



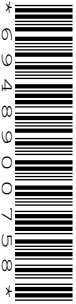
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# A Level English Language

H470/01 Exploring language

**Wednesday 6 June 2018 – Morning**

**Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes**



**You must have:**

- The OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)
- The Resource Booklet

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Find the Resource Booklet for use when answering questions in Section A and Section C.
- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- 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 barcodes.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- This document consists of **4** pages.

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 and semantics 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 *'All language is biased.'*

Write an entertaining blog post which critically engages with the statement above. 'Biased' language is that which supports a particular point of view and aims to influence the receiver to agree with it. You do not need to use the statement as your title. [24]

**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.

**[36]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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