

**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS  
GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**2431/02**

**ENGLISH (Specification 1900)**

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

**MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2010: Morning**

**DURATION: 1 hour 45 minutes**

**SUITABLE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CANDIDATES**

**Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**8 page Answer Booklet**

**Resource Booklet (2431/02/RBI – inserted)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **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.

## **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.

## 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. [30]

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 ...’ [30]**



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