

**English ab initio – Standard level – Paper 1**  
**Anglais ab initio – Niveau moyen – Épreuve 1**  
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**Text booklet – Instructions to candidates**

- Do not open this booklet until instructed to do so.
- This booklet contains all of the texts required for paper 1.
- Answer the questions in the question and answer booklet provided.

**Livret de textes – Instructions destinées aux candidats**

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- Répondez à toutes les questions dans le livret de questions et réponses fourni.

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## Text A

## Pupils collect £17 000 in charity expedition

A team of Scottish teenagers who trekked, cycled and sailed across Scotland to fundraise for charity has collected more money than their fundraising target.



5 Pupils and staff from Banchory Academy went on the challenging journey last month. They travelled more than 300 miles from the west to the east of the country in just nine days.

10 The team hoped to collect £15 000, but has collected £17 000 and donations are still coming in. The money will be donated to the charity Blesma, which supports soldiers without legs or arms, and the Lucy Blackman Trust, which provides support to the families of missing people around the world.

Thanks to the efforts of these young people, the school has collected more than £80 000 for good causes over the last six years.

15 The 14 pupils, aged 13 to 15, were joined by two members of the Blesma charity and four school staff, including deputy principal Colin Nichol – who planned this year’s route.

Mr Nichol said: “The trip was a great success. All 20 members of the team managed to complete the challenge without a single bike breaking down. As the weather was awful the young people had some really tough days, but they all managed extremely well.”

20 “By the end of the trip we had covered a total of 325 miles, across nine islands in nine days – which was an incredible achievement for everyone who took part.”

“We’d like to thank everyone who has donated funds for the two charities, which will hopefully help them continue their excellent work.”

25 “Despite the rain, wind, long days and mountainous terrain, the young people involved all showed great determination to complete the challenge. They should all be extremely proud of their achievement.”

Text: courtesy of the *Press & Journal*  
Image: courtesy of <http://cyclinguphill.com>.

## Text B



## Love Nature? Join The RSPB

### Part 1

As the UK's biggest nature conservation charity, with a history going back to 1889, we focus on conserving the UK's wildlife and restoring and protecting its natural habitats. We also work internationally in key areas to protect birds and other wildlife.

The RSPB was formed to stop the barbarous trade in plumes for women's hats. This fashion was responsible for the destruction of many thousands of species of birds whose plumes had become fashionable in the late Victorian era.

Our 200 nature reserves are home to some of the UK's most rare birds and animals. We participate in a variety of other projects such as planting native trees.

It is only with the support of people like you that we can continue our conservation work saving wildlife and habitats.

### Part 2

#### Volunteer opportunities

There are a million and one things you could do to help us. Many take less than an hour.

Each small action can make an enormous difference when combined with a massive amount of people doing the same thing. A fantastic example of this is the Big Garden Birdwatch. An individual spends one hour counting birds in their garden. The real value comes when hundreds of thousands of results are added together to give a UK-wide picture.

Intrigued? Below are some actions you can take to help us and which will only take up to 15 minutes of your time.

- Donate your old and unwanted optics equipment, binoculars, telescopes and tripods.
- Become our Facebook fan and follow us on Twitter.
- Feed wildlife in your garden.

### Part 3

#### Frequently asked questions

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No, there is no age limit. Our youngest volunteer is eight years old and our oldest is over 100. No matter what your age there will be a volunteering opportunity for you.

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No. Because you'll be giving up your time, it is only fair that we offer to pay your travel expenses and any other expenses agreed with your RSPB contact.

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As a volunteer, you are free to leave whenever you like. If other people depend on you, we will ask you to give your RSPB contact reasonable warning if you cannot come in.

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Whatever roles you do for us, we will ensure you have what you need to do them successfully.

Courtesy of the RSPB.

## Text C

## An interview with Charlie Higson

**Charlie Higson is a comedian who became a children's author. Since his hugely successful *Young Bond* series he has gone on to write a new series called *The Enemy*.**

**Where do you get the ideas for the books from?**

5 When I was a kid I used to fantasize about how brilliant it would be if the adults in the world simply disappeared and we kids could run the place. We could go into any buildings and do what we liked. That was the starting point for the *Enemy* series... And then I decided to use zombies to make it more lively.

10 So, how could I put the two ideas together? I invented a disease that only affects people over the age of 14 and that turns them into zombies. That's how I solved the problem!

***The Dead* is the second book in the series. Will there be more?**

I have just signed a contract to do six books in the *Enemy* series. Obviously if the books are really popular and successful and kids want more then I will write more, but at the moment I'm aiming at six.

15 **Did you have to look at a lot of zombie movies to prepare for writing this book?**

Actually, the monsters in my books are not technically zombies. They are not dead people who have come back to life. I wanted to create zombies of my own and have tried to give them their own unique characteristics. They are almost a cross between vampires and zombies.

20 **Did you find yourself scared at any point writing it?**

I did actually. I grow quite attached to the characters I create in the books, but I know that a lot of them will have to be killed or the books just wouldn't be scary. If I can't scare myself then I'm not going to scare anyone else.

**Is there a cure for the disease, or will all the zombies have to be killed?**

25 The great thing about the books for me is that they are told entirely from the point of view of the kids involved in the action, so we never know more than they do. Therefore, a large part of the series will be trying to find out more about the disease. How will it affect them as they get older? Will they be able to find a cure for it? Is everyone in the world affected? This gives the series a good element of mystery and suspense. In each  
30 new book the kids will learn a little more about how the disease works and at the end of the six books, they will discover what has caused it.

## Text D

## The Australian new-age dad

**New-age dads are not so skilled at fixing things as their fathers, but they are more directly involved with their kids.**

Meet the modern dad – he can't fix a leaky tap or change a car tire but he can cook a meal and clean the baby.

- 5 According to social researchers, the traditional role of Australia's 4.6 million fathers is changing. They are more involved with their children than their own fathers were. Because of this, they are too busy to learn some of the practical skills of their fathers.



- 10 Researchers say that men are becoming dads at the average age of 31 and will have more children than any other generation in Australian history.

According to Claire Madden, research director, "The new generation of dads is not able to change the oil in his car or change a bike tire, but is more confident shopping for groceries or cooking a meal for their families.

- 15 So while some of the traditional skills are in decline, they are adding other skills to their list. Dads spend an average 3 hours and 55 minutes caring for their children, and work an average of 7 hours and 25 minutes a day – so clearly it is difficult to fit everything in."

Research shows that almost half the dads – approximately 46% – [ - X - ] spend their time volunteering and spend up to 80 minutes a day doing housework.

- 20 "So it is little surprise that one third say they are always feeling short of time," said Ms Madden.

"Both mum and dad work [ - 34 - ] the home so both are sharing the responsibilities, and dads are feeling the pressure of work [ - 35 - ] the pressure of looking after their children."

- 25 Parents pay for jobs [ - 36 - ] gardening and housecleaning instead of doing these jobs themselves. They buy replacements [ - 37 - ] repairing everything that breaks down. Their roles are divided between work, family and volunteering.

Adapted from Lisa Mayoh, <http://Kidspot.com.au> (2014)