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AS Level English Language

H070/02 Exploring contexts

Question Paper

Wednesday 8 June 2016 – Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes



You must have:

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

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Complete the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer the question in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.
- Do not write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- This document consists of **4** pages.

Answer the question in **Section A** and **one** question in **Section B**.

SECTION A – Writing about a topical language issue

You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this section.

‘Can those without power use language to gain power?’

- 1 Write a magazine article that critically engages with the question above and persuades readers of 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 Question **2** **OR** Question **3**.

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on this section.

EITHER

2 Language and Power

Read **Text A** in your **Resource Booklet** and answer the following 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 following 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]**

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