



A-level

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 Language diversity and change

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer book
- the insert for Section B (enclosed).

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 7702/2.
- There are **two** sections:
 - Section A: Diversity and change
 - Section B: Language discourses.
- Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 from Section A.
- Answer **both** Question 3 **and** Question 4 from Section B.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 30 marks for **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2. There are 40 marks for Question 3 and 30 marks for Question 4.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- It is recommended that you use:
 - 45 minutes writing your Section A answer
 - 15 minutes preparing the material for Section B
 - 45 minutes writing your answer to Question 3
 - 45 minutes writing your answer to Question 4.

Section A

Diversity and change

Answer **one** question from this section.

Either

0 1

Evaluate the idea that women's talk is naturally cooperative whereas men's talk is naturally competitive.

[30 marks]

or

0 2

Evaluate the idea that language change is a natural process that is neither good nor bad.

[30 marks]

Section B

Language discourses

Answer **both** Question 3 **and** Question 4.

Text A and **Text B** are on the insert.

Text A is an extract from an online article about standard English. It was published by the American Bar Association in 2020. In the article lawyer Bryan Garner gives his views on standard English.

Text B is an extract from an online article about 'correct' English. It was published by *Prospect Magazine* in 2015. In the article two writers debate their opposing views on 'correct' English.

0 3

Analyse how language is used in **Text A** and **Text B** to present views about using standard or 'correct' English.

In your answer you should:

- examine any similarities and differences you find between the two texts
- explore how effectively the texts present their views.

[40 marks]

0 4

Write an opinion article on views about using standard or 'correct' English.

In your article you should:

- assess the ideas and issues raised in **Text A** and **Text B**
- refer to ideas from language study
- argue your own views.

[30 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

There are no questions printed on this page

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