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 source 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 the first part of source A, lines 1 to 14.

Choose four statements below which are TRUE.
• Shade the boxes of the ones that you think are true
• Choose a maximum of four statements.

A  Anton is standing in water, covered in mud.
B  Anton is being carried away by the current.
C  Glastonbury is a scene of near-total devastation.
D  The moorings of the tents are floating down the hillside.
E  The writer is shivering and caught in a thunderstorm.
F  Half-naked people are running after their tents.
G  At first, the writer was not pleased to be sent to Glastonbury.
H  The writer was not surprised to find it was wet and muddy.

[4 marks]
You need to refer to **source A** and **source B** for this question:

The things to see and do at Glastonbury Festival and Greenwich Fair are different.

Use details from both sources to write a summary of the differences.

[8 marks]
You now need to refer only to source B, Dickens’ description of the fair itself (from line 19 to the end).

How does Dickens use language to make you, the reader, feel part of the fair?

[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 have conveyed their different views and experiences of the festival and fair they describe.

In your answer, you could:

• compare their different views and experiences
• compare the methods they use to convey those views and experiences
• support your ideas 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.

‘Festivals and fairs should be banned. They encourage bad behaviour and are disruptive to local communities.’

Write a letter to your local newspaper in which you argue for or against this statement.

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

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

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