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# A Level English Language

H470/01 Exploring language

## Practice paper – Set 2

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

**You must have:**

- the Resource Booklet
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet  
(OCR12 sent with general stationery)

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Additional paper may be used if required but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.
- Write the number of each question you have answered in the margin.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Answer **all** the questions in this paper.

### Section A – Language under the microscope

You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this section.

Read **Text A** in your **Resource Booklet** and answer the following questions.

- 1 Giving careful consideration to the context of the text:
- (a) Identify and analyse uses of lexis and semantics in this text [10]
  - (b) Identify and analyse the way sentences are constructed in this text. [10]

### Section B – Writing about a topical language issue

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

- 2 *'All language change is good.'*

You have been asked to write a talk on this subject to interest a non-specialist audience. You must engage critically with the statement, agreeing or disagreeing with it, or taking a more neutral position. You may give the talk a different title, if you wish. You should write about 500 words.

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**Section C – Comparing and contrasting texts**

You are advised to spend about 1 hour and 5 minutes on this section. Approximately 15 minutes should be spent reading and preparing your answer and approximately 50 minutes writing your response.

Read **Texts B** and **C** in your **Resource Booklet** and answer the following question.

- 3** Using appropriate linguistic concepts and methods, analyse the ways in which language is used in these two texts. In your answer you should:
- explore connections and variations between the texts
  - consider how contextual factors contribute to the construction of meaning.

**[36]**

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