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**Thursday 23 May 2024 – Afternoon**

**A Level English Language and Literature (EMC)**

**H474/01 Exploring non-fiction and spoken texts**

**Time allowed: 1 hour**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to the question in the Answer Booklet.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer the question.

### INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **32**.
- The marks for the question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document has **8** pages.

### ADVICE

- Read the question carefully before you start your answer.



Read the **two** text extracts and answer the question.

**Text A** from the anthology is an extract from Captain Scott's diary entries (March 1912) which documents the final days of Scott's return journey from the South Pole. The diary was discovered alongside his body.

**Text B** is the start of a speech given by Sara Safari in 2017. Sara set out to be the first Iranian woman in history to climb the Seven Summits (the highest mountain in each of the seven continents). In this TED Talk, she describes her decision to climb the first Summit (Mount Everest) and her journey from teaching engineering to climbing mountains.

- 1 Carefully read the **two** texts and compare the ways in which the writer in **Text A** and the speaker in **Text B** use language to convey meaning.

In your answer you should analyse the impact that the different contexts have on language use, including for example, mode, purpose and audience. **[32]**

## Text A

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18TH 1912**

To-day, lunch, we are 21 miles from the depot. Ill fortune presses, but better may come. We have had more wind and drift from ahead yesterday; had to stop marching; wind N.W., force 4, temp.  $-35^{\circ}$ . No human being could face it, and we are worn out *nearly*.

My right foot has gone, nearly all the toes – two days ago I was proud possessor of best feet. These are the steps of my downfall. Like an ass I mixed a small spoonful of curry powder with my melted pemmican – it gave me violent indigestion. I lay awake and in pain all night; woke and felt done on the march; foot went and I didn't know it. A very small measure of neglect and have a foot which is not pleasant to contemplate. Bowers takes first place in condition, but there is not much to choose after all. The others are still confident of getting through – or pretend to be – I don't know! We have the last *half* fill of oil in our primus and a very small quantity of spirit – this alone between us and thirst. The wind is fair for the moment, and that is perhaps a fact to help. The mileage would have seemed ridiculously small on our outward journey.

**MONDAY, MARCH 19TH 1912**

Lunch. We camped with difficulty last night, and were dreadfully cold till after our supper of cold pemmican and biscuit and a half a pannikin of cocoa cooked over the spirit. Then, contrary to expectation, we got warm and all slept well. To-day we started in the usual dragging manner. Sledge dreadfully heavy. We are  $15\frac{1}{2}$  miles from the depot and ought to get there in three days. What progress! We have two days' food but barely a day's fuel. All our feet are getting bad – Wilson's best, my right foot worst, left all right. There is no chance to nurse one's feet till we can get hot food into us. Amputation is the least I can hope for now, but will the trouble spread? That is the serious question. The weather doesn't give us a chance – the wind from N. to N.W. and  $-40^{\circ}$  temp. to-day.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21ST**

Got within 11 miles of depot Monday night; had to lay up all yesterday in severe blizzard. To-day forlorn hope, Wilson and Bowers going to depot for fuel.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND AND 23RD 1912**

Blizzard bad as ever – Wilson and Bowers unable to start – to-morrow last chance – no fuel and only one or two of food left – must be near the end. Have decided it shall be natural – we shall march for the depot with or without our effects and die in our tracks.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29TH 1912**

Since the 21st we have had a continuous gale from W.S.W. and S.W. We had fuel to make two cups of tea apiece and bare food for two days on the 20th. Every day we have been ready to start for our depot 11 miles away, but outside the door of the tent it remains a scene of whirling drift. I do not think we can hope for any better things now. We shall stick it out to the end, but we are getting weaker, of course, and the end cannot be far.

It seems a pity, but I do not think I can write more.

R. SCOTT.

For God's sake look after our people.

**Text B**

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