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HSC 2026 · PREDICTED PRACTICE PAPER

2026 HSC English Standard — Paper 2: Modules

*Original practice material — not a NESA paper***Total marks: 60****GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- Reading time — 5 minutes
- Working time — 2 hours
- Write using black pen
- Section I — 20 marks. Attempt Question 1.
Allow about 40 minutes for this section
- Section II — 20 marks. Attempt Question 2.
Allow about 40 minutes for this section
- Section III — 20 marks. Attempt Question 3.
Allow about 40 minutes for this section

HOW THIS PAPER WAS BUILT

Built from the consensus of the six-model AI panel for English Standard (deepseek, fable, gemini-3.1-pro, gpt-5.6-sol, grok, opus), whose 61 Paper 2 question-level predictions were clustered in synthesis/english_std-consensus-questions.yaml. Each question is tagged with the cluster it realises and the consensus probability that a question of that kind appears in 2026. The Paper 1 companion (common to Standard and Advanced) is samples/english_paper1-2026-predicted-paper.md. The stimulus quotation in Section III is an original line composed for this paper — it is not attributed to, or imitative of, any real author. No question is copied from a past paper. Questions address whichever prescribed texts you studied — no question below depends on any single prescription.

Answers and marking notes are published as a separate PDF — sit the paper first, then download the solutions from intuitioneducation.com.au/hsc-2026/english-standard.

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Section I — Module A: Language, Identity and Culture

20 marks — Attempt Question 1 — Allow about 40 minutes for this section

Your answer will be assessed on how well you demonstrate understanding of how language shapes and reflects identity and culture, analyse how meaning is shaped in texts, and organise, develop and express ideas using language appropriate to audience, purpose and form.

Question 1

(20 marks)

How does your prescribed text show that language can both **affirm** an individual's cultural identity **and challenge** assumptions about individuals and cultural groups?

In your response, make close reference to your prescribed text. **(20)**

(One common question — answer for whichever prescribed text you studied.)

Section II — Module B: Close Study of Literature

20 marks — Attempt Question 2 — Allow about 40 minutes for this section

Your answer will be assessed on how well you demonstrate an informed personal understanding of the ideas expressed in the text, analyse the text's language, content and construction, and organise, develop and express ideas using language appropriate to audience, purpose and form.

Question 2

(20 marks)

How do the distinctive qualities of your prescribed text's form shape your informed personal understanding of its meaning and significance?

In your response, make close reference to your prescribed text as a whole. **(20)**

(One common question, no extract — answer for whichever prescribed text you studied.)

Section III — Module C: The Craft of Writing

20 marks — Attempt Question 3 — Allow about 40 minutes for this section

Your answers will be assessed on how well you craft language to address the demands of the question, and use language appropriate to audience, purpose and context to deliberately shape meaning.

Question 3

(a) (15 marks)

Use the following statement as the central idea of your writing.

'Every doorway is two rooms at once: the one you are leaving and the one you have not yet entered.'

Craft a piece of **imaginative OR discursive** writing that explores the experience of standing at a threshold. The idea of the stimulus must be woven through your piece, not simply quoted in it.

(15)

(Original stimulus line composed for this paper.)

(b) (5 marks)

Explain how ONE stylistic feature of your writing in part (a) was influenced by ONE prescribed text you studied in Module C.

In your response, make close reference to your writing in part (a) and to your chosen prescribed text. (5)

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