

Tuesday 6 June 2017 – Morning**GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE****A680/02 Information and Ideas (Higher Tier)****QUESTION PAPER**

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12)
(sent with general stationery)
- Reading Booklet Insert (A680/02/RBI – inserted)

Duration: 2 hours**Other materials required:**

None

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Find the Reading Booklet Insert for use with the questions in Section **A**.
- This Insert will be found inside this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section **A** and **one** question in Section **B**.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **80**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Answer **all** the questions in Section **A** and **one** in Section **B**.

SECTION A – Non-Fiction and Media

You are advised to spend about one hour on Section A.

Read carefully the two passages, ‘Gifted children no more likely to succeed’ and ‘I was a late developer’ and then answer questions 1, 2 and 3. These questions will be marked for reading.

1 ***Gifted children no more likely to succeed***

Outline concisely the activities undertaken by so called ‘gifted and talented’ children.

Use your own words as far as possible.

[12]

2 ***Gifted children no more likely to succeed***

How does the article persuade you that ‘gifted and talented’ children should be treated normally?

In your answer you should comment on the effectiveness of the **presentation** and the use of **information** and **language** in the text.

(Presentation may include reference to headings and pictures and the way the article is structured.)

[14]

3 ***I was a late developer***

How does Neil Brennan combine humour and seriousness to present his experiences as a late developer?

In your answer you should refer to the **language** and **tone** created.

[14]

SECTION B – Writing

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on Section B.

Answer EITHER question 4 OR question 5.

This answer will be marked for writing. Plan your answer and write it carefully. Leave enough time to check through what you have written.

Either

- 4 Write about a time when friendship was important to you. **[40]**

Or

- 5 A wealthy local businessman has left a large sum of money to your local community to make it 'a happier place'.

Write a letter to the Editor of your local newspaper giving your views on how the money should be spent.

You should begin 'Dear Editor.....' **[40]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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