

General Certificate of Secondary Education
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ENGLISH (SPECIFICATION B)
Paper 2
Higher Tier

3701/2H

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Friday 10 June 2005 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

In addition to this paper you will require:

- a 12-page answer book;
- the pre-release booklet.

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use blue or black ink or 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 3701/2H.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers in the answer book provided.
- You must refer to the pre-release booklet provided. Section B of the pre-release booklet must **not** contain any annotations.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
- You must **not** use a dictionary in this examination.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 54.
- Mark allocations 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 45 minutes on **Section A** and about 45 minutes on **Section B**.

SECTION A: READING**POETRY FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

You will be assessed on the quality of your Reading. You are reminded to comment on the cultural aspects of the poems.

- 1 Read the poem *The Women Carry River Water* opposite. Then remind yourself of the poem *On The Highway* on page 12 of the pre-release booklet. Both poems were written by the Vietnamese writer Nguyen Quang Thieu.

Write a comparison of the poems which includes:

- an explanation of what is being described in *The Women Carry River Water*
- reference to the effect of words in *The Women Carry River Water*
- comment on the similarities in theme and style between the poems.

(27 marks)

The Women Carry River Water

Their toes are bony, with long black nails;
They spread like chicken feet.
For five, fifteen, thirty years, I've watched
The women go down to the river for water.

Their hair knots break in torrents
Down the backs of their soft wet shirts.
They grip their shoulder poles with one hand;
The other holds white clouds.

As the river presses against its banks to turn,
The men bring fishing poles and dreams of the sea.
The magic fish turn away and cry;
Bobbers* lie still on the surface of the water.
The men, angry and sad, go far away.

For five, fifteen, thirty years, I've watched
The women come back from the river with water,
Crowds of naked children running behind and growing up.
The girls put poles on their shoulders and go to the river,
The boys carry fishing poles and dreams of the sea,
While the magic fish turn away and cry
Because they've seen the hook in the dazed bait.

NGUYEN QUANG THIEU

* Bobbers = used to keep a fishing line afloat in the water.

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SECTION B: WRITING TO ANALYSE, REVIEW, COMMENT

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

You will be assessed on the quality of your Writing.

- 2 A writing competition is to be held on the topic: 'Major issues for the coming decade'.

Write an essay in which you analyse and comment on the view that, despite some progress, women are still not treated equally to men. (27 marks)

END OF QUESTIONS

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