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AS Level English Language

H070/02 Exploring contexts

Sample Question Paper

Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

- The OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
- The Resource Booklet



INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer the question in Section **A** and **one** question in Section **B**.
- Write your answer to each question on the Answer Booklet.
- Additional paper may be used if required but you must clearly show your candidate number, centre number and question number(s).
- Do not write on the bar codes.
- Write the number of each question you have answered in the margin.

INFORMATION

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

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.

'The English language is biased against women.'

- 1** Write a short talk to be delivered to a non-specialist, reasonably well-educated audience, which critically engages with the statement above and persuades the audience of a particular point of view. You should write about 500 words.

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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 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.

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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 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.

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