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...day June 20XX – Morning/Afternoon**A Level English Language****H470/02 Dimensions of linguistic variation****SAMPLE MARK SCHEME****Duration:** 2 hours 30 minutes**MAXIMUM MARK 80****This document consists of 20 pages**

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MARKING INSTRUCTIONS**PREPARATION FOR MARKING****SCORIS**

1. Make sure that you have accessed and completed the relevant training packages for on-screen marking: *scoris assessor Online Training*; *OCR Essential Guide to Marking*.
2. Make sure that you have read and understood the mark scheme and the question paper for this unit. These are posted on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support Portal <http://www.rm.com/support/ca>
3. Log-in to Scoris and mark the [insert number] practice responses (“scripts”) and the [insert number] standardisation responses.

YOU MUST MARK 10 PRACTICE AND 10 STANDARDISATION RESPONSES BEFORE YOU CAN BE APPROVED TO MARK LIVE SCRIPTS.

MARKING

1. Mark strictly to the mark scheme.
2. Marks awarded must relate directly to the marking criteria.
3. The schedule of dates is very important. It is essential that you meet the Scoris 50% and 100% deadlines. If you experience problems, you must contact your Team Leader (Supervisor) without delay.
4. If you are in any doubt about applying the mark scheme, consult your Team Leader by telephone, by email or via the Scoris messaging system.
5. Work crossed out:
 - a. where a candidate crosses out an answer and provides an alternative response, the crossed out response is not marked and gains no marks
 - b. if a candidate crosses out an answer to a whole question and makes no second attempt, and if the inclusion of the answer does not cause a rubric infringement, the assessor should attempt to mark the crossed out answer and award marks appropriately.

6. Always check the pages (and additional objects if present) at the end of the response in case any answers have been continued there. If the candidate has continued an answer there then add a tick to confirm that the work has been seen.
7. There is a NR (No Response) option.
8. Award NR (No Response)
 - if there is nothing written at all in the answer space
 - OR if there is a comment which does not in any way relate to the question (e.g. 'can't do', 'don't know')
 - OR if there is a mark (e.g. a dash, a question mark) which isn't an attempt at the question.

Note: award 0 marks - for an attempt that earns no credit (including copying out the question).
9. The Scoris **comments box** is used by your team leader to explain the marking of the practice responses. Please refer to these comments when checking your practice responses. **Do not use the comments box for any other reason.**
If you have any questions or comments for your team leader, use the phone, the Scoris messaging system or e-mail.
10. Assistant Examiners will send a brief report on the performance of candidates to your Team Leader (Supervisor) by the end of the marking period. The Assistant Examiner's Report Form (AERF) can be found on the RM Cambridge Assessment Support. Your report should contain notes on particular strengths displayed as well as common errors or weaknesses. Constructive criticism of the question paper/mark scheme is also appreciated.

11. Annotations

Annotation	Meaning

INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

- the specification, especially the assessment objectives
- the question paper and its rubrics
- the texts which candidates have studied
- the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**.

Please ask for help or guidance whenever you need it. Your first point of contact is your Team Leader.

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These are the **Assessment Objectives** for the English Language specification as a whole.

AO1	Apply appropriate methods of language analysis, using associated terminology and coherent written expression.
AO2	Demonstrate critical understanding of concepts and issues relevant to language use.
AO3	Analyse and evaluate how contextual factors and language features are associated with the construction of meaning.
AO4	Explore connections across texts, informed by linguistic concepts and methods.
AO5	Demonstrate expertise and creativity in the use of English to communicate in different ways.

WEIGHTING OF ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The relationship between the components and the assessment objectives of the scheme of assessment is shown in the following table:

Component	% of A level					
	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	AO5	Total
Exploring language H470/01	11%	6%	11%	6%	6%	40%
Dimensions of linguistic variation H470/02	11%	11%	12%	6%	0%	40%
Independent language research H470/03	5%	5%	5%	0%	5%	20%
	27%	22%	28%	12%	11%	100%

USING THE MARK SCHEME

Study this Mark Scheme carefully. The Mark Scheme is an integral part of the process that begins with the setting of the question paper and ends with the awarding of grades. Question Papers and Mark Schemes are developed in association with each other so that issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed from the very start.

