

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**General Certificate of Secondary Education**

**ENGLISH (Specification 1900)**

**2431/2**

UNIT 1 Non-Fiction, Media and Information

PAPER 2 (Higher Tier)

Tuesday **10 JANUARY 2006** Afternoon 1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials:  
8 page answer booklet  
Insert

**TIME** 1 hour 45 minutes. (No separate reading time is allowed.)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces on the answer booklet.
- Answer **ALL** the questions.
- Find the **INSERT** inside this paper. This contains the **reading materials for Section A**.
- Write your answers, in blue or black ink, in the answer booklet provided.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what to do before starting your answer.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The maximum mark for each question is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question.
- The total mark for this paper is **90**.
- **Section A** is worth 60 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 1 hour 10 minutes** on it.
- **Section B** is worth 30 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 35 minutes** on it.

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**This question paper consists of 4 printed pages.**

## SECTION A

You are advised to spend **no more than 1 hour 10 minutes** on Section A.

**Reading: NON-FICTION and MEDIA**

Read both passages carefully. **Question 1 refers to *A beast stalks this forest. But it's not a wolf ...* and question 2 to *Britain's bewildering love affair with dogs.***

*These answers will be marked for reading. Plan your answers and write them carefully.*

**1** *A beast stalks this forest. But it's not a wolf ...*

After reading closely Jim Perrin's account of his trip to Canada, outline what the article says about the relationships of different groups of people with the natural world of Saskatchewan.

In your answer you should refer to both facts and opinions given by the writer.

**Use your own words** as far as possible.

[30]

**2** *Britain's bewildering love affair with dogs.*

What do you think the writer sets out to achieve in writing this article and how far do you think he is successful?

In your answer you should comment on the content and language of the article.

[30]

**SECTION B**

You are advised to spend **no more than 35 minutes** on Section B.

**Writing to INFORM, EXPLAIN, DESCRIBE**

*This answer will be marked for writing. Plan your answer and write it carefully. Leave enough time to check through and correct what you have written.*

- 3** You have been asked to give an informative talk to your class explaining some of the ways animals are of benefit to human beings.

**Write the words of your talk.**

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