



HSC English Advanced Exam Preparation Course

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This one-day HSC English Exam Preparation Course preparation course focuses on final exam preparation for English Advanced students.

This course offers last-minute practice and advice for HSC English Advanced students. It covers Paper 1 Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences, and Paper 2 including the full range of Module A: Textual Conversations, Module B: Critical Study of Literature, and Module C: The Craft of Writing. It is the perfect opportunity for you to revise the examination prescriptions and syllabus, and focus key elements of each paper and module, and what the examiners are looking for in successful HSC responses.

There will be last-minute practice in critical thinking skills and the fundamental concepts all students need to focus on in the Common Module and Modules A to C. This will include attention to the particular requirements in English for independent student responses and attention to issues about identity and values as well as literary form and style. There is further focus on understanding how prescribed texts and self-chosen texts relate to the prescriptions for each module. There will be the opportunity to ask questions, with examples of how to answer on selected prescribed texts from each module.

Analysis of the structure of the new English Advanced examination paper is another major issue. We consider NESA advice about the structure of Paper 1 Common Module: Texts and Human Experience, and the range of questions that can be expected. We also look closely at Modules A to C, including the range of types of questions that can be expected in each.

Exam techniques are a major focus – about reading exam papers and questions, planning English answers and that essential element of timing. In addition, we read and discuss past high-achieving student HSC responses and marker feedback from previous years. Discussion makes clear exactly how these students responded successfully to the questions, and why markers rewarded them.

Outcomes

By the end of this course, you should be able to:

- polish your knowledge of the Advanced English Syllabus and Prescriptions and the skills most important to successful HSC English responses for the Common Module and Modules A to C
- focus critical thinking skills and revise your skills in relation to the essential Advanced English studies components that include form, style and context, and an emphasis on independent student reflection about texts, identity and values
- revise prescribed English texts and self-chosen texts in relation to the requirements for each Module, and with attention to literary techniques that include ambiguity, paradox, themes, motifs and figurative language
- complete English examinations based on the study of NESA guidelines and with skills in reading examination papers, questions and time management
- study past HSC responses and marker feedback



- prepare for English Advanced exams with skills in reading examination papers and preparing answers
- prepare successfully for English Advanced examinations with the advantage of close study of successful English examination answers and high awareness of the advantage of independent and authentic student responses.

Content

Study of the Syllabus and Prescriptions for the HSC English Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences and English Advanced Modules A to C.

EA12-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. Discussion and analysis of critical thinking and essay skills in relation to the focus of English studies on language, form, style, context and identity and values.

EA12-5, 7, 8. Advice and discussion about relating prescribed texts and self-chosen texts to the syllabus and prescriptions for each module.

EA12-5, 7, 8. Discussion and analysis of selected set texts and passages in order to focus the requirements of each module in Standard and Advanced English.

EA12-5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Study of NESA advice about the exam papers for the new English courses and previous examination papers and successful examination answers.

EA12-5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Advice and discussion about final study techniques for English and reading exam papers and questions and time management.

EA12-5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Group discussion about selected critical comment and NESA examination material to enhance independent and authentic student critical responses in the demanding conditions of the examination room.

Intended audience

HSC English Advanced students

Delivery mode

Online via the platform Zoom

Delivery style

A combination of lecture advice, tips, questions and group discussion with the advantage of selected passages from texts and examination material including successful previous examination answers.

Materials

You will be provided with a course booklet (electronic copy).

Course evaluation



Via an email on-line student questionnaire.

Reference

NESA English Advanced Syllabus 2017