 | Date 3 | Date 4 |
| **Oral communication** | 0–5 |
| Speaks clearly and fluently; uses body language, tone and register appropriate to audience; expresses thoughts and ideas clearly and coherently; explains reasoning behind ideas and supports arguments with evidence. |  |  |  |  |
| **Listening** | 0–5 |
| Employs active listening skills by: using eye contact and appropriate body language; may clarify understandings by asking appropriate questions; may paraphrase the speaker’s own words. Allows others to have their say without interruption. |  |  |  |  |
| **Cooperating** | 0–5 |
| Contributes actively as a team member; works well with others and makes an effort to fit in; has a positive attitude; is able to negotiate solutions; is flexible and understanding in dealing with others; encourages others to contribute; values the opinions of others. |  |  |  |  |
| **Collaborating**  | 0–5 |
| Participates actively within the group/class; shares in the workload and decision making; works effectively as a team member to achieve team goals; is self-directed; fulfils personal responsibilities and meets required deadlines. |  |  |  |  |
| **Total**  | **/20** |