

Enclosed with this issue of *AQA Examinations Update* are two copies of a poster giving details of subject contributions for display in staff room areas.

Business and Communication Systems (3126)

Paper 2 Controlled Test 3126/2F and 3126/2H

You are advised that *The Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* published in the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website have been updated. This information provides answers to some of the questions teachers have asked about the controlled test.

Citizenship Studies (Short Course) (3107)

You are advised that AQA is setting up a network group in the above subject. If you have not already been contacted and would like to join a group, please contact the subject team on 01483 477824.

French A (3651)

French (Short Course) (3657)

German A (3661)

German (Short Course) (3667)

Spanish A (3691)

Spanish (Short Course) (3697)

Vocabulary lists in the 2007 specifications

You are advised that in the 2007 specification items of vocabulary may be listed under more than one theme. Where an item is listed under more than one theme, it will be identified with an asterisk (*) in the theme where it appears for the first time in the 2007 specifications.

In addition, a small number of items may be included in the 2007 specification which were not prescribed in previous specifications. Items of vocabulary which were not included in previous specifications and which are prescribed for the first time in the minimum core *Vocabulary list* in the 2007 specification will be identified with †, both in the alphabetical list and under the appropriate theme(s). The 2007 specifications will be available from the AQA Website by the end of the summer term.

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Information and Communication Technology A (3521) Information and Communication Technology A (Short Course) (3527)

You are advised that any centres entering candidates for the above specifications in 2007 are required to complete an order form for copies of the Candidates' Booklets and related material for the AQA-set Assignment component. The order form can be downloaded from the *Publications* section of the AQA Website and was enclosed with the March Issue 22 of *AQA Examinations Update*. Orders should be sent to Elaine Lloyd, AQA General Administration and Despatch, Centre Services and Support, Unit 2, Wheel Forge Way, Trafford Park, Manchester, M17 1EH. The material will be despatched to you in early September 2005.

Media Studies (3571)

You are reminded that the Controlled Test topic for 2006 is **Children's Comics**.

The Controlled Test topic for 2007 will be **The Music Press**.

Music (3271)

Unit 1 coursework composition 3271/CC

You are advised that AQA's request to reduce the coursework assessment of the above specification has been approved by QCA **with effect from the summer 2006 examination**. This amendment is in response to requests from centres to:

- reduce the number of compositions for candidates
- reduce the number of assessments made by teachers
- ease the workload of candidates and teachers.

The following changes take place in **September 2005** for examination in **June 2006**:

- **one** composition will be required
- this composition **must** relate to Area of Study *Music for Special Events*
- submissions will continue to be marked out of 30 according to the existing criteria
- the resulting mark will be scaled to maintain the weighting of this unit at 25%.

There are no other changes to the specification.

Social Science (3101)

You are advised that AQA is setting up a network group in the above subject. If you have not already been contacted and would like to join a group, please contact the subject team on 01483 477824.

Applied Art and Design (8511) Advanced Subsidiary
 Applied Art and Design (Double Award) (8513) Advanced Subsidiary
 Applied Art and Design (8516) Advanced
 Applied Art and Design (Double Award) (8519) Advanced

For general information regarding this new specification please refer to page 12.

If you wish to enter candidates in January 2006 for Advanced Subsidiary Unit 3: *Working to a brief*, you should complete an *Estimated Entries Form* by 21 July 2005 to ensure that your centre receives the *Teachers' Notes* and *Candidate Guidance* which will be despatched during September. *Estimated Entries* for Advanced Subsidiary units for June 2006 should be completed by 10 October 2005. The *Teachers' Notes* and *Candidate Guidance* for June 2006 Unit 3: *Working to a brief* and Unit 5: *Professional practice, communication and meaning*, will be despatched during January 2006.

For further information about the specification, support materials, portfolio advisers and standardisation meetings, please contact the subject team **on** 01483 477775 or **by email**: art@aqa.org.uk

Computing (5511) Advanced Subsidiary
 Computing (6511) Advanced

Module 3 (Practical Systems Development): CPT3

Enclosed with this issue of *AQA Examinations Update* is a leaflet outlining the details of the year-specific content for CPT3, the scenario for the Practical Exercise, for the 2007 examination.

This information should be read in conjunction with the specification for 2007 which can be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

Examinations in 2006 and thereafter

For the examinations in January 2006 and thereafter, the statement:

The use of brand names in your answers will **not** gain credit

will appear in the *Information* section of the front cover of all question papers and will no longer appear alongside individual questions. Please ensure that your candidates are made aware of this change of practice.

