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GCSE (9–1) English Language

J351/02 Exploring effects and impact

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INSTRUCTIONS

Use this Insert to answer the questions in Section A.

Do NOT send this Insert for marking. Keep it in the centre or recycle it.

Details of text extracts:

TEXT 1

Text: 'The Calcutta Chromosome'

Author: Amitav Ghosh (1995)

TEXT 2

Text: 'The Whirlpool Rapids'

Author: Margaret Atwood (1983)

TEXT 1

This is an extract from Amitav Ghosh's novel, 'The Calcutta Chromosome' (published in 1995). It is set in Kolkata, India. In this extract, Phulboni has missed his last train home. He follows a light he thinks belongs to the stationmaster, runs towards it, and falls onto the rail track.

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TEXT 2

This is an extract from Margaret Atwood's short story, 'The Whirlpool Rapids' (published in 1983). Emma has been asked by her friend Bill to go with him on a 40-seat raft ride in the rapids below Niagara Falls. It is the last ride of the day.

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