

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS

Monday 22 May 2023 – Morning

AS Level English Language

H070/02 Exploring contexts

**Time allowed: 1 hour 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 the question in Section A and ONE question in Section B.

Use the Resource Booklet to answer the questions in Section B.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 60.

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

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

Answer the question in Section A and ONE question from Section B.

SECTION A

Writing about a topical language issue

You should spend about 40 MINUTES plus your additional time allowance on this section.

‘If you examine how we usually express ourselves, you will see how male-centred our written and spoken language is.’

- 1 Write a blog that critically engages in any way with the statement above and persuades readers to agree with a particular point of view. Your article should be aimed at a non-specialist, reasonably well-educated audience. You should write about 500 words. [24]**

SECTION B

Exploring language in context

Answer EITHER Question 2 OR Question 3.

You should spend about 50 MINUTES plus your additional time allowance on this section.

EITHER

2 LANGUAGE AND POWER

Read TEXT A in your RESOURCE BOOKLET and answer the question.

Using appropriate terminology, examine TEXT A in the light of the ways in which power is represented. In your answer you should:

**analyse the relevant language features of the text
explore how contextual factors and language features construct meanings
consider the ways in which your understanding of concepts and issues relating to power in language use illuminates the representation of power within the text. [36]**

OR

3 LANGUAGE AND GENDER

Read TEXT B in your RESOURCE BOOKLET and answer the question.

Using appropriate terminology, examine TEXT B in the light of the ways in which gender is represented. In your answer you should:

**analyse the relevant language features of the text
explore how contextual factors and language features
construct meanings
consider the ways in which your understanding of
concepts and issues relating to gender in language
use illuminates the representation of gender within
the text. [36]**

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