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English Language

Unit 4: Investigating Language

Sample Assessment Material for first teaching
 September 2015

Time: 2 hours

Paper Reference

WEN04

You must have:

Source Booklet (enclosed)

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from Section A and **ONE** question from Section B.
- You **must** answer on the same topic in both Sections.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
 – *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
 – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A

Answer ONE question from Section A.

You must answer on the same topic in both Section A and Section B.

Write your answer in the space provided.

**Topic: Global English
Subtopic: American English**

EITHER

- 1** Read the data provided on page 2 of the Source Booklet.

To what extent is Text A representative of American English?

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

OR

**Topic: Child Language Development
Subtopic: The Development of Conversational Skills**

- 2** Read the data provided on pages 3-4 of the Source Booklet.

To what extent is Text B representative of children's language at this stage?

(Total for Question 2 = 20 marks)

OR

**Topic: Language and Power
Subtopic: Newspaper Language**

- 3** Read the data provided on pages 5-8 of the Source Booklet.

To what extent does Text C create a negative view of people claiming welfare benefits?

(Total for Question 3 = 20 marks)

OR

**Topic: Language and Technology
Subtopic: Early Telecommunication**

- 4** Read the data provided on pages 9-13 of the Source Booklet.

To what extent do Texts D1 to D5 demonstrate features of electronic English?

(Total for Question 4 = 20 marks)

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Question 3 ☒ **Question 4** ☒

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SECTION B**Answer ONE question from Section B.****You must answer on the same topic in both Section A and Section B.****Write your answer in the space provided.****Topic: Global English
Subtopic: American English****EITHER**

- 5** Writing in 1789, Noah Webster claimed that factors such as 'a new country, new associations of people and new combinations of ideas in arts and science' would cause a necessary and unavoidable separation of the American language from British English and would eventually lead to the development of a new language.

Discuss this statement with reference to your research.

You should consider:

- relevant language frameworks and levels
- any relevant social, historical and cultural factors.

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR**Topic: Child Language Development
Subtopic: The Development of Conversational Skills**

- 6** 'The first four years of life are the most intensive period for acquiring speech and conversational skills. These skills develop best in a world that is rich with sounds, sights, and consistent exposure to the speech and language of others.'

Discuss this statement with reference to your research.

You should consider:

- relevant language frameworks and levels
- any relevant theories.

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)

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Topic: Language and Power
Subtopic: Newspaper Language

OR

- 7** UK journalism often persuades by creating perceptions of individuals or groups that may have little basis in fact.

Discuss this statement with reference to your research.

You should consider:

- relevant language frameworks and levels
- any relevant social, historical and cultural factors.

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

Topic: Language and Technology
Subtopic: Early Telecommunication

- 8** 'The development of telecommunication in the late 19th and early 20th century made English a global lingua franca for trade, international news and technology.'

Discuss this statement with reference to your research.

You should consider:

- relevant language frameworks and levels
- any relevant social, historical and cultural factors.

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS
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Question 7 **Question 8**

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