

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
General Certificate of Secondary Education

ENGLISH (Specification 1900)

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UNIT 2 Different Cultures, Analysis and Argument

PAPER 1 (Foundation Tier)

Wednesday **18 JANUARY 2006** Afternoon 1 hour 45 minutes

Additional materials:

ALL texts permitted in examination room. **Texts must not be annotated.**
8 page answer booklet

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.
- You must answer **THREE** questions.
In **Section A**, answer **ONE question** on the text you have studied.
In **Section B** answer **BOTH questions**.
- 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 total mark for this paper is **63**. All questions carry equal marks.
- The maximum mark for each question is given in brackets [].
- **Section A** is worth 21 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 35 minutes** on it.
- **Section B** is worth 42 marks. You are advised to spend **no more than 1 hour 10 minutes** on it.

This question paper consists of 7 printed pages and 1 blank page.

SECTION A: Reading

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

TEXTS FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES AND TRADITIONS

Answer **ONE** question from this section, on the text you have studied.

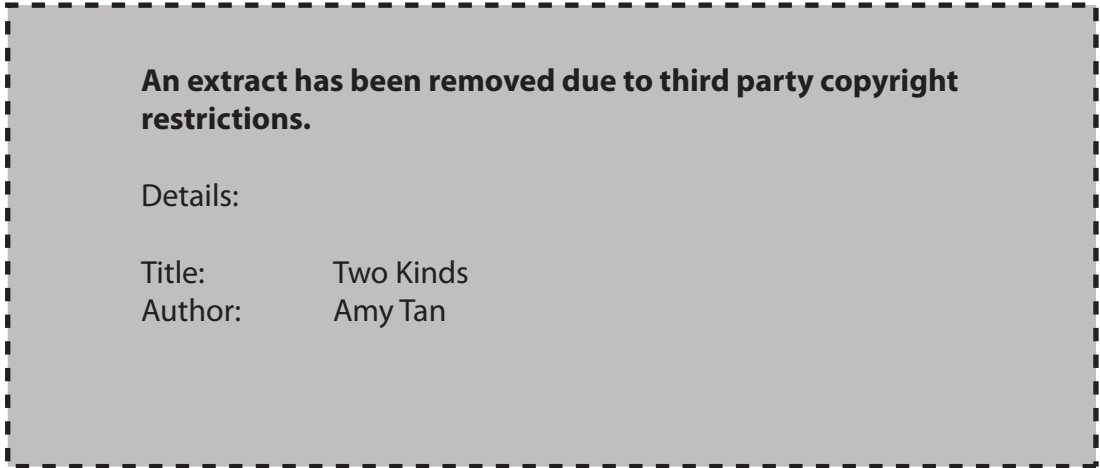
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Opening Worlds (OCR)

Dead Men's Path; Snapshots of a Wedding; The Train from Rhodesia; The Gold-Legged Frog; The Tall Woman and Her Short Husband; Two Kinds.

Either 1 Remind yourself of the following passage from Two Kinds . Then answer the question that follows.

'No!' I said, and...



...my mother' I shouted

- (1) How do the writers in this and in one other story from the list above explain the reasons for an angry conflict between two characters?

Support your answer by referring to and quoting from the stories.

Remember to put quotation marks round any words and phrases you use from the stories. [21]

Or 2 Each story in the list above presents a way of life. Explain how the way of life described by the writer influences what happens, in any two of the stories.

Support your answer by referring to and quoting from the stories.

Remember to put quotation marks round any words and phrases you use from the stories. [21]

The Old Man and the Sea (Hemingway)

Either 3 Remind yourself of the passage below, then answer the question which follows.

The blood ran down...

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Title:	The Old Man and the Sea
Author:	Ernest Hemingway
ISBN:	3190001502

...until I am dead'

- (3) What do the Old Man's struggles with the marlin and the sharks here and elsewhere in the novel tell you about him as a man?

Support your answer by referring to and quoting from the novel.

Remember to put quotation marks round any words and phrases you use from the novel. [21]

Or 4 Choose one or two occasions in the novel and explain how the writer shows the Old Man as a hero.

Support your answer by referring to and quoting from the novel.

Remember to put quotation marks round any words and phrases you use from the novel. [21]

Things Fall Apart (Achebe)

Either 5 Remind yourself of the passage below, then answer the question which follows.

Every woman immediately abandoned...

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Details:

Title:	Things Fall Apart
Author:	Chinua Achebe
ISBN-10:	0385474547
ISBN-13:	978 0385474

...cry had been raised

- (5) Explain the importance of the part women play in village life, here and on one other occasion in the novel.

Support your answer by referring to and quoting from the novel.

Remember to put quotation marks round any words and phrases you use from the novel. [21]

Or 6 Why is Okonkwo so disappointed in his eldest son, Nwoye?

Support your answer by referring to and quoting from the novel.

Remember to put quotation marks round any words and phrases you use from the novel. [21]

SECTION B: Writing

The material on this page may help you think about the writing tasks in Section B.

TIME TO CHANGE?

'THE GRASS IS GREENER ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE.'
People are never satisfied with what they've got.

TEENAGE LIFESTYLE
Many more teenagers than ever before are concerned about their fitness and are taking up exercise as a result.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS!
Many people are frightened of change but each change brings new opportunities.

NEW TIMES, NEW JOBS
The Government has asked some local councils to find appropriate sites for new employment opportunities.

GIVE YOURSELF A FACELIFT!
'Changing Rooms' and 'Ground Force' and similar make-over programmes have been some of the most popular of all television viewing.

SECTION B: Writing

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

Do BOTH tasks.

In your writing you may:

- develop your own ideas;
- develop some of the ideas from the material on the opposite page.

Writing to Analyse, Review, Comment

7 Have changes in your life ever made you a better person? [21]

Writing to Argue, Persuade, Advise

8 Your School/College playing fields are to be sold off to make way for an industrial estate to create more jobs in your area.

Write a letter to your local newspaper arguing the case **for** or **against** this change.

Begin your letter "Dear Editor ..."

[21]

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