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# AS Level English Language

**H070/02** Exploring contexts

**Wednesday 16 May 2018 – Morning**

**Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)
- the Resource Booklet

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Use the Resource Booklet when answering questions in Section B.
- Use black ink.
- Answer the question in Section **A** and **one** question in Section **B**.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Do **not** write in the barcodes.
- Write the number of each question you have answered in the margin.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Answer the question in **Section A** and **one** question in **Section B**

### **SECTION A – Writing about a topical language issue**

You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this section.

*‘Women use the English language differently from men because society is sexist.’*

- 1 Write a newspaper article that critically engages in any way with the statement above and persuades readers to agree with a particular point of view. Your article should be aimed at a non-specialist, reasonably well-educated audience. You should write about 500 words. **[24]**

### **SECTION B – Exploring language in context**

Answer Question **2** **OR** Question **3**.

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this section.

**EITHER**

#### **2 Language and Power**

Read **Text A** in your **Resource Booklet** and answer the following question.

Using appropriate terminology, examine **Text A** in the light of the ways in which power is represented. In your answer you should:

- analyse the relevant language features of the text
- explore how contextual factors and language features construct meanings
- consider the ways in which your understanding of concepts and issues relating to power in language use illuminates the representation of power within the text **[36]**

**OR**

#### **3 Language and Gender**

Read **Text B** in your **Resource Booklet** and answer the following question.

Using appropriate terminology, examine **Text B** in the light of the ways in which gender is represented. In your answer you should:

- analyse the relevant language features of the text
- explore how contextual factors and language features construct meanings
- consider the ways in which your understanding of concepts and issues relating to gender in language use illuminates the representation of gender within the text **[36]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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