

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS Advanced GCE

ENGLISH LANGUAGE 2706

Exploring, Analysing and Evaluating English

Monday 27 JUNE 2005 Morning 2 hours 15 minutes

Additional materials: Reading Booklet Answer booklet

TIME 2 hours + 15 minutes' reading time

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and Candidate number in the spaces on the answer booklet. If you use more than one booklet, fasten them together.
- Answer all the questions.
- There is **one** question in Section A and **one** question in Section B.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Read the instructions about reading time on the front of the Reading Booklet before you start.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The first fifteen minutes are for reading the passages in the Reading Booklet.
- The number of marks for each question is 30. This is shown in brackets [] at the end of each question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 60.
- You will be awarded marks for the quality of written communication in your answers.
- You may use the table of phonemic symbols on page 4 if you wish, but it is **not** compulsory to use these symbols in any of your answers.

This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.

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SECTION A

Answer both parts of Question 1.

- **Passage A** (printed in the Reading Booklet accompanying this question paper) is a transcription of part of a series of interviews with Mrs.B, a woman who grew up in rural Leicestershire in the 1920s and 1930s. Here she describes the household chores she was expected to do.
 - (a) Using the material in the transcription, write the opening to Mrs B's autobiography in 150–200 words.
 - **(b)** Compare the transcription of the interview with your own transposition of the material into autobiographical format. Indicate any difficulties you encountered in re-shaping the material and making the transposition. You should also comment upon the wider issues concerning the presentation of speech in written form.

Please note that **a list of phonemic symbols** is printed at the end of this question paper.

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SECTION B

2 Passages A, B, C, and D are all concerned with household chores.

By close reference to the passages, analyse and discuss ways in which each speaker or writer addresses his/her audience.

In your answer you should where relevant:

- make detailed reference to specific examples of lexis, syntax, grammar, phonology, language change and features of discourse
- comment on how the context and purpose of use might affect the form and register of the language used.

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List of Phonemic Symbols and Signs (RP)

1. CONSONANTS OF ENGLISH

/f/ — fat, rough

/v/ — very, village, love

/ / — theatre, thank, athlete

/ð/ — this, them, with, either

/s/ — sing, thinks, losses

/z/ — zoo, beds, easy

// — sugar, bush

/3/ — pleasure, beige

/h/ — high, hit, behind

/p/ — pit, top, spit

/t/ — tip, pot, steep

/k/ — keep, tick, scare

/b/ — bad, rub

/d/ — bad, dim

/g/ — gun, big

/ʧ/ — church, lunch

/dʒ/ — judge, gin, jury

/m/ — mad, jam, small

/n/ — man, no, snow

/ŋ/ — singer, long

/I/ — loud, kill, play

/j/ — you, pure

/w/ — one, when, sweet

/r/ — rim, bread

2. PURE VOWELS OF ENGLISH

/iː/ — beat, keep

// — bit, tip, busy

/e/ — bet, many

/æ/ — bat

 $/\Lambda/$ — cup, son, blood

/aː/ — car, heart, calm, aunt

/ / — pot, want

/ɔɪ/ — port, saw, talk

// — about

/31/ — word, bird

/u/ — book, wood, put

/uː/ — food, soup, rude

3. DIPHTHONGS OF ENGLISH

/e / — late, day, great

/a / — time, high, die

/ / — boy, noise

/au/ — cow, house, town

/ u/ — boat, home, know

/ / — ear, here

/e / — air, care, chair

/υ / — jury, cure

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