This Mark Scheme is a working document; it is not exhaustive; it does not provide 'correct' answers. The Mark Scheme can only provide 'best guesses' about how the question will work out, and it is subject to revision after we have looked at a wide range of scripts.

The Examiners' Standardisation Meeting will ensure that the Mark Scheme covers the range of candidates' responses to the questions, and that all Examiners understand and apply the Mark Scheme in the same way. The Mark Scheme will be discussed and amended at the meeting, and administrative procedures will be confirmed. Co-ordination scripts will be issued at the meeting to exemplify aspects of candidates' responses and achievements; the co-ordination scripts then become part of this Mark Scheme. Before the Standardisation Meeting, you should read and mark in pencil a number of scripts, in order to gain an impression of the range of responses and achievement that may be expected. In your marking, you will encounter valid responses which are not covered by the Mark Scheme: these responses must be credited. You will encounter answers which fall outside the 'target range' of Bands for the paper which you are marking. Please mark these answers according to the marking criteria.

Please read carefully all the scripts in your allocation and make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. Always be prepared to use the full range of marks.

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PAPER-SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS: H470/02 Dimensions of linguistic variation

Candidates answer all the questions on the paper. The paper addresses assessment objectives 1-4:
Assessment Objectives AO1 and AO2 are addressed in question 1.
Assessment Objectives AO2 and AO3 are addressed in question 2.
Assessment Objectives AO1, AO3 and AO4 are addressed in question 3.
AO5 is assessed in components 1 and 3.

In each question, the assessment objectives are given equal weighting.

THE INDICATIVE CONTENT FOR EACH TASK provides an indication of what candidates are likely to cover. The notes are neither prescriptive nor exhaustive: candidates should be rewarded for any relevant response which appropriately addresses the Assessment Objectives.
THE LEVEL DESCRIPTORS FOR EACH QUESTION FOLLOW THE INDICATIVE CONTENT

SUBJECT-SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS: ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- Each level descriptor covers the relevant assessment objectives.
- Where the assessment objectives appear in separate columns, marks should be allocated for each assessment objective independently of one another. There is no requirement for responses to be allocated marks from within the same level across each assessment objective.
- An answer does not have to meet all the requirements of a level descriptor before being placed in that level. The extent to which it meets all of the requirements of a level descriptor will determine its placement within that level.
- The extent to which the statements within the level have been achieved should be the only criteria used when deciding the mark within a level.
- Indicative content *indicates* possible points candidates might make, but this is not an exhaustive account. Any valid response should be rewarded.

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Question	Guidance	Marks	Text features
1	<p>Text A is a transcript between Emily and Ethan from a private data source. Emily is five years and five months old; Ethan is two years old. Emily is involving Ethan in a game about school.</p> <p>Using the appropriate terminology to explain your findings, examine the language development stage of both participants as evidenced in the transcript. You should identify and analyse the phonology, grammar and meaning of their utterances.</p> <p>Use your knowledge of theories and concepts of child language acquisition to support your answer.</p> <p><i>Meaning:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan’s use of ‘/aɪs/kin/’, meaning ‘I’d like some ice cream’, is a holophrase; he is using a single word to express a more complex idea. • Both participants use labelling correctly ‘ice cream’/‘bubble’/‘school’ – Emily uses a wider range of labelling, though, and makes more sophisticated word choices. • Emily is able to use pre-modification expressively ‘good boy’ to construct social meanings. 	20	<p><i>Phonology:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan’s use of consonant cluster reduction in ‘/aɪs/kin/ /as/’ suggests he cannot yet form the ‘cr’ consonant cluster. • Ethan’s use of ‘/kæz/ ma /bul/’ for back my school suggests assimilation – substitution of a sound for a neighbouring sound. • Ethan’s use of final consonant deletion in ‘/hould/ /hænd/’ suggests that he is below the age of three. • Ethan’s pronunciation (‘aɪs/kin’, ‘/bul/’, ‘bʌb/bu’) seems to be an attempt at copying, suggesting children may learn by imitation, as claimed by Skinner. <p><i>Grammar:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of Ethan’s utterances are single/two word constructions, suggesting he has not yet fully achieved the telegraphic stage, although his use of the longer utterance ‘/kæz/ ma /bul/’ suggests he is about two and is perhaps just entering it. • Emily’s use of more sophisticated constructions, including accurate use of pronouns and definite articles/determiners ‘<u>you</u> want <u>the</u> book about ice-cream’, suggest post-telegraphic speech. • Emily is able to form questions using standard syntax ‘d’you have a good day at school’/‘what book do you want’, confirming post-telegraphic stage. • Emily uses standard syntax (e.g. <i>subject-verb-object</i>) appropriately ‘you left your bubbles’. The inclusion of the possessive determiner helps confirm post-telegraphic speech.

