

H470/01 Exploring language

Practice Paper – Set 1

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes



You must have:

- The OCR 12-page Answer booklet
- The Resource Booklet

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 bar codes.
- 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.

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 patterns of lexical and semantic use. [10]

(b) identify and analyse the way sentences are constructed. [10]

Section B – Writing about a topical language issue

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

2 *‘When we use language, we are mostly just copying other people.’*

Write a blog post for an online news service (e.g. Buzzfeed or a newspaper or magazine) or for a personal website (e.g. one belonging to a writer or comedian like Caitlin Moran or Stephen Fry). You can explore the idea of imitation from any angle which you think is linguistically interesting and which will engage a reasonably well educated non-specialist audience. It should be no more than 500 words long.

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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.

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END OF QUESTION PAPER

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