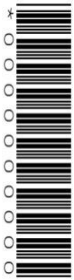


A Level English Language H470/01 Exploring language

Resource Booklet

Practice Paper – Set 1

Time Allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes



You must have:

- The Question Paper
- The OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- The materials in this Resource Booklet are for use with the questions in **Section A** and **Section C** of the Question Paper.

INFORMATION

- This document consists of **8** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

The material in this Resource Booklet relates to the questions in the Question Paper.

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Section A – Language under the microscope

Text A

Text A is a humorous piece from the magazine section of the Saturday edition of *The Guardian* newspaper, in which the writer Catherine Bennett pretends to be a so-called ‘empty nester’, a mother whose children have just left home. It seems like the speaker is talking to a friend in a similar position. The article was published in August 2015.



Modern tribes **The empty nester**

Catherine Bennett

That's your last one off in September? Me, too, St Andrews. I know, thanks, but it's so far away. There's Skype, of course, and I've made Abby promise to text me at eight every morning and then again at 11pm, with a list of everything she's eaten, or I won't be able to sleep, but the thought I won't see her until Christmas, it's almost like she did it deliberately, even if it is the only place you can do joint history of art and Mandarin with a year in Toronto. I keep thinking, what if there are smokers in her corridor, with her allergies? Or people who eat peanuts? Or what if she gets radicalised and goes to Syria and marries a jihadist and we never see her again?

They never stop being your baby, do they? So I thought I might surprise her after a couple of weeks, say we were passing through, make sure she's not too stressed or thinking of getting a tattoo or something, then we could maybe meet one of her tutors to check she's getting her essays in. Can you believe it's only this time last year we were writing their personal statements?

It was tough enough without the other three, but the thought of four empty bedrooms and no piles of dirty washing, honestly, I'd give anything to do the school run just one more time. It's like a bereavement, isn't it, the way it hits you, every time you see the cuddlies and the violin exactly where they left them? I just keep sitting on her bed and howling.

Everyone says the thing to do is keep busy, that's why I'm off to the dump. If we clear Abby's junk and turn her room into an en suite, we could put the house on the market, trade down to a flat and buy a little place in France. Of course the kids are furious, but I keep telling them, tough, we're actually not a free laundry-cum-storage facility. But young people can be so selfish, can't they?

Do you want to see a picture of the puppy?

Section C – Comparing and contrasting texts

Text B

Text B is an edited extract from a conversation from *The Listening Project*, broadcast on Radio Four in February 2016. Two serving police officers, Iain and Claire, talk about life in the police force.

Claire: as soon as the dog handler turned up and I know I'm perhaps biased cos me husband // **was** a dog handler

Iain: // no no no

Claire: but as soon as that dog handler used to turn up and you'd be at a job (.) thieves on or whatever it was you kinda felt relief didn't you because // the baddie was gonna get bit if he tried to run away

Iain: // absolutely yeah

Claire: erm

Iain: oh yeah you had a larger than average chance of catching someone

Claire: yeah

Iain: I mean I g- I've been bitten three or four times because as I've got out the car

Claire: yeah

Iain: the dog's run past me bit me and I've (.) like thrown it off me and er (.) // sent it off after the baddies

Claire: // gone after the baddies

Iain: and I must admit I've had about two or three sets of pants ruined by the dog
[*section omitted*]

Claire: look at all the crime types we've got now that we didn't have back when you and I both joined around social media

Iain: Oh yeah

Claire: around threats by Facebook Twit- all that cybercrime I wouldn't even know what it meant 19 18 years ago would we

Iain: that's right there's a lot less victims of burglary robbery vehicle theft

Claire: yeah because technology's moved on and that's a positive
[*section omitted*]

Iain: and that's the that's the I suppose what other job can you do

Claire: where there's

Iain: where you don't know what's gonna happen when you come to work you don't know what you're gonna be dealing with

Claire: who you're gonna be dealing // with

Iain: // any **day** of the week and that's what appeals

Claire: that's what appeals that's why –

Iain: and it and it and it's like it's about all kinds of things it's about serving the community it's about helping people but it's also about (1) erm you know that kind of excitement and adventure

Claire: hm

Iain: but I would s- challenge anybody who says today that it's not a good career because when I joined and // when you joined

