

# Unit 1&2 Eng. Language Exam

## Unit 1 AOS 1 - Key knowledge

- major functions that language serves when used in a given context
- the influence of context on language choice
- the structure of language, from morphemes to lexemes, to phrases and clauses, to sentence structures and types
- the ways in which language encodes social and cultural understandings, including linguistic relativism and determinism
- metalanguage to discuss aspects of the nature and functions of human language.

## Unit 1 AOS 2 - Key knowledge

- the historical development of English from Old English to present-day Australian English and factors influencing language change
- the codification and the making of Standard English, focusing on the origins of the English spelling system
- changes in phonetics and phonology, in particular types of sound changes and symmetry of change
- changes in semantics, morphology and syntax
- changes in the lexicon through word addition and word loss, with particular reference to words in Australian English
- attitudes to changes in language including prescriptivism and descriptivism
- metalanguage to discuss language change.

## Unit 2 AOS 2 - Key knowledge

- factors in the development of English as a world language
- distinctive features of national and regional varieties of English
- distinctive features of pidgins, creoles and English as a lingua franca
- the role of language as an expression of culture and worldview, including representations of worldview in texts
- language maintenance, shift, and reclamation
- cultural and social repercussions of languages being no longer in everyday use, especially Australian Aboriginal languages
- metalanguage to discuss the global spread of English.