Question	Guidance	Marks	Text features
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ethan's language tends to be referential rather than expressive, eg /'hould/ /hænd/ 'bʌb/bu/. <p><i>Concepts:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily's utterance 'you want your book about ice cream' suggests she has achieved what Aitchison describes as network building. • Emily's utterance 'oh go and get your bubbles (.) it's a fair' – suggests Halliday's imaginative function of language. • Ethan's utterance '/kæz/ ma /bul/' – could be linked to Skinner (use of imitation in copying Emily) or to Piaget (object permanence). • Emily's use of positive reinforcement 'good boy (.) good boy could be linked to Skinner. • Emily's use of imperatives 'now hold my hand'/'come on then'/'let's go back to your school'– could be linked to Bruner (interactive/ may be a mimicry of Child Directed Speech) or to Halliday (regulatory language function). 	20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of Ethan's utterances ('/aɪs/kin/', '/bul'/, 'bʌb/bu/') involve nouns, supporting Nelson's findings that nouns represent 60% of children's early word production. • Emily's use of interrogatives provides scaffolding for Ethan's utterances, supporting Bruner's social interaction theory that care-givers encourage linguistic development.

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There are a total of 20 marks available for **Question 1**.

Decide on a mark for AO1 out of 10, and then a separate mark for AO2 out of 10. Add the two marks together to reach a total out of 20 marks. It is possible that candidates may achieve different bands for each AO: allocate the mark according to the level of competency demonstrated for each AO individually.

Level	AO1	Mark	AO2	Mark
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make assured reference to a wide range of language features, with appropriate and well-selected examples which support a focussed analysis. The response will be enhanced by consistently accurate use of a wide range of appropriate terminology; writing is in a secure academic register. 	9–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make assured reference to stages of development explained and explored effectively, with well-selected examples. The response will make discerning/perceptive links to theory or concepts in a way that suggests assured understanding of the relationship between theory and practice. 	9–10
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make consistently accurate reference to a range of language features, with appropriate examples and developed analyses. The response will make consistently accurate use of a range of appropriate terminology to enhance the response; written expression is coherent. 	7–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make consistently accurate reference to stages of development with appropriate examples and an analysis which demonstrates awareness of the complexity of the processes involved. The response will consistently connect the elements of the participants' language usage with a variety of concepts/ theories in a way that suggests secure understanding of the relationship between theory and practice. 	7–8
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make generally accurate reference to a range of language features, with appropriate examples and a clear attempt at analysis. Accurate use of appropriate terminology will enhance the response; written expression is clear. 	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make generally accurate reference to stages of development, with appropriate examples and supporting comment or explanation. The response will connect the elements of the participants' language usage with concepts and theories in a way that is valid and relevant. 	5–6

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Level	AO1	Mark	AO2	Mark
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will identify some relevant language features with appropriate examples and relevant comments. Appropriate terminology will be used accurately, although the range of terminology will be limited; written expression has some errors but the meaning remains apparent. 	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make some accurate reference/s to stages of development, with some relevant comments or appropriate examples. The response will make valid connections between elements of the participants' language usage and concepts or theory. 	3–4
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will identify features of the material, but will make very few relevant or valid points about these features in relation to the question. Little or no accurate use of appropriate terminology; writing may at times obscure meaning. 	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The response will make little or basic reference to stages of language development. Few if any valid links between elements of participants' language and appropriate stage/s of development or other relevant concepts. 	1–2
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response or no response worthy of any credit. 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response or no response worthy of any credit. 	0

