

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Wednesday 21 May 2025 – Afternoon

A Level English Language

H470/01 Exploring language

**Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**

YOU MUST HAVE:

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

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF



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 [].

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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SECTION A

Language under the microscope

You should spend about 40 MINUTES plus your additional time allowance 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 plus your additional time allowance 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 plus your additional time allowance on this section.

Spend 15 MINUTES plus your additional time allowance reading and preparing your answer and about 50 MINUTES plus your additional time allowance 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. [36]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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