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# AS Level English Language

H070/02 Exploring contexts

**Friday 26 May 2017 – Morning**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

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

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Find the Resource Booklet for use when answering questions in Section B.
- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer the question in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do not write in the barcodes.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Answer the question in **Section A** and **one** question in **Section B**.

### SECTION A – Writing about a topical language issue

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

*‘Language is powerful; it forces us to think and act in certain ways.’*

- 1 Write a speech to be delivered to a group of 6<sup>th</sup> formers, who are not studying English Language, which critically engages with the statement above. You should write about 500 words. [24]

### SECTION B – Exploring language in context

Answer Question 2 **OR** Question 3.

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this section.

**EITHER**

#### 2 Language and Power

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

Using appropriate terminology, examine **Text A** in the light of the ways in which power is represented. In your answer you should:

- analyse the relevant language features of the text
- explore how contextual factors and language features construct meanings
- consider the ways in which your understanding of concepts and issues relating to power in language use illuminates the representation of power within the text. [36]

**OR**

#### 3 Language and Gender

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

Using appropriate terminology, examine **Text B** in the light of the ways in which gender is represented. In your answer you should:

- analyse the relevant language features of the text
- explore how contextual factors and language features construct meanings
- consider the ways in which your understanding of concepts and issues relating to gender in language use illuminates the representation of gender within the text. [36]

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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