



A level English Language paper 3 (9EN0/03): A review of the type of source material given in the live question papers

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following feedback received from centres after the first sitting of A level English Language 9EN0/03 in summer 2017, we have conducted a careful review of the types of sources used in Section A of this paper. In particular, we concentrated on whether the sources should be solely primary or a mixture of primary and secondary. Both are admissible according to the specification, but we recognise that greater clarity is necessary.

Following this review, we can confirm that only primary sources will be used for Section A of this paper in future. This decision will ensure that the type of source used in live papers will be consistent with the sources used in the Sample Assessment Materials, the Specimen Papers and the other live assessments in A level English Language. This is in line with the stated aims of the assessment. The use of only primary sources in paper 3 will be effective from summer 2018.

We hope that this information is clear. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the English Assessment Team at emenglish@pearson.com.

Kind regards,
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