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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(7701/2)

Paper 2: Language Varieties

2015

Morning

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 8-page answer booklet.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is 7701/2.
- There are **two** sections:
 - Section A: Language Diversity
 - Section B: Language Discourses
- Answer **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 from Section A **and** Question 3 from Section B.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 70.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 30 marks for **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2 and 40 marks for Question 3.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- It is recommended that you spend about 40 minutes writing your Section A answer and 50 minutes writing your Section B answer.
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Section A
Language Diversity

Answer **one** question in this section.

Either

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Discuss the idea that a person's language might be affected by their occupation.

In your answer you should discuss concepts and issues from language study. You should use your own supporting examples and the data in **Text A**, below.

Text A is part of a conversation among staff in a restaurant kitchen.

[30 marks]

Text A

Jack: check on one no starters Al (.) one risotto (.) one chicken [*background noise*]

Ed: yeah

Al: yeah

Jack: Al get us a bottle of Chablis (.) table two

Al: | I'm not (.) [*laughter*] don't you chuffin' start mate |

Ed: | are you gonna wash any dishes tonight |

Jack: right ready for starters on | two |

Al: | yeah yeah yeah yeah |

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Transcription Key:

(.) indicates a normal pause

[*italics*] contextual indicator

Words between vertical lines are spoken simultaneously

Source: Private Data

Turn over for the next question

or

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Discuss the idea that women and men use language differently.

In your answer you should discuss concepts and issues from language study. You should use your own supporting examples and the data in **Table 1**, below.

Table 1 gives details of the turns, speaking time and interruptions at a staff meeting.

[30 marks]

Table 1

Speaker	Average turns per meeting	Average no. of seconds per turn	Average 'did interrupt' per meeting	Average 'was interrupted' per meeting
Woman A	5.5	7.8	0.5	3.0
Woman B	5.8	10.0	0.0	3.0
Woman C	8.0	3.0	1.0	3.2
Woman D	20.5	8.5	2.0	7.5
Man E	11.3	16.5	2.0	2.6
Man F	32.3	17.1	8.0	6.7
Man G	32.6	13.2	6.6	6.3
Man H	30.2	10.7	4.3	5.0
Man I	17.0	15.8	4.5	2.5

Source: B Dubois and I Crouch, 'The question of tag questions in women's speech: they don't really use more of them, do they?' *Language in Society*, 4, 03, pp289-294. Reproduced with permission.

Turn over for Section B

Turn over ▶

Section B

Language Discourses

Answer the question in this section

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Text B is the start of an article in which a newspaper columnist discusses a celebrity who changed her local accent.

Text B

Alreet pet, there's nowt wrong with trying to sound posh... JAN MOIR defends James Middleton's new girlfriend for dropping her Geordie accent

Excuse me, pet. What in the name of stottie cake has happened to Donna Air's accent? Interviewed on Daybreak television this week, the Geordie actress and personality appears to have mislaid the jaunty cadences of her native Newcastle somewhere on the road from La-Di-Dah to Snootsville.

'I'm just heah to talk about Cowes Week today,' she rather grandly told presenter Kate Garraway, who had been impertinent enough to ask Lady Donna d'Airs et Graces about her romance with James Middleton.



Airs and graces: Donna with James Middleton

Source: Daily Mail

Write an opinion article in which you discuss the issues surrounding people changing their accents. Before writing your article you should state your intended audience.

[40 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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Text A: Private Data

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