

Possible texts to help prepare for A-level Paper 1 Section A

AS and A-level English Language (7701 and 7702)

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Introduction

Printed below are two texts collected by a teacher to help prepare for A-level Paper 1 Section A. What text might you substitute for Text B in order to make this suitable for AS Paper 1 Section A?

Text A - This is from a blog written for SheKicks.net, a women's football website, on 26 November 2014.

Text B - This is an article from the Scottish newspaper The Glasgow Herald, published on Monday 9 May 1881.




Ireland's Stephanie Roche signs for Houston Dash

Girl and Girls Mini Soccer tournaments

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England v Germany: Fan's Blog 2

The Lionesses played at the new Wembley for the first time, against a top side - what an amazing event to be at, writes NATALIE CLARKE.

This was the first time I've ever been to Wembley... When I first took to my seat I couldn't quite believe how small the pitch looked, I thought it would be humongous! That was my first initial thought- ha ha. With the stands filling up I was also surprised, yet impressed with the number of men which had come out to watch England Women play. It just gave me a sense of feeling that women's football in the UK really is on the up! As for the atmosphere, it succeeded my expectations- with a band in the crowd playing all sorts of instruments including the drums and trumpets gave a familiar feeling of being at a men's national game. With people singing/ chanting along to the band and of course cheering on England really added to the atmosphere! What an amazing even to be at!



as a whole.

Too many times England were getting pushed off the ball or beat to the ball. Their body types seemed to be similar; they all had real broad shoulders! Germany's passes were virtually perfect every time and it seemed as though they were one step ahead of the game. Of course England's passes were not good enough, in terms of precision, many times the ball would go into the path of the Germans which then aided them to counter attack.

The Germans were very intelligent players, they knew who the threats were and rarely gave them time to play. I noticed that when Lianne Sanderson was in possession of the ball, two players would press her and stopped her many times from creating anything. They also did this with Fara Williams, as a holding midfielder she tends to dictate play and releases the ball into the path of the attacking players in front of her. I also thought Captain Steph Houghton was solid at the back, dealing with forward Celia Sasic and distributing some faultless passes in transition play.


Although England improved their game in the second half, with conceding no goals and appearing more fearless it still was not good enough if they are going to compete with the best nations in the world! Now England know they have a lot to learn from the match, they have not been tested at this standard at all throughout the WC qualifiers with thrashing teams into double figures! Mark Sampson is an exceptional coach/manager in which I believe will get the best out of the girls and hopefully success at the World Cup in Canada this summer!

Bring on more friendlies against top class opposition, I say!!

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For me I thought that all the England players found it hard to perform to their maximum ability because of the opposition they were up against. No one really had the chance to stand out because Germany were onto them in seconds. Germany are better than England in many ways- you can see that Germany possess a must win attitude, they are stronger, quicker and fitter

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- I didn't even realise it was there!

Text B

LADIES' INTERNATIONAL MATCH SCOTLAND V ENGLAND

A rather novel football match took place at Easter Road, Edinburgh on Saturday between teams of lady players representing England and Scotland - the former hailing from London and the latter, it is said, from Glasgow. A considerable amount of curiosity was evinced in the event, and upwards of a thousand persons witnessed it. The young ladies' ages appeared to range from eighteen to four-and-twenty, and they were very smartly dressed. The Scotch team wore blue jerseys, white knickerbockers, red stockings, a red belt, high heeled boots and blue and white cowl; while their English sisters were dressed in blue and white jerseys, blue stockings and belt, high-heeled boots, and red and white cowl. The game, judged from a player's point of view, was a failure, but some of the individual members of the teams showed that they had a fair idea of the game. During the first half the Scotch team, playing against the wind, scored a goal, and in the second half they added other two, making a total of three goals against their opponents' nothing. Misses St Clair and Cole scored the first two, and the third was due to Misses Stevenson and Wright.

Teams:- Scotland - Misses Ethel Hay (goal), Bella Osborne and Georgina Wright (backs), Rose Rayman and Isa Stevenson (half-backs), Emma Wright, Louise Cole, Lily St Clair, Maud Riweford, Carrie Balliol and Minnie Brymner (forwards). England - Misses May Goodwin (goal), Mabel and Maud Hopewell (backs), Maud Starling and Ada Everston (half-backs), Geraldine Vintner, Mabel Vance, Eva Davenport, Minnie Hopewell, Kate Mellon, and Nelly Sherwood (forwards)

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