



**GCE AS/A LEVEL**

**2700U10-1**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE – AS UNIT 1**

**EXPLORING LANGUAGE**

**MONDAY, 14 MAY 2018 – MORNING**

**1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance**

## **ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

**A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**Answer both questions: one question in Section A and one question in Section B.**

**Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided.**

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question. You should divide your time accordingly.**

**You are reminded that assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.**

## **SECTION A**

### **ANALYSING LANGUAGE**

- 1. The three texts on pages 5-10 present a range of reactions to the election of Donald Trump as American president in November 2016. Read Texts A, B and C and then answer the question below.**

**Analyse and evaluate the language used in each of these texts to reflect the writers' reactions to Trump's victory.**

**In your answer, you should consider:**

- the purpose of each text and the ways in which the writers engage their audiences**
- how the writers portray the impact of Trump's election**
- the similarities and/or differences between the texts. [55]**

**TEXT A** is an extract from an editorial in an American magazine **THE NEW YORKER**. The magazine's editor, David Remnick, wrote the piece the day after the election.

**TEXT B** is an online article published on **Foxnews.com**, the website of an American news network. It was written in the hours after the election.

**TEXT C** is a Facebook post from the office of the British Prime Minister, Theresa May, written the day after the election.

**Text A: an extract from an editorial published  
in THE NEW YORKER magazine**

**AN AMERICAN TRAGEDY**

**by David Remnick**

**November 9th 2016**

The election of Donald Trump to the Presidency  
5 is nothing less than a tragedy for the American  
republic, a tragedy for the Constitution, and a triumph  
for the forces, at home and abroad, of nativism<sup>1</sup>,  
authoritarianism, misogyny, and racism. Trump's  
shocking victory, his ascension to the Presidency, is  
10 a sickening event in the history of the United States  
and liberal democracy. On January 20, 2017, we will bid  
farewell to the first African-American President—a man  
of integrity, dignity, and generous spirit—and witness  
the inauguration of a con who did little to spurn  
15 endorsement by forces of xenophobia<sup>2</sup> and white  
supremacy. It is impossible to react to this moment  
with anything less than revulsion and profound  
anxiety.

There are, inevitably, miseries to come: an increasingly  
20 reactionary Supreme Court; an emboldened right-  
wing Congress; a President whose disdain for women  
and minorities, civil liberties and scientific fact, to  
say nothing of simple decency, has been repeatedly  
demonstrated. Trump is vulgarity unbounded, a

25 knowledge-free national leader who will not only set  
markets tumbling but will strike fear into the hearts  
of the vulnerable, the weak, and, above all, the many  
varieties of Other whom he has so deeply insulted.

30 All along, Trump seemed like a twisted caricature of  
every rotten reflex of the radical right. That he has  
prevailed, that he has won this election, is a crushing  
blow to the spirit; it is an event that will likely cast  
the country into a period of economic, political, and  
social uncertainty that we cannot yet imagine. That  
35 the electorate has, in its plurality, decided to live in  
Trump's world of vanity, hate, arrogance, untruth, and  
recklessness is a fact that will lead, inevitably, to all  
manner of national decline and suffering.

40 It is all a dismal picture. Late last night, as the results  
were coming in from the last states, a friend called me  
full of sadness, full of anxiety about conflict, about  
war. Why not leave the country? But despair is no  
answer. To combat authoritarianism, to call out lies,  
to struggle honorably and fiercely in the name of  
45 American ideals—that is what is left to do. That is all  
there is to do.

<sup>1</sup>nativism - the policy of protecting the interests of  
native-born people

<sup>2</sup>xenophobia - the dislike of or prejudice against  
people from other countries

**Text B: an extract from an online article  
published on Foxnews.com**

**Trump wins presidency, defeats Clinton in  
historic election upset**

**Published November 08, 2016**

**Foxnews.com**

5 **Donald Trump, defying the pundits and polls to  
the end, defeated Hillary Clinton in Tuesday’s  
presidential election and claimed an establishment-  
stunning victory that exposes the depth of voter  
dissatisfaction – and signals immense changes  
10 ahead for American policy at home and abroad.**

**Speaking to cheering supporters early Wednesday  
morning at his victory party in New York City,  
President-Elect Trump said Clinton called to  
congratulate him, and Fox News confirms she has  
15 conceded. Despite their hard-fought campaign,  
Trump praised Clinton for her service and said, “It is  
time for us to come together as one united people.”**

**“I will be president for all Americans,” Trump vowed,  
after a brief introduction by running mate Mike Pence.  
20 Sounding a call to “reclaim our country’s destiny,”  
Trump declared: “The forgotten men and women of  
our country will be forgotten no longer. ... America  
will no longer settle for anything less than the best.”**

25 Trump will be the oldest president in U.S. history,  
entering the Oval Office at age 70. With her defeat,  
Clinton falls short in her second bid to become the  
first female president of the United States. Amid  
Trump's victory, his party also were projected  
to hold onto their majority, improving Trump's  
30 chances of advancing his agenda in office.

