

Victorian Certificate of Education 2004

General Achievement Test

Wednesday 9 June 2004

Reading time: 10.00 am to 10.15 am (15 minutes) Writing time: 10.15 am to 1.15 pm (3 hours)

QUESTION BOOK

Structure of book

Type of questions	Number of questions to be answered	Suggested times (minutes)	Suggested time allocation	
Writing Task 1	1	30	10.15 - 10.45	
Writing Task 2	1	30	10.45 - 11.15	
Multiple-choice questions	70	120	11.15 - 1.15	

- Students are permitted to bring into the examination room: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners, rulers, and an English and/or bilingual dictionary.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the examination room: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.
- No calculator is allowed in this examination.

Materials supplied

- Question book of 40 pages.
- Answer sheet for multiple-choice questions.
- Script book for **both** Writing Task 1 and Writing Task 2.

Instructions

- Write your **student number** on the script book.
- Check that your **name** and **student number** as printed on your answer sheet for multiple-choice questions are correct, **and** sign your name in the space provided to verify this.
- Follow the times suggested for each task.
- You may complete tasks in any order and you may return to any task at any time.
- Do not waste time on one particular multiple-choice question. If you find a question very difficult, return to it later.
- Answer all questions.
- All written responses must be in English.

At the end of the test

- Place the answer sheet for multiple-choice questions inside the front cover of the script book.
- You may keep this question book.

Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other electronic communication devices into the examination room.

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WRITING TASK 1 To be answered in the script book in pen, not pencil. You are advised to allocate 30 minutes to this task.

Consider the information on these two pages.

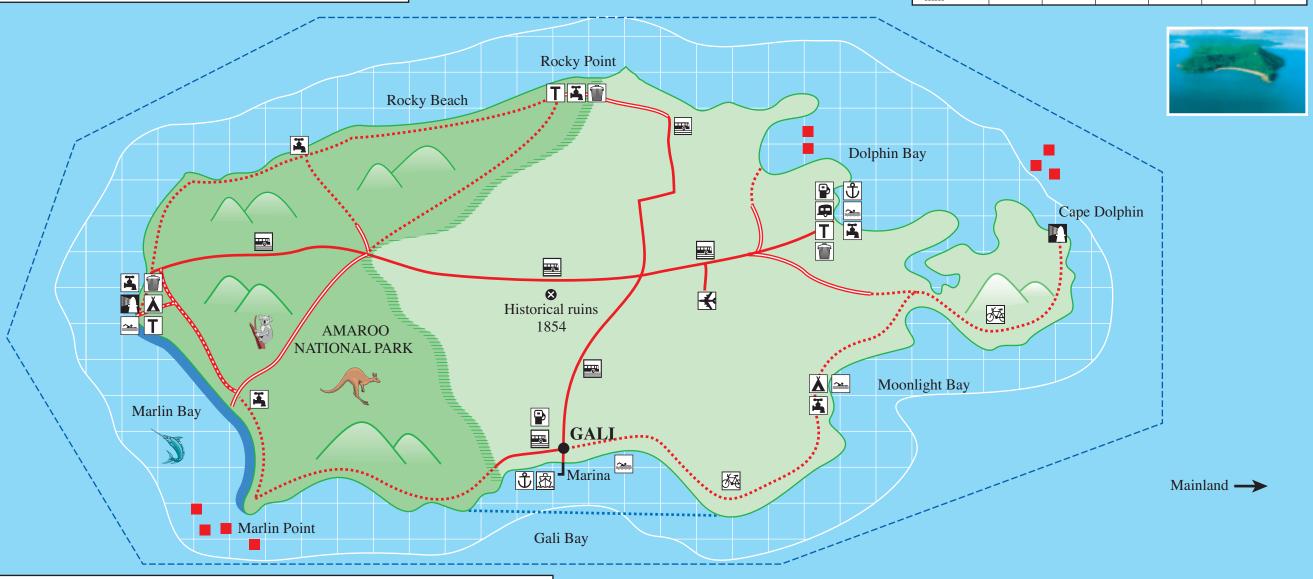
Develop a piece of writing presenting the main information in the material. Your piece will be judged on:

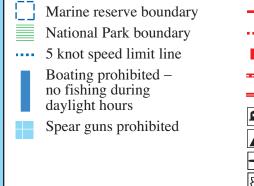
- how well you organise and present your understanding of the material; and
- how clearly you express yourself.

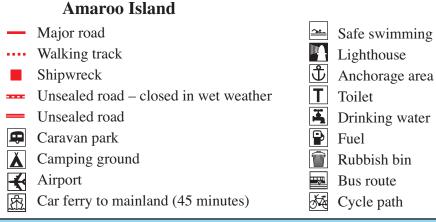


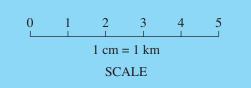
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Temp °C	28	28	25	22	18	16			
Rainfall in mm	17	19	22	38	52	59			
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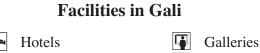
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WRITING TASK 2 To be answered in the script book in pen, not pencil. You are advised to allocate 30 minutes to this task.

Consider the statements below.

Develop a piece of writing presenting your view of **one or more** of the statements.

Your piece of writing will be judged on:

- the quality of what you say about the issue, regardless of the point of view you express; and
- how effectively you express yourself.

We do not have a right to say or do whatever we like. There are general community standards of speech and action that should be respected and preserved.

Freedom of expression is a basic democratic right, and censorship is fundamentally undemocratic.

Those who object to certain kinds of entertainment do not have to listen to or watch what they do not like.

Community standards are declining. What some people think of as being honest is really just being crude and coarse.