Delphi 7 Professional

AQA recognises that centres and their candidates must have appropriate resources to teach/study the structured programming and object-oriented areas of the AS/A2 GCE Computing specification successfully.

To this end a continuation of the special rate for AQA centres has been negotiated with Borland for their product Delphi 7 Professional. This is considered to be the best programming paradigm for teaching both structured programming and object-oriented programming with its Pascal ancestry, a language designed for the purpose of teaching structured programming. With in-built support for connecting to Microsoft Access databases through both ADO components and ODBC, Delphi lends itself easily to database project work. The user interface of the IDE is user-friendly and not overly complicated. Current textbooks are compatible with this user interface but not with the very latest version of Delphi.

Any centres requiring further information about these special rates should contact:

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English Language and Literature A (5721) Advanced Subsidiary
English Language and Literature A (6721) Advanced

2007 specification

Enclosed with this issue of *AQA Examinations Update* is a complete list of the **set texts for 2007** for the English department at your centre.

The 2007 specification can be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

You are advised that the following text changes will come into effect from the January 2007 examination.

Texts coming off June 2006 with a re-sit in January 2007	Texts being introduced in January 2007
NTA5	
<i>Othello</i> - William Shakespeare	<i>Hamlet</i> - William Shakespeare Arden
<i>The Alchemist</i> - George Farquhar	<i>Dr Faustus</i> - Christopher Marlowe New Mermaids

A re-sit opportunity will be available in January 2007 **only** on those texts being withdrawn in June 2006.

English Language and Literature B (5726) Advanced Subsidiary
English Language and Literature B (6726) Advanced

2007 specification

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Centres are advised that the following text changes will come into effect from the January 2007 examination.

Texts coming off June 2006 with a re-sit in January 2007	Texts being introduced in January 2007
NTB2	
<p><i>The Pilgrims Progress</i> - John Bunyan</p> <p>and</p> <p><i>The Power and the Glory</i> - Graham Greene</p>	<p><i>The Hound of the Baskervilles</i> - Sir Arthur Conan Doyle Penguin Popular Classics</p> <p>and</p> <p><i>The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency</i> - Alexander McCall Smith Abacus</p>
NTB5	
<i>The Country Wife</i> - William Wycherley	<i>The School for Scandal</i> - Richard Brinsley Sheridan

A re-sit opportunity will be available in January 2007 **only** on those texts being withdrawn in June 2006 examination.

NTB2

You are advised that as of **June 2006** there will be a new format to the question paper for NTB2. Whereas previously the question paper consisted of a generic question with four generic bullet points regardless of which set text pairing had been studied, from June 2006 onwards bullet points 2, 3 and 4 will remain the same regardless of which set text pairing has been studied but the first bullet point will be more specifically tailored to each text pairing. Candidates will be required to discuss:

the ideas in **each extract** and the ways in which they are presented, **including...** (discussion of a specified aspect which is specifically relevant to the text pairing in question).

Candidates will be presented with a list of the text pairings on pages 3 and 4 of the question paper in the order in which the pairs of extracts are printed throughout the paper, and each pairing will be followed by the bullet points printed underneath.

If you have any queries regarding the new layout for NTB2 please contact the GCE English subject team **on** 01483 556074.

NTB3 and NTB4

You are reminded that with regard to the two coursework units, NTB3 Production of Texts and NTB4 Text Transformation, candidates are strongly advised to adhere to the word count set out in the specification. Although candidates will **not** be penalised for falling short of or exceeding the word count, these limits do form part of the assessment criteria.

English Literature A (5741) Advanced Subsidiary
English Literature A (6741) Advanced

Set Texts for 2007

Please note that the following text changes will come into effect from the **January 2007 examination**.

Unit	Current text (last examination in June 2006)	Replacement text (from June 2007)
LTA4	<i>Othello</i> - William Shakespeare <i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> - John Webster	<i>Hamlet</i> - William Shakespeare <i>The White Devil</i> - John Webster
LA5W	<i>Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit</i> - Jeanette Winterson <i>The Color Purple</i> - Alice Walker	<i>The Left Hand of Darkness</i> - Ursula le Guin <i>Oryx and Crake</i> - Margaret Atwood

There will be a re-sit opportunity on the texts being withdrawn (last examination in June 2006) in **January 2007 only for re-sit candidates only**.

The 2007 specification can be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website. **Enclosed with this issue of AQA Examinations Update** is a complete list of the **set texts for 2007** for the English Department at your centre.

