

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Monday 20 May 2019 – Morning

A Level English Language

H470/01 Exploring language

**Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes
plus your additional time allowance**

YOU MUST HAVE:

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

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF



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).

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 80.

The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].

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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 patterns of lexical and semantic use. [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 ‘The era of prescriptivism is dying.’

Write a blog article for a website belonging to a recognised language expert which critically responds to this statement. You need to engage a reasonably well-educated audience with an interest in language change. [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]

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