



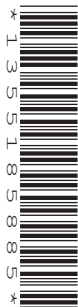
Oxford Cambridge and RSA

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A Level English Language

H470/01 Exploring language

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
- the Resource Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Use the Resource Booklet to answer the questions in Sections A and C.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Section A
Language under the microscope

You should spend about **40 minutes** on this section.

Read **Text A** in the **Resource Booklet** and answer the 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 should spend about **45 minutes** on this section.

2 'We should let languages die and enjoy those that are still alive and evolving.'

Write an article for a UK newspaper, critically responding to this statement.

'Language' can refer to any written or spoken communication which is widely available to the general public. You need to engage a reasonably well-educated, non-specialist audience.

Aim to write 500 words. [24]

Section C
Comparing and contrasting texts

You should spend a **maximum of 1 hour and 5 minutes** on this section.

Spend **15 minutes** reading and preparing your answer and about **50 minutes** writing your answer.

Read **Texts B** and **C** in the **Resource Booklet** and answer the 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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