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English Literature B (5746) Advanced Subsidiary
English Literature B (6746) Advanced

Set Texts for 2007

Please note that the following text changes will come into effect from the **January 2007 examination**.

Unit	Current text (last examination in June 2006)	Replacement text (from June 2006)
LTB1	<i>Wuthering Heights</i> - Emily Brontë	<i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> - Thomas Hardy
LTB5	<i>The General Prologue to the Canterbury Tales</i> - Geoffrey Chaucer <i>The Way of the World</i> - William Congreve	<i>The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale</i> - Geoffrey Chaucer <i>The Winter's Tale</i> - William Shakespeare

There will be a re-sit opportunity on the texts being withdrawn (last examination in June 2006) in **January 2007 only** for **re-sit candidates only**.

The 2007 specification can be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website. **Enclosed with this issue of AQA Examinations Update** is a complete list of the set texts for 2007 for the English Department at your centre.

French (5651) Advanced Subsidiary
French (6651) Advanced
German (5661) Advanced Subsidiary
German (6661) Advanced
Spanish (5696) Advanced Subsidiary
Spanish (6696) Advanced

Unit 2 2006

You are advised that in response to feedback from centres, AQA has obtained QCA's approval for the following changes to Unit 2 (FR02, GR02 and SP02):

- there will be two alternative questions set on each of the five topics
- **candidates will answer one question only**. This question will be marked out of 54 according to the criteria for assessment introduced in 2005 and scaled up to a UMS score out of 90
- the length of the examination will be reduced to one hour.

These changes will take effect from the January 2006 examinations. If your centre had entries for Unit 2 in summer 2004 you will be provided with a specimen paper during the summer term 2005 to illustrate this revised format.

Unit 3T and 3V (FR3T, FR3V, GR3T, GR3V, SP3T, SP3V)

As a result of the amendment to 2006 Unit 2 whereby candidates answer one question only, the following will apply in Unit 3 from **January 2006 onwards**.

Presentation and Discussion:

- the topic chosen for the presentation must not be the Module 2 topic which is discussed in Part 3.

Conversation:

- the Module 2 topic studied by the candidate must be covered. If a candidate has studied more than one topic for Module 2, the preferred topic for discussion should be entered on the STMS form.

Unit 5W (FR5W, GR5W, SP5W)

You are advised that the set texts for the June 2007, 2008 and 2009 series are listed in the table below.

French	German	Spanish
Camus: <i>Les Justes</i>	Bertolt Brecht: <i>Der gute Mensch von Sezuan</i>	Buero Vallejo: <i>En la ardiente oscuridad</i>
Molière: <i>L'Avare</i>	Stefan Heym: <i>Auf Sand gebaut</i>	Esquivel L: <i>Como agua para chocolate</i>
Troyat: <i>La neige en deuil</i>	Bernhardt Schlink: <i>Der Vorleser</i>	García Lorca F: <i>La casa de Bernarda Alba</i>

The literary and non-literary topics will not change in the foreseeable future. Any changes will be published in the spring term and may be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

General Studies A (6761) Advanced

You are reminded that, in response to requests from teachers and after extensive consultation with centres, AQA has been developing a fourth objective test alternative for the first section of the Unit 4 examination. It is planned that the new option will be based on *Themes in European Culture* and will be offered as an alternative to the existing *French*, *German* and *Spanish* options. If approved by QCA, candidates will be required to select one of the three foreign language alternatives or *Themes in European Culture*.

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The development has been necessitated by revisions to the national curriculum for England which came into effect in September 2004 and made the study of a modern foreign language an entitlement rather than compulsory for all pupils at key stage 4.

It is hoped that the fourth alternative will be made available for the June 2006 and subsequent examinations.

If approval for the revision is received from QCA, all centres registered with AQA for this specification will be sent subject content for the new alternative, a specimen paper and teacher guidance materials to exemplify the revised format and to assist teachers in their preparation for the delivery of the new alternative.

Government and Politics (5151) Advanced Subsidiary Government and Politics (6151) Advanced

You are advised that AQA is setting up a network group in the above subject. If you have not already been contacted and would like to join a group, please contact the subject team on 01483 477824.

Leisure Studies (8641) Advanced Subsidiary Leisure Studies (Double Award) (8643) Advanced Subsidiary Leisure Studies (8646) Advanced Leisure Studies (Double Award) (8649) Advanced

For general information regarding this new specification please refer to page 12.

You are advised that marked coursework exemplars and commentaries for AS units may be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

Marked exemplars and commentaries for A2 units will be available to view and/or download from the AQA Website in January 2006.