Claire: // people said it

Iain: people would have said it **then**

Claire: yeah

Iain: we've gotta be careful that we don't say that because we're sat here now // talking passionately

Claire: // no yeah about //what we do

Iain: // about what we do and how we loved it then

TRANSCRIPTION KEY

(.) micropause

// overlapping speech

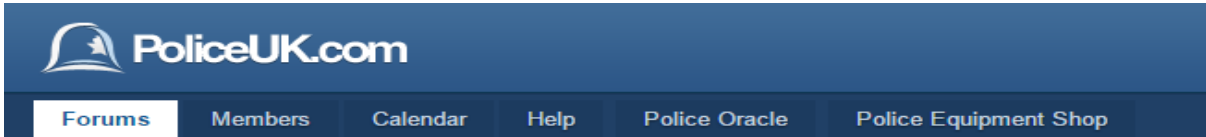
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Section C – Comparing and contrasting texts

Text C

Text C is a thread from an online forum for people working in the police force and those interested in police work. The posts have been edited.



Whats it like being a police officer?

Started by jami678 , Nov 25 2013 11:54 PM

40 replies to this topic

OFFLINE jami678

Im currently an undergraduate and, I am interested in joining the new graduate scheme for the met as its something i have always wanted to do. But I was just wondering what its actually like...

OFFLINE cheese_puff

Forum Member

Posted 26 November 2013 - 11:00 AM



Members
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3022 posts

...well it's an interesting question! Personally I still like it and I still like coming to work everyday

[some text omitted]

You may read about changes that are happening to the police and hear some negativity, however as a new joiner they won't affect you so disregard them.

Good luck if you do decide to go for it.

ONLINE Zulu 22

Forum Member

Posted 26 November 2013 - 11:08 AM

[some text omitted]



Members
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5543 posts

When I joined I was greeted with "Why do you want to join, the jobs f*****d?", but I knew no better and thoroughly enjoyed my life. However in my later years I used to say the very same thing to new recruits, because I had known better times when Polcing was respected, and the job was done completely differently, actually thinking of helping the public and the victim.

Whatever you decide i wish you well. 😊

OFFLINE almostthere

Forum Member

Posted 26 November 2013 - 11:30 AM

Members
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1295 posts

Jamie, welcome aboard.

[some text omitted]

On one day you may be called to a basic verbal domestic dispute between a couple old enough to be your grandparents/parents. They will expect you to be able to offer advice on how to solve their dispute. Similarly it could be a neighbourly dispute, perhaps even involving someone you know. You will be required to remain impartial and offer sensible advice or feed into the various other services available to you.

You will see happy things, sad things, harrowing things. You will be expected to work through even the most harrowing event without a thought. Thankfully nowadays teams debrief events so you will have a chance to air any concerns you may have. As for the happy events, they will remain with you too.
[some text omitted]

OFFLINE jamie678

Posted 26 November 2013 - 12:30 PM

Forum Member

Members
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7 posts

Thank you all for the welcome, and your answers, I found them very useful and informative. Still defiantly want to join when I have completed my degree. Thanks again

OFFLINE IveToldYouOnce

Posted 26 November 2013 - 02:07 PM

Forum Member

Moderators
★ ★ Staff
9724 posts

Defiantly or definitely?



"It's going to be a two banana kind of day....."

OFFLINE 999tommo

Members
●●●●●
8644 posts

Posted 26 November 2013 - 04:32 PM

My guess is iPad auto correct ? You really have to read what you type on an iPad !! 😊

"There is no point arguing with idiots. They will only bring you down to their level and win due to their greater experience !!"

OFFLINE Pigman

Forum Member

Posted 26 November 2013 - 05:24 PM

Members
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1513 posts

Well in answer to the title , NOT WHAT IT USED TO BE

NEVER START AN ARGUMENT UNLESS YOU KNOW YOU'RE RIGHT

OFFLINE

cheese_puff

Posted 26 November 2013 - 05:44 PM

Forum Member



Members
 ●●●●●
 3022 posts

Possibly not. Still the OP¹ will never know that.

Mind you that was said by the old timers when I joined, and I'm sure it has been and will be for ever more.

¹OP – Original Poster, the first person to post on the forum.

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