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Question	Guidance	Marks	Text features
2	<p>Text B is an article from the <i>Mail on Sunday Event Magazine</i> by writer Rob Waugh, in the technology section of the publication. This article was published on 26 January 2014.</p> <p>Using your understanding of relevant ideas and concepts, investigate how language features and contextual factors construct meanings in this text.</p> <p>Possibilities are provided below for guidance but any valid response should be rewarded.</p> <p>The text is multi-modal. This will raise issues requiring some kind of analytical method in order to connect the visual with the verbal. It is important that some effort be made to coalesce both features using apposite terminology. Since the passage is quite lengthy, some degree of selection of material, in order to give focus, is expected.</p>	24	<p>Possibilities are provided below for guidance but any valid response should be rewarded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Images raise connotations, metaphorical language(s) for idealised and technocentric world. • Print layout columnar with multi paragraphs. • Discourse features of frequency, relevance and facticity. • Lexis a wide range of proper nouns/count nouns linked to products; some C20th/21st century neologisms. • Leading NP's in headlines, by-lines and authorial caption. • Sentences simple and compound declaratives – some nominalisation in clauses. • Range of adverbial structures. Sure used adverbially as sentence modifier/discourse marker. • Vocative voice – you – addressing the readership. • Numerous collocations – ambient devices; smart home systems; light-switch-esque. • Phatic discourse – footballers loved them; smart things are a real trend; for the life of me. • Exophoric discourse via brand-names and reference to – previous decades; Brothers In Arms. • Pragmatics: some statements and utterances linked closely with specific cultural contexts ranging across countries. Hidden contextualisation of global commodification. • Textual cohesion: Logical connectives are uneven. Temporal connectives: Every year the world; this Christmas; previous decade; ten years' time. There are also a number of technological nouns that provide specific cohesive links.

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There are a total of 24 marks available for **Question 2**

Decide on a mark for AO2 out of 12, and then a separate mark for AO3 out of 12. Add the two marks together to reach a total out of 24 marks. It is possible that candidates may achieve different bands for each AO: allocate the mark according to the level of competency demonstrated for each AO individually.

Level	AO2	Mark	AO3	Mark
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates show an assured knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts and issues. • Candidates engage critically with the ways concepts and issues inform their analysis of the text's patterns of language use. 	11–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates offer a discerning exploration of a range of contextual factors and language features, and how they are associated with the construction of meaning. • Candidates evaluate in perceptive detail how contextual features inherent in the text are associated with the construction of meaning. 	11–12
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates show a good knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts and issues. • Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of concepts and issues to offer informed comment of the text's patterns of language use. 	9–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates respond in detail to a range of contextual factors and language features, and how they are associated with the construction of meaning. • Candidates will analyse in detail how contextual features inherent in the text are associated with the construction of meaning. 	9–10
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates show a sound level of knowledge and understanding of relevant concepts and issues. • Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of concepts and issues to comment on some language features in the text. 	7–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates make a sound attempt to respond to a range of contextual factors and language features, and how they are associated with the construction of meaning. • Candidates make clear, relevant response to the contextual features inherent in the text and how these are associated with the construction of meaning. 	7–8
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates show a largely accurate knowledge and understanding of language concepts or issues, although is likely to lack the depth needed to be convincing. • Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of concepts and issues to comment generally on language use in the text. 	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates make some attempts to respond to contextual factors and language features and make some points about how they are associated with the construction of meaning. • Candidates make general comments regarding the contextual features inherent in the text, showing some understanding of how these are associated with the construction of meaning. 	5–6

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Level	AO2	Mark	AO3	Mark
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates' knowledge and understanding of concepts/issues is likely to have inaccuracies or be muddled. • Candidates use concepts/issues to comment on the text, although connections may be lacking or confused. 	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates make a limited response to contextual factors and language features and how they are associated with the construction of meaning. • Candidates show a basic understanding of how contextual features inherent in the text contribute to the overall meaning. 	3–4
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates select irrelevant or unconnected concepts or issues, or presents erroneous accounts of concepts. • Candidates attempt to use concepts or issues to the text, although these will be superficial. 	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates make only one or at the most two references to contextual factors and language features and how they are associated with the construction of meaning. • Candidates make little attempt to show understanding of how one or more contextual features inherent in the text contribute to the overall meaning. 	1–2
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response or no response worthy of any credit. 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response or no response worthy of any credit. 	0