A surge of support in key battlegrounds – and  
especially surprise victories in states like  
Pennsylvania and Wisconsin – helped propel Trump  
to victory. Trump built a commanding lead early  
35 on with wins in heavily contested North Carolina,  
Florida, Ohio and Iowa.

Trump's victory marks the second time Clinton  
was thwarted in her bid to become the first female  
U.S. president, having been defeated by President  
40 Obama in their 2008 primary race. But Trump has  
been able to defy expectations from the start. He  
defeated a deep field of 16 competitors during  
the Republican primaries – stitching together a  
motivated coalition of voters invigorated by his  
45 outsider, populist message; throwing his rivals  
off their talking points during a raucous marathon  
of debates; and commanding media attention  
throughout with his unpredictable, learn-as-he-  
goes campaign style.

50 He also defied party orthodoxy<sup>1</sup>, railing against

free-trade deals and staking out a sometimes-confusing set of positions on foreign policy that may yet evolve. Democrats have criticized him heavily for statements expressing admiration for  
55 Russia's Vladimir Putin and a desire to rebuild ties with Moscow.

<sup>1</sup>orthodoxy - accepted theory and practice

## **Text C: a post from the official Facebook page of the British Prime Minister**

**THERESA MAY**

**9 November 2016**

**10 DOWNING STREET**

**I would like to congratulate Donald Trump on being elected the next President of the United States, following a hard-fought campaign.**

**Britain and the United States have an enduring and special relationship based on the values of freedom, democracy and enterprise.**

**We are, and will remain, strong and close partners on trade, security and defence.**

**I look forward to working with President-elect Donald Trump, building on these ties to ensure the security and prosperity of our nations in the years ahead. – Prime Minister Theresa May**

**LIKE**

**14k**

**COMMENT**

**SHARE**

**2,101 shares**

**SECTION B****CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH**

2. The following set of data is a selection of Instagram bios (biographies), where the contributors convey essential information about themselves.

Read the data then answer the question below. You should use appropriate terminology and provide relevant supporting examples.

**Use your knowledge of contemporary English to analyse and evaluate the ways in which contextual factors affect how writers use language in these Instagram bios. [25]**

**TEXT 1 (an American politician)**

**Hillary Clinton**

**5 posts          100k followers          0 following**

**Doting grandmother, among other things.**

**#Hillary2016 hrc.io/instagram**

**TEXT 2 (a photographer)**

**Instagram Famous Photographer**

**1923 posts          121k followers          1203 following**

**I have a ton of followers and IDK how it happened.**

People like me pics – metaphorically and literally. Honestly, I'm pretty talented, because I can make mundane situations look extraordinary. Why do I do it though? The 'likes' give me life. "Spiritual quote that has no connection to anything that has been said previously."

[LinkToMyTumblrWhichIsJustThesePhotosButIf YouFollowMeThereTooIWon'tFeelDeadInside.com](http://LinkToMyTumblrWhichIsJustThesePhotosButIfYouFollowMeThereTooIWon'tFeelDeadInside.com)

**TEXT 3 (an actor)**

**orlandobloom**

**143 posts      341k followers      177 following**

**orlandobloom Father, actor, UNICEF Goodwill**

**Ambassador. Grateful for this human life experiment.**

**TEXT 4 (an aspiring comedian)**

**Mojtaylor3**

**369 posts      446 followers      495 following**

**mojtaylor Public speaker, runner, diver. Push\_talks**

**Exec, occasional zombie. #London #Cheshire ...All**

**views my gnome. Let's get #shituations in dictionary**

**TEXT 5 (an online cook)**

**Foodie**

**153 posts      2719 followers      301 following**

**I haven't eaten or prepared a meal in years without**

**sharing it with the internet. It's my passion. #Foodie**

**#DIYcook...Does it bother you that I apparently live in a**

**fantastical land of majestic meals? If not, follow me on**

**Pinterest for cooking projects you'll fail at.**

**[Pinterest.com/ICreateUnrealisticStandardsOfCulinaryArtsForNormalPeople](https://www.pinterest.com/ICreateUnrealisticStandardsOfCulinaryArtsForNormalPeople)**

**TEXT 6 (the British Prime Minister)**

**ukprimeminister**

**47 posts**

**14.8k followers**

**10 following**

**UK Prime Minister The official account of the Prime Minister Theresa May, based at 10 Downing Street.**

**[www.number10.gov.uk](http://www.number10.gov.uk)**

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