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**Monday 20 May 2019 – Morning**

**A Level English Language**

**H470/01 Exploring language**

**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).

**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 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]**

**END OF QUESTION PAPER**

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