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Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance	
3	<p>Text C is an extract from a letter published in the <i>Spectator</i> magazine in 1711.</p> <p>Text D is an extract from an article from the <i>Telegraph's</i> website, written by Kate Figes and published on 7 January 2014.</p> <p>By detailed analysis of the writing in both passages, discuss and illustrate the variations in language between the 18th and 21st centuries. In your answer you should explore the ways language is used in each text, as well as how contextual factors influence the way meaning is constructed.</p> <p>AO3:</p> <p>Text C's general contextual features: Letter represents a model of the C18th approach to standardised English. Writer follows work of grammarians, who had promoted the ideas of written formality. The contents of the letter concern a young woman who is about to come out socially into urban society.</p>	36	<i>Lexis and semantics</i>	
			Text C	Text D
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capitalisation of nouns and adjectives following established conventions. Lexical derivations are a mixture of OE, Latin and French. Collocations: Graces of speech; Eloquence of motion; Fair Maiden. Deviant period forms: it pronoun instead of she; in behalf of instead of on behalf of; exceeding as verbal substantive instead of adverbial exceedingly; Musick still common ending in period for music. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lexicality well-assimilated Latin and French derivations – OE sibling. Some modern idiomatic terms. Constant use of gender-linked substantives. Collocations: Bitch bully; girl talk; prevailing ethos. Idiolect: slag; get too up themselves. Some strong adjectival – countless, conflicting, prevailing, sexual.
			<i>Grammar and morphology</i>	
			Text C	Text D
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Many compound-complex sentences largely declarative, multiple clausal embedding. Several if conditionals in clause structure seeking advice and approval. Prepositional phrases as post modifiers – your advice on behalf of. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sentences – compound-complex declaratives. Possible imperative: we do have to work harder. Minor sentence – take sex. Range of conjunctions – additive, adversative, subordinating, introducing clauses. Numerous adverbials – some fronting sentences – <i>then the whole sex thing.</i>

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance	
<p>3</p> <p>Text D's general contextual features: Web-page has become an increasing aspect of modern journalism. Authorial style is largely standard written English, following some conventions of modern journalese. Article is foregrounding issues about difficulties facing young women and to a lesser extent young men.</p> <p>AO4:</p> <p>Whilst both texts focus on the perception of women in society, and the issue of growing up, candidates should foreground a comparison of linguistic features rather than being drawn into social treatise. Comparing both texts should be an enabler, which illuminates historical variation. Responses should therefore explore the source and significance of these variations.</p> <p>Possibilities are provided (right) for guidance but any valid response should be rewarded. Each language level is taken in turn to illuminate the likely connections which may be explored by candidates across both texts.</p>		<p>36</p>	<i>Grammar and morphology</i>	
			Text C	Text D
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variety of adverbials enhancing complexity of sentences. • Restricted use of verbal modality. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited modalisation of verbs. • Trash used as transitive verb rather than substantive. • Stative verbs – it is hard; isn't up to it; get too up themselves.
			<i>Discourse</i>	
			Text C	Text D
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourse features of personalisation and consonance. • Vocative voice in concluding paragraph, writer's relationship with addressee. • Textual cohesion – instantial cohesion, register is largely valid only for the social particularity of the text. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourse features of frequency, relevance and personalisation. • Moves between first and third person during course of article. • Textual cohesion – surface links between sentences; situational coherence linking topic/concepts with broader issues, which have links with previous similar social concerns and attitudes.
			<i>Pragmatics</i>	
Text C	Text D			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A context of extreme deferential politeness, with specific attitude to gender. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discourse communicates problems-parenthesis of boys in concluding paragraph-introduction of pronoun we therein indicates an assumed audience. 			

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There are a total of 36 marks available for **Question 3**.

Decide on a mark for AO1 out of 12, and then a separate mark for AO3 out of 12, and a separate mark for AO4 out of 12. Add the three marks together to reach a total out of 36 marks. It is possible that candidates may achieve different bands for each AO: allocate the mark according to the level of competency demonstrated for each AO individually.

