

**Modified Enlarged 36pt  
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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