

GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
ENGLISH (Specification 1900)

2431/02

Unit 1 Non-Fiction, Media and Information (Higher Tier)

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet

OCR Supplied Materials:

- 8 page Answer Booklet
- Resource Booklet (2431/02/RBI – inserted)

Other Materials Required:

None

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Morning

Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes



INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name clearly in capital letters, your Centre Number and Candidate Number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully and make sure that you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Find the **Reading Booklet Insert for Section A**.
- Do **not** write in the bar codes.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- **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.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **90**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

SECTION A

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

Reading: NON-FICTION and MEDIA

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

Read the article *Irresponsible drinking – is it getting worse?*

1 Outline concisely:

- what irresponsible drinking is and why people are concerned about it
- the proposals that have been made to deal with irresponsible drinking.

Use your own words as far as possible.

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Now read the article *What's wrong with 'Yoof'?* by Barbara Ellen.

2 In this article Barbara Ellen sets out to challenge in an entertaining way some of the criticisms levelled at young people.

Explain how she tries to do this.

You should explore:

- the way she presents her ideas
- the way she uses language to create a tone of voice.

[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 what you have written.

3 Write a letter to your local newspaper in which you **describe** a particular problem in your community and **explain** how you think it should be dealt with.

Begin your letter: 'Dear Editor ...'

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