Level	AO1	Mark	AO3	Mark	AO4	Mark
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates apply a wide range of appropriate methods in an assured and systematic way, using appropriate terminology and writing in a secure academic register. • They deftly establish and explore patterns of language use and can closely analyse incisively chosen evidence. 	11–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates make discerning points about the possible effect of contextual factors on particular features of language, both in terms of production and reception. • They perceptively evaluate their points, suggesting alternatives for how context might account for variations in language use. 	11–12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates selectively and methodically apply confident knowledge of appropriate linguistic concepts across both texts. • Candidates compare particular linguistic features in the two texts, making illuminating connections between them which clearly establish some of the ways that language has varied over time. 	11–12
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates apply a range of appropriate methods to the texts in a systematic way, using appropriate terminology and coherent written expression. • They establish patterns of language use and can analyse well-chosen evidence in some depth. 	9–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates make strong and helpful points about relevant contextual factors, showing how context might affect language use, both in terms of production and reception. • They show that they can weigh up how contextual factors might account for variations in language use. 	9–10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates methodically apply sound knowledge of appropriate linguistic concepts across both texts. • Candidates compare linguistic features in the two texts, making helpful connections between them which show some of the ways that language has varied over time. 	9–10

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Level	AO1	Mark	AO3	Mark	AO4	Mark
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates apply some appropriate methods in a sound way, using mostly appropriate terminology and coherent if uneconomical writing. Analysis is characterised by either a fairly limited number of well-developed points, with relevant evidence, or a larger number of valid supported points that lack depth. 	7–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates make some valid points about context, showing how contextual factors can affect language production and reception. They come to some sound conclusions about how contextual factors could cause variations in language. 	7–8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates apply accurate knowledge of linguistic concepts to language features in a way that is mostly appropriate, across both texts. They make some comparisons of linguistic features in the two texts, making some connections between them which show ways in which language use has varied over time. 	7–8
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates attempt to apply linguistic methods with some success, and terminology is at times appropriate; written expression contains some errors. Analysis is uneven and is characterised by either scattered points that are supported with evidence or points which may have validity but are unsupported. 	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates make a few successful attempts at showing how basic contextual factors affect the way language is produced and received. Conclusions drawn tend to be assertive and simplistic rather than weighed in the balance and are sometimes unconvincing; there may be an elementary sense of how context affects language variation. 	5–6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates have a loose grasp of linguistic concepts and attempt to apply them across both texts, although sometimes unconvincingly. They will make more general connections and will attempt to compare particular features associated with the ways language use has varied over time, but with only partial success. 	5–6

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Level	AO1	Mark	AO3	Mark	AO4	Mark
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates make a vague attempt to apply linguistic methods to the texts and some terms are used, with occasional appropriateness; writing is likely to contain errors which sometimes obscure meaning. One or two simple points are made, with little or tenuous evidence; assertive rather than analytical. 	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates can comment on context, although this is unlikely to show proper grasp of production and reception and so is of very limited use. Evaluation of points is not happening in this band because there is no real exploration of language, but there may be one or two generalisations made about the effects of context on the language. 	3–4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where linguistic concepts are in evidence for each text, understanding is shallow and knowledge of them is likely to be muddled. Some loose connections between the texts are established in one or two places in the answer. These connections are likely to be simple matching or contrasting of features with very little demonstration of how language use has varied over time. 	3–4
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates struggle to apply the linguistic methods; terminology, if present, is inappropriate and accuracy of written expression is very limited. There may be the odd point made but there is no analysis with evidence. 	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One or at the most two references are made to the context with no link to language production or reception. Little or no attempt to draw conclusions about the effect of context on different uses of language. 	1–2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any knowledge of linguistic concepts is likely to be mostly inaccurate with perhaps a very vague sense of understanding both texts being present. The notion of comparison is essentially lost in this band. There may be one or two connections here and there but these do not help with notions of how language use has varied over time. 	1–2
0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response or no response worthy of any credit. 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response or no response worthy of any credit. 	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No response or no response worthy of any credit. 	0

APPENDIX 1

Assessment Objective weightings are given as percentages.

Assessment Objectives Grid

Question	AO1%	AO2%	AO3%	AO4%	AO5%	Total%
1	5	5	0	0	0	10
2	0	6	6	0	0	12
3	6	0	6	6	0	18
Totals	11%	11%	12%	6%	0%	40%

Summary of updates

Date	Version	Change
March 2019	2.0	Amendment to the wording of the levels of response criteria in the mark scheme (pages 10, 11 and 17)