

English Language A
PAPER 1: Non-fiction Texts and
Transactional Writing

Total Marks

Monday 5 June 2023 – Morning

Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

Surname					
Other names					
Centre Number					
Candidate Number					

YOU MUST HAVE

Source Booklet (enclosed)

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Nil

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ALL questions in Section A and ONE question from Section B.

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

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 90.

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

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INFORMATION continued.

Quality of written communication, including vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar, will be taken into account in your response to Section B.

Copies of the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology may NOT be brought into the examination.

Dictionaries may NOT be used in this examination.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

SECTION A

Reading

Answer ALL questions in this section.

You should spend about 1 hour and 30 minutes on this section.

The following questions are based on Text One and Text Two in the Source Booklet.

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SECTION A continued.**Text One: WAR DOCTOR**

- 1 From lines 4–9, select TWO words or phrases that explain why David Nott works in war zones.
(2 marks)**

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(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)

2 Look again at lines 51–79.

**In your own words, describe
what happens.
(4 marks)**

Answer lines continue on the next 2 pages.

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(Total for Question 2 = 4 marks)

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- 3 From lines 118–138, explain what we learn about David Nott's thoughts and actions.**

**You may support your points with BRIEF quotations.
(5 marks)**

Answer lines continue on the next 3 pages.

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(Total for Question 3 = 5 marks)

Text Two: From A PASSAGE TO AFRICA

Remind yourself of the extract from A PASSAGE TO AFRICA (Text Two in the Source Booklet).

- 4 How does the writer, George Alagiah, use language and structure in Text Two to shock the reader?**

**You should support your answer with close reference to the extract, including BRIEF quotations.
(12 marks)**

Answer lines continue on the next 9 pages.

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(Total for Question 4 = 12 marks)

Question 5 is based on both Text One and Text Two from the Source Booklet.

- 5 Compare how the writers present their ideas and perspectives about their experiences.**

**Support your answer with detailed examples from both texts, including BRIEF quotations.
(22 marks)**

Answer lines continue on the next 12 pages.

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(Total for Question 5 = 22 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 45 MARKS

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SECTION B

Transactional Writing

Answer ONE question in this section.

**You should spend about 45 minutes
on your chosen question.**

Begin your answer on page 39.

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SECTION B continued.**EITHER**

- 6 ‘By helping others, we can also help ourselves and our communities.’**

Write a guide for young people suggesting ways in which they might help other people.

Your guide may include:

- **suggestions as to who might be helped and how**
- **ways in which helping others can help us and our communities**
- **any other points you wish to make.**

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

(Total for Question 6 = 45 marks)

SECTION B continued.**OR**

- 7 A magazine is inviting readers to send in an article about the people, places or things that they will never forget.**

Write the article that you would submit to the magazine.

Your article may include:

- **a description of the people, places or things that you will never forget**
- **an explanation of why these are so memorable**
- **any other points you wish to make.**

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

(Total for Question 7 = 45 marks)

BEGIN YOUR ANSWER ON THE NEXT PAGE

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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:

Question 6 ☐ Question 7 ☐

Answer lines continue on the next 18 pages.

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 45 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 90 MARKS
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