Written Task Two

This task gives you the opportunity to reflect and question in greater depth the values, beliefs, and attitudes that are implied in the texts studied. **It is an essay in response to set questions.**

**Word limit**: 800-1,000 words

**Outline**: The outline is NOT included in the word count and must contain:

* the question you have chosen to address
* the title(s) of the text for analysis
* the part of the course to which the task relates
* three or four key points that explain the focus of the essay.

Example key points: Part of the course related to: Language and Cultural Context

* This will examine the language of gender used when referring to women and men
* It will analyze how and why the original might change if it had been written as a parody quick list for a modern women’s magazine.
* This essay will also examine the social contexts and gender roles of men and women during the writing of the original and the social settings of the parody.

Set questions:

Reader, culture, and text

1. How could the text be read and interpreted differently by two different readers?
2. *If the text had been written in a different time or place or language or for a different audience, how and why might it differ?*

Power and privilege

1. How and why is a social group represented in a particular way?
2. Which social groups are marginalized, excluded, or silenced within the text?

Text and genre

1. How does the text conform to, or deviate from, the conventions of a particular genre, and for what purpose?
2. *How has the text borrowed from other texts, and with what effects?*