Leisure Studies - A Teacher's Guide may be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website. A printed copy may be ordered from AQA Publications Department.

Portfolio standardisation meetings will be held in the autumn term 2005. All centres that intend to enter candidates for the first AS Level examinations in 2006 **must** send a representative to one of the portfolio standardisation meetings for the AS units. Further information may be obtained from the *Events/Support* section of the AQA Website.

Mathematics (6360) Advanced

Units with and without coursework

You are advised that there are additional prohibited combinations to those listed on page 14 of the specification. The specification states that:

concurrent entries for MS1A and MS1B will not be accepted.

The same prohibition applies to the following pairs of units:

- MS2A and MS2B
- MM1A and MM1B
- MM2A and MM2B.

Entries for these units will be accepted in different examination series e.g. MM2B in January 2006 and MM2A in June 2006. AQA apologies for this omission.

Revised printed specifications

You are advised that a revised printed specification is being sent to all centres making entries or estimated entries for the above specification. The revised version incorporates the small number of clarifications and corrections found to date. The revised specification will be for 2006 onwards, and will apply to all examinations from January 2006 onwards. Further copies of the revised specification may be obtained from the AQA Publications Department.

Philosophy (5171) Advanced Subsidiary

Philosophy (6171) Advanced

Synoptic Unit (PLY6)

You are advised that titles for the 2006 and 2007 PLY6 unit are available in the 2006 and 2007 specifications which can be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

You are reminded that you must inform candidates that the rough notes used when preparing the synoptic essay must not exceed **1000 words in length**.

These notes must be attached with the essay and will be taken into consideration by the examiners. It is not acceptable to use coded symbols in these notes. Candidates should also be reminded that any quotations used in the notes will form part of the word count.

The deadline for submission of the essays and notes to the examiner is **15 May 2006**.

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The twelve acceptable titles for the **2006** examination are:

Alternative A: Comparative Study

- a. Compare and contrast the philosophical contributions Aristotle and Descartes make to our notion of a person.
- b. Compare and contrast the philosophical contributions of Plato and Hume concerning the nature and scope of human understanding.
- c. Compare and contrast the philosophical contributions Descartes and Sartre make to our understanding of self-knowledge.
- d. Compare and contrast the philosophical contributions Marx & Engels and Sartre make to the possibility of a social science.
- e. Compare and contrast the philosophical contributions Nietzsche and Mill make to our understanding of political and social tyranny.
- f. Compare and contrast the philosophical contributions Aristotle and Hume make to our understanding of explanation and justification.

Alternative B: Complementary Study

- g. Assess Ayer's contribution to the philosophical understanding of evaluative discourse.
- h. Assess Russell's contribution to the philosophical understanding of perception.
- i. Assess Mill's contribution to the philosophical understanding of the value of individuality.
- j. Assess Marx & Engels' contribution to the philosophical understanding of religion.
- k. Assess Nietzsche's contribution to the philosophical understanding of truth.
- l. Assess Plato's contribution to the philosophical understanding of the nature and value of justice.

The twelve acceptable titles for the **2007** examination are:

Alternative A: Comparative Study

- a. Compare and contrast Plato and Ayer on the nature of ethics.
- b. Compare and contrast Descartes and Hume on the philosophy of the mind.
- c. Compare and contrast Aristotle and Sartre on human nature.
- d. Compare and contrast Nietzsche and Aristotle on virtue.
- e. Compare and contrast Mill and Marx & Engels on the role of law.
- f. Compare and contrast Descartes and Ayer on a *priori* knowledge.

Alternative B: Complementary Study

- g. Assess Russell's contribution to the problem of induction.
- h. Assess Hume's contribution to the philosophy of religion.
- i. Assess Marx & Engels' contribution to the philosophy of social science.
- j. Assess Plato's contribution to understanding the status of philosophers and philosophy.
- k. Assess Nietzsche's contribution to our understanding of the relationship between morality and religion.
- l. Assess Sartre's contribution to our understanding of 'freedom'.

You are reminded that *Candidate Record Forms* for the synoptic essay (PLY6) can be downloaded from the *Administration/Procedures/Coursework Administration* section of the AQA Website. If you do not have a copy of the PLY6 Candidate Record Form, please print one from the website. In the *Coursework Administration* section, choose the appropriate year, then *GCE* and then choose *Philosophy* from the list of subjects.

Network Group

You are advised that AQA is setting up a network group in the above subjects. If you have not already been contacted and would like to join a group, please contact the subject team **on** 01483 477824.

