

Tuesday 29 May 2012 – Morning**GCSE ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE****A680/02** Information and Ideas (Higher Tier)

Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:

- Reading Booklet Insert (A680/02/RBI – inserted)
- 8 page Answer Booklet (sent with general stationery)

Other materials required:

None

Duration: 2 hours**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Find the Reading Booklet Insert for use with the questions in Section **A**.
- The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section **A** and **one** question in Section **B**.
- Write in the margin the number of the question you are answering.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- 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 **40** marks.
- Section **B** is worth **40** marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **80**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Answer **all** the questions in Section **A** and **one** question in Section **B**.

SECTION A – Non Fiction and Media

You are advised to spend about one hour on Section A.

Read carefully the two passages *Stretch limos for 11-year-olds* and *My Child's Big Fat Birthday Party* and then answer questions 1, 2 and 3. The questions will be marked for reading.

1 *Stretch limos for 11-year-olds*

Outline concisely from the article how the parents and other adults referred to feel about primary school leaving celebrations.

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

[12]

2 *Stretch limos for 11-year-olds*

The heading of the article suggests that parents are wrong to pay for expensive school leaving celebrations for 11-year-olds.

By referring closely to **use of language** and **presentation**, explore how the article supports this view.

[14]

3 *My Child's Big Fat Birthday Party*

How does the writer's **use of language** in this article convey his attitude towards the children's parties and towards the adults and children involved in them?

[14]

SECTION B – Writing

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on Section B.

Answer EITHER question 4 OR question 5.

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

Either

- 4 ‘Children nowadays are encouraged to grow up too fast. The pressures to behave like an adult destroy the enjoyment of being a child.’

What do you think? Write the words of a talk to your class giving your views.

[40]

Or

- 5 Write about a celebration you attended which turned out to be more enjoyable than expected.

[40]

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