

**ADVANCED GCE  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE**

Experience into Words

**TUESDAY 19 JUNE 2007**

**Reading Booklet**

**2719/RB**

Afternoon

Time: 2 hours 15 minutes



- **The first fifteen minutes of the examination are for reading the passages in this reading booklet.**
- During this time you may make any annotations you choose on the passages themselves.
- The questions for this examination are given on a separate sheet.
- **You must not turn over the question sheet, or write anything in your answer booklet, until instructed to do so.**
- The Invigilator will tell you when the fifteen minutes begin and end.
- You will then be allowed to open the question paper.
- You will have **two hours** to work on the tasks.

This document consists of **6** printed pages and **2** blank pages.

**Passage A**

The poem below (1912-13) was written by Thomas Hardy late in his life. It expresses his thoughts and feelings about the unexpected death of his estranged wife, Emma.

THE GOING

Why did you give no hint that night  
That quickly after the morrow's dawn,  
And calmly, as if indifferent quite,  
You would close your term here, up and be gone  
Where I could not follow 5  
With wing of swallow  
To gain one glimpse of you ever anon!

Never to bid good-bye,  
Or lip me the softest call,  
Or utter a wish for a word, while I 10  
Saw morning harden upon the wall,  
Unmoved, unknowing  
That your great going  
Had place that moment, and altered all.

Why do you make me leave the house 15  
And think for a breath it is you I see  
At the end of the alley of bending boughs  
Where so often at dusk you used to be;  
Till in darkening dankness  
The yawning blankness 20  
Of the perspective sickens me!

You were she who abode  
By those red-veined rocks far West,  
You were the swan-necked one who rode  
Along the beetling Beeny Crest<sup>1</sup>, 25  
And, reining nigh me,  
Would muse and eye me,  
While Life unrolled us its very best.

Why, then, latterly did we not speak,  
Did we not think of those days long dead, 30  
And ere your vanishing strive to seek  
That time's renewal? We might have said,  
'In this bright spring weather  
We'll visit together  
Those places that once we visited.' 35

Well, well! All's past amend,  
Unchangeable. It must go.  
I seem but a dead man held on end  
To sink down soon ... O you could not know  
That such swift fleeing 40  
No soul foreseeing –  
Not even I – would undo me so!

<sup>1</sup>*Beeny Crest* – a cliff in Cornwall

**Passage B**

The passage below is a transcription from an interview with a middle-aged woman who has strong feelings about the ways in which she believes a wife should behave in a marriage.

The following key can be used as a guide:

- (.) – micro pause  
 \_\_\_\_\_ – stressed word or phrase

everything that i do is to please him (.) hes a mixture of the (.) prime minister (.) and (.) er (.) a divine (.) he is (.) the one i look up to (.) being a mindful wife does not mean just being obedient (.) it means thinking of what heed want you to do before he asks you to do it (.) i realised that (.) the role of a wife is really valued (.) in (.) eastern society (.) the woman is (.) makes the family very happy (.) whenever pete 5  
 criticises me i dont take it as a criticism (.) i take it as (.) er (.) a way of learning about what pete wants (.) i really feel sorry for (.) men in britain today (.) i think (.) er (.) british women really do need lessons in how to be wives (.) i like to look into their eyes (.) try to see that divine (.) spark (.) n bring it out of them (.) and i believe i could do that with any man (.) a man needs to see how good having a real wife 10  
 (.) a mindful wife can be (.) a mindful wife would always try to look pleasing for her husband (.) a man is king of his house (.) his castle (.) the woman brings the spirit of the female to the (.) place (.) she (.) adorns the er (.) the building for him (.) and (.) brings light (.) a joyous light (.) to his life (.) but she she has to (.) remember to be mindful at all times 15

## Passage C

The extract below is taken from an American website advising couples on how to maintain their relationships.

San Antonio, Texas

Dear Friend,

Of course, you want to save your relationship. But you're confused, afraid, and you don't know where to turn. You want to save your relationship more than anything else, and you should! That's where I come in. For over 45 years I've been working in San Antonio, Texas, saving thousands of marriages. It's been my lifelong career. Over that 45 years, I've discovered exactly what works and what *doesn't* work when it comes to saving a relationship. Keep reading, and I'll show you exactly what to say and do for your situation.

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**Here are three strategies that never work – yet people always try:**

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Which of these strategies are you trying right now? **1. The first is to give them reassurance.** "I've changed. I won't be controlling anymore. I won't lie to you anymore. I won't have another affair," and so forth. The efforts to give them reassurance. This almost never works. **2. The second strategy is to tell them over and over again, "I love you."** That never works. **3. The third strategy is arguing,** reasoning, trying to talk them into feeling different or doing different. That never works. Always agree. If you talk about where they are wrong, they become more wrong. And if you talk about where they are right, they immediately become less wrong.

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So I've discovered the psychology of applying the jujitsu wrestling technique, where the wrestler uses the strength, energy and weight of his opponent to their own advantage, and to the disadvantage of their opponent. We cannot get to the good feelings of your wife, husband or lover. We cannot get to those good feelings as long as this war is going on, as long as you communicate to them that you want something different from what they want. So use the jujitsu. Go with them.

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Now here are three elements, three ideas, three strategies, all under the heading of the jujitsu technique. **1. Stop pressuring,** stop criticizing, stop complaining, stop whining. **2. Agree with anything your mate says or does.** Put a good name on it. Agree with their negative feelings. You see, when one partner has a closed mind and is divorcing the other, they are in love with their negative feelings. So they put their negative feelings in charge of the door to their mind. And when you try to reason with them, you're telling them that their negative feelings are wrong. That causes their negative feelings to lock the door tighter. Agree with their negative feelings – whatever they are. "Yes, this relationship is hopeless." "Yes, you will never be able to trust me. That's exactly correct." Do not defend yourself. Just agree, sound sincere, **and shut up.** **3. Act perfectly happy** about everything as it is. The status quo – as it is. Act perfectly happy. Enjoy your space. Enjoy your freedom. Tell them that they are correct – that you all were getting too serious too fast – or whatever their interpretation is that they've given to you. Agree with it, and act happy about whatever it is that they want.

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Proof? You want Proof?

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Stop all of that, and watch the relationship get better. Stop all of that working. Allow and accept, one hundred percent, whatever your mate thinks, feels, or does

is perfectly okay. It's perfectly okay. And watch them improve themselves. Their negative feelings towards you will weaken rapidly, because their negative feeling needs something in you to fight with. And when you sincerely see what's on their side, when you sincerely agree with them, and when you lovingly and sincerely go one hundred percent totally, instantly, and happily your mate's way, when you do that there's nothing for their negative feeling to build on. 45

You have put the white flag up. You've thrown your gun down. That forces them to do the same thing. They cannot shoot you when you have no gun. When you're not defending yourself, THEY want to defend you. It's not normal to not defend yourself, but it is healthy. Agree with them. Do not disagree at all. It's not to your advantage. It's a dumb thing to do. 50

Now, I've seen these ideas in my own marriage, and in hundreds and hundreds of other people's lives. I'm 76 and my wife is 56. We've been married 30 years. We've had rare, but sometimes serious problems. Immediately, I follow these principles. She loses her negative feelings right away, or within an hour or two. These ideas always work. 55





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