

## ENGLISH B

### TEXT TYPE : AN INTERVIEW

#### CONTEXT

##### Purpose

To inform, to discuss controversial issues and entertain

##### Example Audience

Radio audience – often a specific market segment e.g. BBC Radio 4 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/>

##### Language

Written **transcript** of spoken language

Level of **formality** will depend on contextual factors such as topic, speaker and radio station

#### FORMAT

- question-answer pattern
- more **open** questions than closed
- **modality** in asking questions e.g. “Do you think fathers ---” “ Should families ----”
- introduction of the guest by the radio host
- **transition strategies** when switching aspects of a topic
- conclusion by the radio host

#### EXAMPLE TASK

*Based on “Throw Away Daughter.” A local radio station interviews Jane Parker about her experience of going to China to collect her adopted baby daughter. Write THE INTERVIEW.*