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A Level English Language

H470/01 Exploring language

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
- the Resource Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Use the Resource Booklet to answer the questions in Section A and Section C.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer **all** the questions in this paper.

SECTION A – Language under the microscope

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

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

- 1 Giving careful consideration to the context of the text:
- (a) Identify and analyse patterns of lexical and semantic use. [10]
 - (b) Identify and analyse the way sentences are constructed. [10]

SECTION B – Writing about a topical language issue

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

- 2 *‘We need to self-censor our public discourse in order to protect people.’*

Write a broadsheet newspaper article, critically responding to this statement. ‘Public discourse’ can refer to any written or spoken communication which is widely available to the general public. Valid areas for discussion might be the media, news, political arenas, social media or public debates. You need to engage a reasonably well-educated, non-specialist audience. It should be no more than 500 words. [24]

SECTION C – Comparing and contrasting texts

You are advised to spend about 1 hour and 5 minutes on this section. Approximately 15 minutes should be spent reading and preparing your answer and approximately 50 minutes writing your response.

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

- 3** Using appropriate linguistic concepts and methods, analyse the ways in which language is used in these two texts. In your answer you should:
- explore connections and variations between the texts
 - consider how contextual factors contribute to the construction of meaning. **[36]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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