



GCE A LEVEL

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WEDNESDAY, 12 JUNE 2024 – MORNING

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – A level component 3
Creative and Critical Use of Language

1 hour 45 minutes

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Each question carries 80 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question. As a guide, you are advised to spend 40 minutes each on task (a) and task (b) and 25 minutes on task (c).

You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2. Each question has three parts. Answer **all** parts.

Either,

1. The extract below is from a dramatic monologue from a play. Esther, a teenage girl, has become impatient with the stupidity of everyday life as she sees it.

You go to a restaurant, like, just two of you, okay? And what does the maître d' ask? "How many?" How many could it be? Here you are, two of you, the only two people within fifty feet, but he asks, "How many?" And why does he do this? Because he's stupid. If he weren't stupid, he'd say, "Right, this way," not, "How many?" Now, if he doesn't ask, "How many?" what does he ask? He asks, "How many in your party?" Alluva sudden two of you become a party and you're not even wearing funny hats. Why? Because he's stupid.

You're standing at the shop counter with a toaster and the salesperson comes up and asks, "Can I help you?" What does he think he can do? I mean ... you're there, right? You have a toaster on the counter, right? Still, he asks, "Can I help you?" No, you don't need help, you just came in to brown up some rye bread. Then, when you hand him your credit card and he asks, "Will this be cash or card?" you say, "Card," because by now you are as stupid as he is.

Did you ever wonder why the bank gives you contactless when half the time the machine is not working? It's late at night, you don't have a penny, you hop on the night bus and the machine tells you, "Error reading card." This means you're alluva sudden broke because the contactless system is temporarily out of business. And it's not even their money! It's money you deposited because one of the advantages they offered you was a card with a big contactless limit, so you could make payments really easy. But now they're hanging on to your dosh, leaving you a stranded pauper.

When you ask, "What's the point of issuing a card with contactless privileges in the first place?" they reply, "Because it's a convenience." Which means, even with over two billion in assets, you could be made to look stupid, when really, it's them who are stupid!

(adapted from: Karshner, R. (1999) "Esther". *More Monologues for Teenagers. Contemporary Scene-study Pieces for Young Actors*. Dramaline. 13–14)

Complete tasks (a), (b) and (c).

- (a) Write an extract from a novel in which an act of stupidity affects the main character(s). Aim to write approximately 300 words. [30]
- (b) Write an opinion piece for a national newspaper about frustrating or annoying things in twenty-first century life. Aim to write approximately 300 words. [30]
- (c) Choose **one** of the texts you have produced and write a commentary analysing and evaluating your language use. Comment particularly on your use of language features and their effectiveness in relation to the context given in either part (a) or part (b). [20]

Or,

2. The extract below is from a restaurant chain's website, advertising their private event catering service.

PRIVATE EVENT CATERING

We have a dedicated Events Manager, a development kitchen and an experienced team ready to deliver our signature Elite Bistros' food and service at your wedding, birthday, anniversary party or business event.

Back in 2011 we opened Sticky Walnut, a neighbourhood bistro in Chester.

Since then, we've grown with the help of our community of customers to six bistros throughout the North West ... so we would say we know a thing or two about dining.

In our bistros, we make everyone who walks through our doors feel special by doing what we know best: fancy food in a relaxed environment with a warm welcome. We had lots of people asking us to help them with larger events and parties over the years, so Elite Bistro Events was born.

Elite Bistro Events opened in 2021 for weddings, parties and private catering.

Since then, we've developed special events menus and taken Bistro favourites, like our braised featherblade of beef, to pop-up tents and venues across the UK.

For every event, we work with you to create each menu bespoke, filled with the things that you and your guests will love. Whether that's a range of vegan canapés, fancy cheese toasties or a full-on feast, we'll help create an event that's uniquely yours.

We offer our professional catering services for events big and small across the North West. Speak to us to discuss our different catering services throughout the year from weddings, canapé receptions, large dinners, corporate events or Christmas parties.

We can even host you at our Events HQ for a private supper club for up to 50 guests in our Test Kitchen events space.

(Adapted from: <https://www.elitebistros.com/events/>)

Complete tasks (a), (b) and (c).

- (a) Write an extract from a short story set in a restaurant. Aim to write approximately 350 words. [30]
- (b) Write an online review of a restaurant for a website such as TripAdvisor. Aim to write approximately 250 words. [30]
- (c) Choose **one** of the texts you have produced and write a commentary analysing and evaluating your language use. Comment particularly on your use of language features and their effectiveness in relation to the context given in either part (a) or part (b). [20]

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