

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Tuesday 4 June 2019 – Morning

GCSE (9–1) English Language

J351/01 Communicating information and ideas

Time allowed: 2 hours

plus your additional time allowance

**YOU MUST HAVE:
the Reading Insert**

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READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF



INSTRUCTIONS

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There are two sections: SECTION A (Reading) and SECTION B (Writing).

SECTION A: Answer ALL questions in this section.

SECTION B: Answer ONE question in this section.

Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, use the lined page(s) at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 80.

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

Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).

Before you attempt to write any responses to Section A, give yourself enough time to read the two texts in the Reading Insert carefully.

SECTION A

Reading information and ideas

Answer **ALL** the questions in Section A.

You are advised to spend **ONE** hour on this section.

Question 1 is about **TEXT 1**, ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’ by William Howard Russell.

1 Look again at lines 1–10.

- (a) Identify **TWO** phrases from these lines which show what time of day it was.

_____ [2]

- (b) Give **ONE** reason why the writer is surprised that these soldiers have been sent to attack the enemy.

_____ [1]

- (c) The writer calls the soldiers’ bravery ‘desperate valour’. Explain why he chooses the word ‘desperate’ to describe their behaviour.

_____ [1]

Question 2 is about TEXT 1, ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’ by William Howard Russell and TEXT 2, ‘Let Us Make a Vow to the Dead’ by Ronald Reagan.

2 Both texts describe soldiers attacking enemy guns.

What are the SIMILARITIES between the two attacks?

Draw on evidence from BOTH texts to support your answer. [6]

Question 3 is about TEXT 2, ‘Let Us Make a Vow to the Dead’ by Ronald Reagan.

3 Look again at lines 31–52.

Explore how Ronald Reagan uses language and structure to persuade his audience that the soldiers’ bravery was worthwhile.

Support your ideas by referring to the text, using relevant subject terminology. [12]

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[illegible]

Question 4 is about TEXT 1, ‘The Charge of the Light Brigade’ by William Howard Russell and TEXT 2, ‘Let Us Make a Vow to the Dead’ by Ronald Reagan.

4 ‘Both texts powerfully persuade you to admire the bravery of the soldiers.’

How far do you agree with this statement?

In your answer you should:

discuss what each text says we should admire about the soldiers

explain how far the texts do present the soldiers as admirable

compare the ways the texts present their ideas about the soldiers.

Support your response with quotations from BOTH texts. [18]

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SECTION B

Writing for audience, impact and purpose

Choose ONE of the following writing tasks.

You are advised to spend ONE hour on this section.

In this section you will be assessed on the quality of your extended response. These questions are marked with an asterisk (*). You are advised to plan and check your work carefully.

EITHER

5 “Was it worth it?”

Write an article for a magazine to describe a time when you had to do something difficult.

In your article you should:

explain why you had to do it

describe the difficulties you had to face

explain whether you thought it was worthwhile. [40]*

OR

- 6 Write a speech for an event to congratulate young people who have achieved something remarkable.**

In your speech you should:

describe what the young people achieved

explain why the young people should be congratulated

explain what is so remarkable about their achievement. [40]*

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END OF QUESTION PAPER

ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

If additional space is required, you should use the following lined page(s). The question number(s) must be clearly shown in the margin(s).

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