

# OCR

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## A Level English Language

### H470/01 Exploring language

#### Sample Question Paper

## Date – Morning/Afternoon

Time allowed: 2 hours 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 **all** the questions.
- 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 in 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 **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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 uses of lexis in this text

[10]

**(b)** identify and analyse the way sentences are constructed in this text.

[10]

### Section B – Writing about a topical language issue

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

**2** *'Technology is spoiling the English language.'*

Taking the above statement into account, write a short editorial for a student newspaper expressing your views about how language has been affected by technology. It should be no more than 500 words long.

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**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.

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