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GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing

Friday 23 May 2025

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- **Source A** – provided as a separate insert.

Instructions

- Answer **all** questions.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must refer to the insert booklet provided.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- There are 40 marks for **Section A** and 40 marks for **Section B**.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your **reading** in **Section A**.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your **writing** in **Section B**.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the source and all five questions you have to answer.
- You are advised to plan your answer to **Question 5** before you start to write.
- You should make sure you leave sufficient time to check your answers.

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Question	Mark
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Section A: Reading

Answer **all** questions in this section.
You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

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0 1 Read again the first part of the source, from **lines 1 to 8**.

List **four** things which happened that night from this part of the source.

[4 marks]

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Section B: Writing

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

Write in full sentences.

You are reminded of the need to plan your answer.

You should leave enough time to check your work at the end.

0 5 **Either**

Write a description of a town or village, as suggested by this picture:



or

Write a story about a day when technology stopped.

(24 marks for content and organisation
16 marks for technical accuracy)
[40 marks]

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You are advised to plan your answer to **Question 5** before you start to write.

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