Social Science: Citizenship (5101) Advanced Subsidiary

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Statistics (6380) Advanced

Revised printed specifications

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Travel and Tourism (8651) Advanced Subsidiary

Travel and Tourism (Double Award) (8653) Advanced Subsidiary

Travel and Tourism (8656) Advanced

Travel and Tourism (Double Award) (8659) Advanced

For general information regarding this new specification please refer to page 12.

You are advised that marked coursework exemplars and commentaries for AS units may be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

Marked exemplars and commentaries for A2 units will be available to view and/or download from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website in January 2006.

Travel and Tourism - A Teacher's Guide may be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website. A printed copy may be ordered from the AQA Publications Department.

Portfolio standardisation meetings will be held in the autumn term 2005. All centres that intend to enter candidates for the first AS Level examinations in 2006 **must** send a representative to one of the portfolio standardisation meetings for the AS units. Further information may be obtained from the *Events/Support* section of the AQA Website.

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Art and Design (8014) Art and Design (Double Award) 8017

You are advised that this specification will be available for the last time in June 2006 with a re-sit opportunity for the externally assessed units (A04A, A05A and A07A) in January 2007. The successor specification is GCE Applied Art and Design which is available as a single and double award at both Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level. Details of the new specification can be found on page 12.

Leisure and Tourism (7144/7644) Leisure and Recreation (8144, 8147) Travel and Tourism (8154/8157)

Themes information for *Externally Assessed Assignments*

Themes for the *Externally Assessed Assignments* for the January and June 2006 examinations have been published as an appendix to the 2006 specification, now available to view and/or download from the *Qualifications* section of the AQA Website.

You should inform teachers of these that this information is no longer being sent out to centres as a matter of routine and that they should check the specification on the AQA Website for the most up-to-date information.

Basic Skills (8900)
Key Skills (9900) for KS 2004
Key Skills (8900) for KS 2000
Wider Key Skills (9970) for KS 2004
Wider Key Skills (8970) for KS2000

Use of e-mail for ICT Levels 1 and 2

You are advised that when using e-mail in the portfolio for ICT Levels 1 and 2 you should ensure that:

- evidence is individually generated by each candidate
- evidence should involve the use of ICT in some way (e.g. candidates could word-process the text of an e-mail they planned to send, then explain to their assessor how it would be sent - putting an address in the 'To' window, including subject, title etc)
- there would need to be a clear purpose behind the e-mail even if it is not actually sent to anyone e.g. asking for feedback on work they have done.

Wider Key Skills

All pilot centres for Wider Key Skills should now have been contacted by their adviser to discuss progress. Centres wishing to introduce Wider Key Skills should obtain further details from the subject team at AQA.

INSET

A series of meetings are being held during the summer term. Each will focus on Application of Number or Communication or Information and Communication Technology. Key Skills Coordinators in centres will have been circulated with the details of the meetings.

Please contact the subject team **on** 0161 958 7588 for further information.

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Information and Communication Technology (4952)

As advised in *AQA Examinations Update Issue 22*, you are reminded that a revised specification is to be introduced for first examination in 2007, replacing the current 3952 Specification A and 3953 Specification B Entry Level Certificates which will be examined for the last time in 2006. A copy of the revised specification and externally-set assessment tasks booklet may be viewed and/or downloaded from the *Qualifications/ELC* section of the AQA Website.

Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications (6981) Foundation
Free-Standing Mathematics Qualifications (6992) Advanced

You are advised that the FSMQ qualification will be available only at Foundation and Advanced levels from 2007. The following Intermediate FSMQs are being withdrawn:

- Solving Problems in Shape and Space 6985
- Making Connections in Mathematics 6987

Entries for these qualifications have been consistently low in recent series. The last examinations in these FSMQs will therefore be held in summer 2006.

You are advised that AQA has **no** plans to discontinue the following FSMQs:

- Managing Money 6981
- Working in 2 and 3 Dimensions 6982
- Making Sense of Data 6983
- Calculating Finances 6984
- Handling and Interpreting Data 6986
- Using Algebra, Functions and Graphs 6988
- Using and Applying Statistics 6990
- Working with Algebraic and Graphical Techniques 6991
- Modelling with Calculus 6992

AQA is pleased to announce the introduction from summer 2007 of a new Advanced FSMQ in Decision Mathematics. In addition to being available as a FSMQ, this qualification will be an alternative to Using and Applying Statistics (6990) and Modelling with Calculus (6992) in AS Use of Mathematics.

Further details of these changes will be published in September 2006, when AQA expects the changes to have been fully approved by QCA and the new FSMQ to be formally accredited.