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 sources 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 Source A from lines 1 to 12.

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  Base camp is a cosy and happy place.  
B  The temperature at base camp drops when the sun goes down.  
C  Salkeld was so cold that she needed to put on more clothes.  
D  The storm had hit Everest from the north.  
E  Salkeld was excited at the sight of the storm.  
F  Salkeld had often seen storms like this on Everest.  
G  They watched as the storm got closer to them.  
H  The approaching storm looked like something from the end of the world.
You need to refer to **Source A** and **Source B** for this question.

The effects of the weather on people in both sources are very different.

Use details from **both** sources to write a summary of the different ways people are affected by the weather.

[8 marks]
You now need to refer **only** to **Source A** from **lines 13 to 23**.

How does the writer use language to describe the storm?

[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 perspectives on the extreme weather conditions.

In your answer, you could:

- compare their different perspectives on the extreme weather conditions
- compare the methods the writers use to convey their different perspectives
- support your response with references to both texts.

[16 marks]
‘Snow seems like it is picturesque, exciting and fun but in reality it causes accidents, inconvenience and economic disruption.’

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

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

[40 marks]
There are no questions printed on this page