GCSE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
(8700)
Paper 2 Writers’ viewpoints and perspectives

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
- Source A and Source B – which are provided as a separate insert

Instructions
- Answer all questions.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes on this page.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must refer to the insert booklet provided.
- You must not use a dictionary.

Information
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark of this paper is 80.
- There are 40 marks for Section A and 40 marks for Section B.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your reading in Section A.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your writing in Section B.

Advice
- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the Source and all five questions you have to answer.
- You should make sure you leave sufficient time to check your answers.
Section A: Reading

Answer all questions in this section.
You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Read again the first part of Source A from lines 1 to 15.
Choose four statements below which are TRUE.

- Shade the boxes of the ones that you think are true.
- Choose a maximum of four statements.

[4 marks]

A  Jay Rayner has good memories of his time in school.
B  Jay Rayner was happy to help his son with his homework.
C  As a boy, Jay Rayner worried about handing in his homework on Monday mornings.
D  Jay Rayner could not think of a food metaphor to help his son.
E  Jay Rayner was very able in school.
F  As a boy, Jay Rayner did not enjoy doing homework.
G  Jay Rayner looked forward to receiving feedback from his teachers.
H  Jay Rayner makes a joke to cover up his own real exam results.
You need to refer to Source A and Source B for this question.

Use details from both Sources. Write a summary of the differences between Eddie and Henry.

[8 marks]
You now need to refer only to Source B, the letter by Henry written to his father.

How does Henry use language to try to influence his father?

[12 marks]
For this question, you need to refer to the whole of Source A, together with Source B, the father’s letter to a family friend.

Compare how the two writers convey their different attitudes to parenting and education.

In your answer, you could:

- compare their different attitudes
- compare the methods they use to convey their attitudes
- support your ideas with references to both texts.

[16 marks]
Section B: Writing
You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.
Write in full sentences.
You are reminded of the need to plan your answer.
You should leave enough time to check your work at the end.

‘Homework has no value. Some students get it done for them; some don’t do it at all. Students should be relaxing in their free time.’

Write an article for a broadsheet newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.

(24 marks for content and organisation
16 marks for technical accuracy)

[40 marks]