

English Language 2.0

PAPER 2: Contemporary Texts

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Time: 1 hour 55 minutes

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**YOU MUST HAVE**

**Source Booklet**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**Nil**

**INSTRUCTIONS**

**Answer ALL questions in Section A and ONE in Section B.**

**You should spend about 1 hour and 10 minutes on Section A.**

**You should spend about 45 minutes on Section B.**

**Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.**

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## **INFORMATION**

**The total mark for this paper is 80.**

**The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.**

**Questions labelled with an ASTERISK (\*) are ones where the quality of your written communication will be assessed – you should take particular care on these questions with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.**

## **ADVICE**

**Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.**

**Check your answers if you have time at the end.**

## **SECTION A**

### **Reading**

**You should spend about 1 hour and 10 minutes on this section.**

**Read Text 1 in the Source Booklet and answer Questions 1–2.**

**Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

- 1 From lines 1–10, identify ONE word or phrase that shows the young boxer is training hard.**

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**(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)**

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**2 Read this extract.**

**morose<sup>1</sup> – glum or moody**

**His face morose<sup>1</sup>, the boy went off to check out the gloves. Tully continued his warm-up and was breathing heavily by the time the other returned. They pulled on the gloves in silence and entered the ring. When Tully reached out to touch gloves, the boy sprang warily away. Smiling tolerantly, Tully pursued him. After that he felt only desperation because everything happened so quickly: smashes on his nose, jolts against his mouth and eyes, the long body eluding him, bounding unbelievably about the ring while Tully, flinching and covering, tried to set himself to counter. In sudden rage he lunged, swinging like a street fighter, and his leg buckled. Hissing with pain, he began hopping around the ring.**

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**In the extract, how does the writer use language to present the boxers' experiences?**

**Use examples from the extract and relevant subject terminology.  
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**Read Text 2 in the Source Booklet  
and answer Questions 3–4.**

**Write your answers in the  
spaces provided.**

**3 Read this extract.**

**liniment<sup>1</sup> – an oil-based liquid used to help relax muscles**

**main drag<sup>2</sup> – main street**

**In a stadium smelling of peppermint liniment<sup>1</sup>, along the main drag<sup>2</sup> in Patong, two young women wearing boxing gloves, ornate headdresses and eye-catching vests and shorts climb under the ropes and circle the ring, pausing to bow at each corner. A quartet on oboe, drums and cymbals strikes up a keening rhythm from the stands as one of the pair, a diminutive Thai, performs an elaborate war dance; the other fighter, pale-skinned, red-haired, stares into the middle distance, waiting for the bell to ping.**

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**From the extract, identify ONE way the preparations for the event seem special.**

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- 4 The writer presents a number of people taking part in an interesting sporting activity.**

**How does the writer try to interest and engage the reader?**

**You should include:**

- **the writer's use of language**
- **the writer's use of structure**
- **the effect on the reader.**

**Use examples from the whole text and relevant subject terminology.  
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**Questions 5–6 are on both Text 1 and Text 2.**

**Remember to refer to both texts in your answers.**

**Write your answers in the spaces provided.**

- 5 Text 1 and Text 2 both show people participating in physically demanding activities. The activities are different, but they share similarities.**

**Write a summary giving THREE separate ways the activities are similar.**

**Support each separate similarity with evidence from BOTH texts.  
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**6 Compare the writers' ideas and perspectives about taking part in dangerous sports.**

**You should compare the:**

- **main ideas**
- **points of view**
- **presentation of these ideas and views.**

**Use examples from both texts to support your comparison.  
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## **SECTION B**

### **Writing**

**Answer ONE question in this section.  
You should spend about 45 minutes  
on this section.**

**Write your answer in the  
space provided.**

**EITHER**

**\*7 Write an imaginative piece that starts with the line:**

**‘I felt I still had so much left to give.’**

**\*Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

**(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)**

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**OR**

**\*8 Look at the images for Question 8 in the Source Booklet.**

**Write about a time when you, or someone you know, had to prepare for an event.**

**Your response could be real or imagined.**

**You MAY wish to base your response on one of the images in the Source Booklet or use any ideas of your own.**

**\*Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

**(Total for Question 8 = 40 marks)**

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Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.

Chosen question number:

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