

General Certificate of Secondary Education
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**ENGLISH (SPECIFICATION B) MATURE
Paper 1
Higher Tier**

3703/1H

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Tuesday 3 June 2008 9.00 am to 10.40 am

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book
- Section A of the pre-release booklet (enclosed).

Time allowed: 1 hour 40 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is 3703/1H.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers in the answer book provided.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must refer to Section A of the pre-release booklet provided.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 54.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your Reading in Section A.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your Writing in Section B.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about one hour on Section A and about 40 minutes on Section B.

SECTION A: READING**MEDIA AND NON-FICTION TEXTS**

Answer **both** questions in this section.

You are advised to spend about one hour on this section.

This includes 10 minutes reminding yourself of the content of the pre-release booklet.

You will be assessed on the quality of your Reading.

1 Media Texts

In your pre-release booklet look again at ‘I Live With 70 Other Widows’ on page 5 and at the text dealing with ‘The police cell’ and ‘The prison cell’ on page 7.

What differences do you find in these texts?

Write about:

- the content of each text
- the use of pictures
- fact and opinion in the texts.

(13 marks)

2 Non-fiction Text

Read the extract on the page opposite, which comes from Hugo Hamilton’s book, *The Speckled People*, in which the writer recalls features of his home life.

What differing approaches to home life do Hamilton’s mother and father display? How does the language and structure of the extract bring out the differences? (14 marks)

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SECTION B: WRITING TO ARGUE, PERSUADE, ADVISE

You are advised to spend about 40 minutes on this section.

You will be assessed on the quality of your Writing.

- 3** It is sometimes said that young people now remain at home for too long and fail to establish an independent life.

Write a newspaper article in which you argue for or against the view that young people have the right to remain at home for as long as they wish. (27 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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