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## ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 Language varieties

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Monday 20 May 2024

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

### Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book.

### Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7701/2.
- There are **two** sections:
  - Section A: Language diversity
  - Section B: Language discourses.
- Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 from Section A. Answer Question 3 from Section B.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

### Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 70.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 30 marks for **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2. There are 40 marks for Question 3.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  - use good English
  - organise information clearly
  - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

### Advice

- It is recommended that you use:
  - about 40 minutes writing your Section A answer
  - about 50 minutes writing your Section B answer.

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**Section A****Language diversity**

Answer **one** question from this section.

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**Either**

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Discuss the idea that there is a connection between a person's social class and the language they use.

In your answer you should discuss concepts and issues from language study. You should use your own supporting examples and the data in **Text A**, below.

**Text A** is the opening of an article from *Country Living* magazine.

**[30 marks]**

**Text A**

## If you use these words then you are upper class, according to an etiquette expert

'Toilet' is a no-no and is actually factually incorrect



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English is the language of our country, yet many of us use different vocabulary and colloquial slang depending on where we are and what lives we lead.

**Etiquette** expert, William Hanson, suggests that your vocabulary can reveal your social class.

For example, the word 'lounge' is a no-no for the upper classes, 'dinner' is the preferred term for the evening meal, and 'napkin' is better than 'serviette'.

Hanson goes on to say that a reflection of upper class social status is in using English rather than Americanised words, such as 'hey' and 'movies'.

The biggest no-no for the upper classes, however, is using the word 'toilet', which is taken from the 1950s etiquette code.

"For those who don't know, historically your 'toilet' was your appearance, your makeup; hence your 'toilettries bag'," Hanson told *Mail Online*. "The porcelain thing you use is the lavatory. So toilet is not only an ugly word but also factually incorrect."

or

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Discuss the idea that women play a subordinate role in conversations with men.

In your answer you should discuss concepts and issues from language study. You should use your own supporting examples and the data in **Text B**, below.

**Text B** is a transcript of a conversation between two men, Edward and Richard, and one woman, Kate.

[30 marks]

**Text B****Transcription key:**

(.) pause of less than a second

[ ] simultaneous speech

[*italics*] contextual information

Edward: has anyone got any nice plans for the summer holidays

Kate: erm (.) ooh [*sounding surprised*] not yet actually no [no

Richard: [ I ] do we did

book a holiday to Spain but we had to cancel it

Kate: ohhh [*sounding sympathetic*] yeah

Richard: yeah (.) so [ unfortunately ]

Kate: [ it's just so ] unpredictable (.) yeah

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**Turn over for Section B****Turn over ►**

**Section B**  
**Language discourses**  
 Answer Question 3.

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**Text C** is an extract from a newspaper article about using appropriate language when applying for a job.

Write an article in which you discuss the idea that a person should adapt their language to fit different contexts. You should refer to ideas from language study.

Before writing your article you should state your intended audience.

**[40 marks]**

**Text C**

## *Terence Blacker: Say what you like, the world still judges us by the way we speak*

Notebook

*Terence Blacker* • Friday 17 February 2012 01:00 •  Comments



When an application for employment is written as if to a friend – “OMG this job is well interesting” – it is unlikely to lead to an interview. If it does, greeting the panel with a “Yo”, “Hey” or “How ya doin’?” will make a less favourable impression than a grey, dutiful “How do you do?”

This bias against the street may seem unfair and old-fashioned, but it is an unavoidable truth that we live in a middle-class world. Most professional life involves impersonating someone more grown-up and better behaved than one actually is.

Adults are being cowardly and dishonest when they encourage teenagers to believe that the world will adapt to them, and the way they speak, rather than the other way round. In a slang-filled world, there will be a narrower choice in employment, and a lot less social mobility.

**END OF QUESTIONS**

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