

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Monday 18 May 2020 – 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
the Resource Booklet**

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF



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 ALL the questions.

Use the Resource Booklet to answer the questions in Section A and Section C.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 80.

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

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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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 plus your additional time allowance 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. [10]**

SECTION B – Writing about a topical language issue

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance on this section.

- 2 ‘We need to self-censor our public discourse in order to protect people.’**

Write a broadsheet newspaper article, critically responding to this statement. ‘Public discourse’ can refer to any written or spoken communication which is widely available to the general public. Valid areas for discussion might be the media, news, political arenas, social media or public debates. You need to engage a reasonably well-educated, non-specialist audience. It should be no more than 500 words. [24]

SECTION C – Comparing and contrasting texts

You are advised to spend about 1 hour and 5 minutes plus your additional time allowance on this section. Approximately 15 minutes plus your additional time allowance should be spent reading and preparing your answer and approximately 50 minutes plus your additional time allowance 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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