OCR | A-LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE | H470/01

Exploring language

June 2025 exam series

QUESTION PAPER

Provided for free student revision by Smart Edge International Ltd.
Original material copyright OCR and its licensors. SmartEdge is not affiliated with or endorsed by OCR. For personal study only.
Not for resale or redistribution.

Oxford Cambridge and RSA

Wednesday 21 May 2025 – Afternoon

A Level English Language

H470/01 Exploring language

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes

You must have:
- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
- the Resource Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS
- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **all** the questions.
- Use the Resource Booklet to answer the questions in Sections A and C.

INFORMATION
- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets **[ ]**.
- This document has **4** pages.

ADVICE
- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

© OCR 2025 [601/4702/7]
DC (ST) 339170/2
OCR is an exempt Charity

smartedgestudy.com
Original material: OCR | SmartEdge! free revision library | Page 1 of 4

Section A
Language under the microscope

You should spend about **40 minutes** on this section.

Read **Text A** in the **Resource Booklet** and answer the questions.

1 Giving careful consideration to the context of the text:

(a) Identify and analyse patterns of lexical and semantic use. **[10]**

(b) Identify and analyse the way sentences are constructed. **[10]**

Section B
Writing about a topical language issue

You should spend about **45 minutes** on this section.

2 'We should let languages die and enjoy those that are still alive and evolving.'

Write an article for a UK newspaper, critically responding to this statement.
'Language' can refer to any written or spoken communication which is widely available to the general public. You need to engage a reasonably well-educated, non-specialist audience.

Aim to write 500 words. **[24]**

© OCR 2025

Section C
Comparing and contrasting texts

You should spend a **maximum** of **1 hour and 5 minutes** on this section.
Spend **15 minutes** reading and preparing your answer and about **50 minutes** writing your answer.

Read **Texts B** and **C** in the **Resource Booklet** and answer the question.

3 Using appropriate linguistic concepts and methods, analyse the ways in which language is used in these two texts. In your answer you should:

- explore connections and variations between the texts
- consider how contextual factors contribute to the construction of meaning. **[36]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

© OCR 2025

smartedgestudy.com

OCR
Oxford Cambridge and RSA

Copyright Information

OCR is committed to seeking permission to reproduce all third-party content that it uses in its assessment materials. OCR has attempted to identify and contact all copyright holders whose work is used in this paper. To avoid the issue of disclosure of answer-related information to candidates, all copyright acknowledgements are reproduced in the OCR Copyright Acknowledgements Booklet. This is produced for each series of examinations and is freely available to download from our public website (www.ocr.org.uk) after the live examination series.

If OCR has unwittingly failed to correctly acknowledge or clear any third-party content in this assessment material, OCR will be happy to correct its mistake at the earliest possible opportunity.

For queries or further information please contact The OCR Copyright Team, The Triangle Building, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge CB2 8EA.

OCR is part of Cambridge University Press & Assessment, which is itself a department of the University of Cambridge.

© OCR 2025

H470/01 Jun25