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AS Level English Language

H070/02 Exploring contexts

Time allowed: 1 hour 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 the question in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Use the Resource Booklet to answer the questions in Section B.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- 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 the question in Section A and **one** question from Section B.

Section A Writing about a topical language issue

You should spend about **40 minutes** on this section.

'If you examine how we usually express ourselves, you will see how male-centred our written and spoken language is.'

- 1** Write a blog that critically engages in any way with the statement above and persuades readers to agree with a particular point of view. Your article should be aimed at a non-specialist, reasonably well-educated audience. You should write about 500 words. **[24]**

Section B Exploring language in context

Answer **either** Question **2** or Question **3**.

You should spend about **50 minutes** on this section.

EITHER

2 Language and Power

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

Using appropriate terminology, examine **Text A** in the light of the ways in which power is represented. In your answer you should:

- analyse the relevant language features of the text
- explore how contextual factors and language features construct meanings
- consider the ways in which your understanding of concepts and issues relating to power in language use illuminates the representation of power within the text. **[36]**

OR

3 Language and Gender

Read **Text B** in your **Resource Booklet** and answer the question.

Using appropriate terminology, examine **Text B** in the light of the ways in which gender is represented. In your answer you should:

- analyse the relevant language features of the text
- explore how contextual factors and language features construct meanings
- consider the ways in which your understanding of concepts and issues relating to gender in language use illuminates the representation of gender within the text. **[36]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER



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