

AS **ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

Paper 2 Language varieties

7701/2

Wednesday 8 June 2016 Afternoon

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

For this paper you must have:

- An AQA 12-page answer book
- Booklet of Transcripts.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The PAPER REFERENCE is 7701/2.
- There are two sections:
 - Section A: Language diversity
 - Section B: Language discourses.
- Answer EITHER Question 1 OR Question 2 from Section A AND Question 3 from Section B.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

INFORMATION

- The maximum mark for this paper is 70.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 30 marks for either Question 1 or Question 2 and 40 marks for Question 3.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

ADVICE

 It is recommended that you spend about 40 minutes writing your Section A answer and 50 minutes writing your Section B answer.

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SECTION A

Language diversity

Answer ONE question in this section.

EITHER

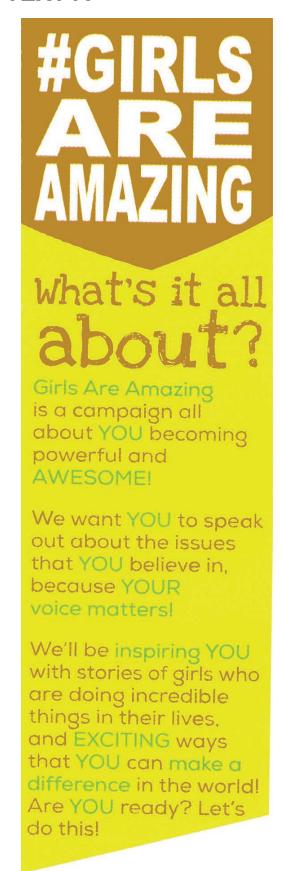
0 1 Discuss the idea that language can affect people's views of social groups.

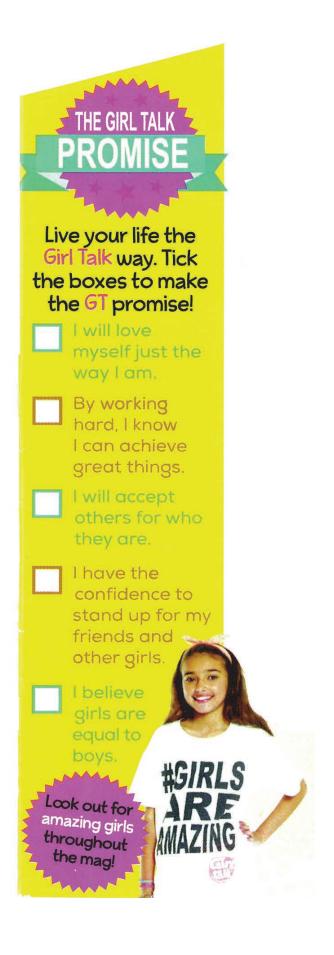
In your answer you should discuss concepts and issues from language study. You should use your own supporting examples and the data in Text A, below. There is a large print transcript of Text A in the Booklet of Transcripts.

Text A is the editorial introduction from a magazine, 'Girl Talk', aimed at young girls.

[30 marks]

TEXT A





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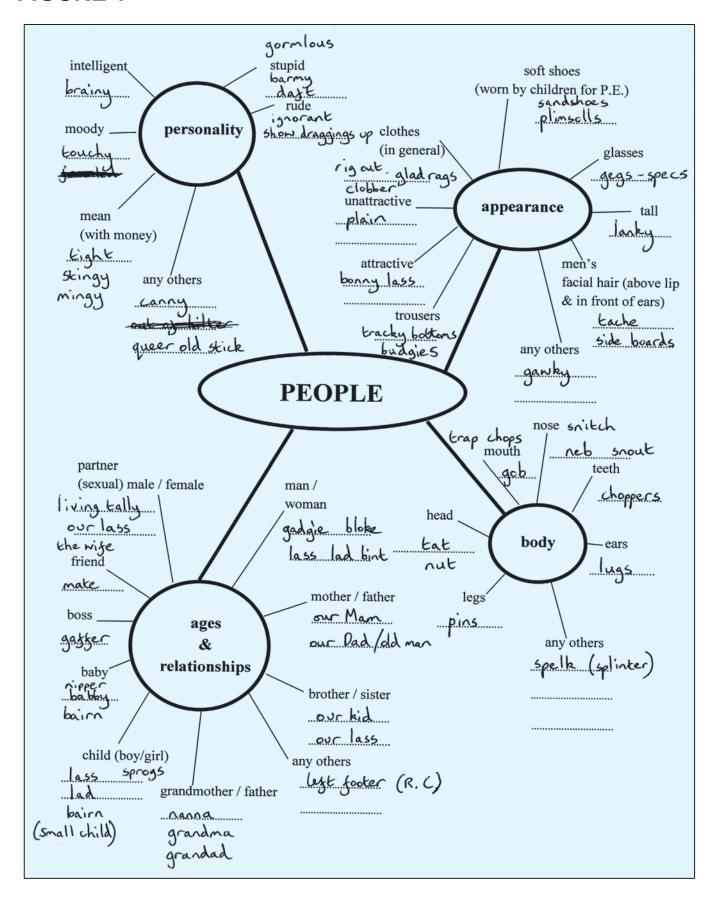
OR

0 2 Discuss the idea that where someone comes from affects the language they use.

In your answer you should discuss concepts and issues from language study. You should use your own supporting examples and the data in Figure 1, below. There is a large print transcript of Figure 1 in the Booklet of Transcripts.

Figure 1 is a form to find out words a person uses when talking about people. It has been filled in by a person from Teesside in the north-east of England. [30 marks]

FIGURE 1



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SECTION B

Language discourses

Answer the question in this section.

0 3 Text B is the start of a newspaper article. The article reports some claims made about male and female speech. There is a large print transcript of Text B in the Booklet of Transcripts.

TEXT B

Men are from 'er' and women are from 'um': Speech markers reveal details about your age, sex and lifestyle, scientists claim

- Separate studies found that men and older people prefer using 'er'
- Women and teenagers more likely to use 'um' during gaps in speech
- In an interview, Barack Obama used 'uh' the equivalent of 'er' 9 times
- Interview with Kim Kardashian showed her use 'um' 100% of the time
- Footballer David Beckham is classed as a 'betweener' using a mix
- Trend in women is more prominent, claims Professor Josef Fruehwald
- There is no conclusive theory as to why women prefer to use 'um'

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A major rift has emerged within the English-speaking world, pitting Barack Obama against Kim Kardashian and Eminem against David Beckham.

The division is between 'ummers' and 'errers', and, while you may not be aware of it, your gender and age could have a huge influence on which group you fall into.

Men and older people prefer to use 'er' during gaps in speech, while women and teenagers are more likely to use 'um', according to recent research.

Write an opinion article in which you discuss the issues surrounding claims that women and men use language differently. Before writing your article you should state your intended audience. [40 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

There are no questions printed on this page

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