

## Education and aspiration: sample reading and responding task

### Sample task 3

Read the following letter and answer the questions in English.

*Note: this is not a HSC type task as it combined with the reading and responding Parts A and B.*

亲爱的美芳：

你好！你从北京旅游回去后，我一直忙到现在才有空儿给你写信。今年我上十二年级，要考大学，做作业、复习功课弄得我头昏脑胀！我想你现在也是在准备考大学，可能是一样的。

最近我跟同学们一起讨论我们毕业后的打算。很多同学想出国留学。他们觉得这样是最理想的。我也有这个想法。爸妈希望我能考进澳大利亚或美国的大学。我自己希望能到澳大利亚，因为这样我就可以跟你在一起了。不知道你能不能给我介绍一下澳大利亚的高等教育，以及我怎么样才能考进这些大学。

我最喜欢当工程师，不知道在你那儿可以进哪一所大学学习这个专业。请你告诉我一些信息。谢谢你的帮忙。希望早日收到你的回音。

祝

身体健康！

笔友

秀英

八月九日

**Question 1**

What is the relationship between Xiuying and Meifang? When and where did they last meet?

**Question 2**

Why did Xiuying write this letter?

**Question 3**

Imagine you are Meifang. After you have received this letter, write an appropriate reply of approximately 250 characters in Chinese.

In your letter, you should include the following:

- response about receiving the letter
- talk about universities in Australia, in particular those that offer engineering courses
- suggest how to apply for courses at these universities.