GCSE
ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Paper 2  Writers’ viewpoints and perspectives

Friday 5 June 2020  Morning  Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials
For this paper you must have:
• Source A and Source B – provided as a separate insert.

Instructions
• Answer all questions.
• Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
• Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
• You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
• Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
• If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
• 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 for 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 sources and all five questions you have to answer.
• You are advised to plan your answer to Question 5 before you start to write.
• 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 4.

Choose four statements below which are true.
• Shade the circles in the boxes of the ones that you think are true.
• Choose a maximum of four statements.
• If you make an error cross out the whole box.
• If you change your mind and require a statement that has been crossed out then draw a circle around the box.

[4 marks]

A  The climbers were sheltered from the wind.
B  The glacier was higher up the mountain.
C  They had been on the mountain for at least five days.
D  Base camp was more than 3000 feet below them.
E  Joe thought they would make it back to base camp quickly.
F  There were no more uphill sections to climb.
G  The climbers were feeling more positive now than they were before.
H  On the ice cliff, the climbers had felt overwhelmed by despair.
You need to refer to Source A and Source B for this question.

Both writers are accompanied by another person on their adventure: Simon in Source A, and Marius in Source B.

Use details from both sources to write a summary of what you understand about the differences between the two companions, Simon and Marius.

[8 marks]
Extra space


Turn over for the next question
You now need to refer only to Source A from lines 23 to 31.

How does the writer use language to describe how he feels?

[12 marks]
For this question, you need to refer to the **whole of Source A**, together with the **whole of Source B**.

Compare how the writers convey their different feelings and perspectives on their adventures in the mountains.

In your answer, you could:

- compare their different feelings and perspectives on their adventures
- compare the methods the writers use to convey their feelings and perspectives
- support your response 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.

‘People have become obsessed with travelling ever further and faster. However, travel is expensive, dangerous, damaging and a foolish waste of time!’

Write an article for a news website in which you argue your point of view on this statement.

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

[40 marks]

You are advised to plan your answer to Question 5 before you start to write.