

Possible texts to help prepare for AS Paper 1

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 AS Paper 1. What text might you substitute for Text B in order to make this suitable for A-level Paper 1 Section A?

Text A - This is an extract from a page on *MyHub*, part of the *ebeat* website from Northumbria Police, featuring an interview with a police officer.

Text B - This is from the Twitter feed of Solihull Police.

Text A: © Northumbria Police. <http://www.northumbria.police.uk/ebeat/myhub/beingacop/interview/index.asp>

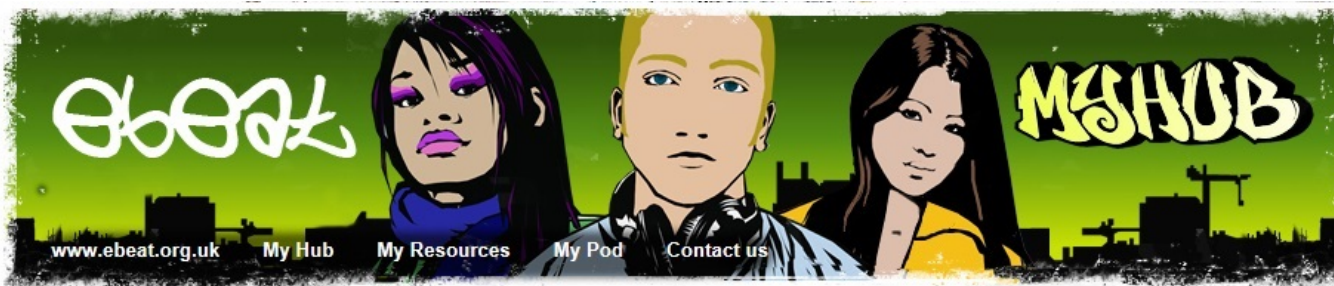
Text B: © West Midlands Police. <https://twitter.com/solihullpolice>

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Text A



Ebeat / MyHub / Being a cop / Interview with an Officer

- ↑ MyHub
- ↑ Being a cop
- Could you be a cop?
- Interview with an Officer**
- A day in the life of a cop
- Jobs and careers
- Police jargon
- The oath
- Rank structure
- Training
- Uniform
- The utility belt

GOT A QUESTION?

Useful websites

Police - Could you?
Want to do something worthwhile? Like to give something back to your community? Then a career in the police force could be for you.

Become a Special Constable with Northumbria Police
The Special Constabulary is a form of community service like no other. Why not volunteer as a special constable and support the work of your police force in the community?

Northumbria Police - Working for us
Find out more about a career with Northumbria Police and current job vacancies.

INTERVIEW WITH A POLICE OFFICER

We asked a 24/7 response officer from Newcastle, what it's like be a cop.....



What was your previous job before you joined the Police?

Before I became a police officer I worked for the London Pension Service, a large sector of the Department of Works and Pensions.

Did you go to University or college?

I went to Northumbria University after completing my A-Levels in sixth form.

Do you enjoy your job?

Yes, very much so. I like how everyday is different. Being a police officer for me isn't just a job, it's who I am.

What does your job involve?

My main role is to respond to incidents of crime and disorder reported by members of the public. However, a police officer can find themselves doing anything from looking for a missing child to helping a grieving family when they have suffered the sudden death of a loved one. I aim to offer an excellent service to the public, to prevent crime as well as solving crimes in an effort to help raise people's perception of a modern police officer.



What is your favourite / least favourite thing about the job?

My favourite aspect of my role is helping victims of crime, particularly vulnerable victims who may feel isolated or alone following an incident. Many people are unaware of how much help is out there for them. I achieve a great sense of satisfaction knowing that my hard work has helped bring an offender to justice. Telling someone that one of their family members or friends has been injured or has died is the part of my job I don't enjoy.

Have you ever been injured (hurt)?

Yes, only once. I was assaulted by a drunk female after I had arrested her partner in the street. Thankfully the injury was not serious and she was arrested for the assault and charged.

Do you ever get scared?

Not really. It's important to stay calm and professional when dealing with incidents. Other police officers will always be nearby to help you if you need assistance and the majority of people I deal with are very polite and helpful. Police officers working during the night always work in pairs as we sometimes have to deal with people who are drunk and can be aggressive due to the effects of alcohol.



What days / hours do you work?

I work a five week shift pattern that involves two sets of day shifts (7am - 5pm) two sets of late shifts (2pm - midnight) and two sets of nightshifts (10pm - 7am). On average I have two days off a week.

What specialist departments can you move in to and which ones would you like to work in?

There are a lot of specialist departments within the police such as the dog section, firearms section, neighbourhood teams, C.I.D and the marine unit. At the moment I'm happy with my current role but in the future I think I will apply to join the firearms section of the police as it is something that interests me and would be a great challenge.


What is your proudest moment?

I once caught two burglars in a house who were in the process of stealing a large TV. The offenders had been made aware the owner was on holiday and had broke in through the back door. Thankfully, a neighbour had heard the noise and we were not far from the house when she called. The offenders also admitted to burgling a number of other houses in the area once they were brought to the police station for questioning.



Text B

West Midlands Police @WMPolice · Feb 18
Even our four-legged crime fighters need a rest once in a while!
[#EatSleepBarkRepeat](#)




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Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 18
Interested in joining us? Take a look at our latest vacancies, we have vacancies in custody, intelligence and more ow.ly/JfERm

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Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 18
Good afternoon there are currently 2 people in custody across the borough. Suspected offences include theft.



Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 13
JAILED: Two career criminals with over 100 previous convictions have been jailed this week: bit.ly/1AiZit9 .

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Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 13
It's believed the fire was started between 9.15pm -10.15pm at the back of the nursery on Tanworth Lane. Anyone with any info please call 101

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Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 13
Did you see anything? We are appealing for info following a fire at Active Angels Nursery in Shirley last Friday night.

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Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 13
Here's a bit of a challenge tweeps, as it's Friday 13th we want to know ghostly street names in Solihull. Tweet them in :-) [#FridayThe13th](#)

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Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 13
Remember to remove all valuables from display, thieves are always on the look-out.It's not wise to advertise...

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Solihull Police @SolihullPolice · Feb 13
Good afternoon, there are currently 5 people in custody across the borough. Suspected offences include theft from motor vehicle.

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