

Sample Component 2 exam paper

Section A: 40 marks

Answer **all** of the following questions.

The Resource Material for use with Section A is:

A newspaper article, 'Quiet, please!' by John Humphrys (page 222).

AND

A letter written by Charles Dickens to support a proposal that the government introduce laws to stop street performers creating a public nuisance (page 223). This was published in 1864.

Read the newspaper article by John Humphrys.

A1 (a) What are two ways that the British Medical Journal claims that children exposed to constant noise can suffer? **[2]**

(b) What problems does the article say were caused for children living near a railway line when compared to children who lived somewhere quieter? **[1]**

A2 Humphrys is trying to persuade us that noise is a serious problem. How does he try to do this? **[10]**

You should comment on:

- what he says to influence readers
- his use of language and tone
- the way he presents his argument.

To answer the following questions you will need to read the letter by Charles Dickens.

A3 (a) What instruments does the writer suggest the 'brazen performers' use? **[2]**

(b) What does the writer mean by the phrase 'seeking to be bought off' in line 12? **[1]**

A4 What do you think and feel about Charles Dickens's views about the street entertainers? **[10]**

You should comment on:

- what is said
- how it is said.

You must refer to the text to support your comments.

To answer the following questions you will need to use both texts.

A5 According to these two writers, what steps have people taken to get away from noise? **[4]**

A6 Both of these texts are about the effects of noise. Compare the following:

- the writers' attitudes to the effects of noise
- how they get across their arguments. **[10]**

You must use the text to support your comments and make it clear which text you are referring to.