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GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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 at the top of 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 for 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 are advised to plan your answer to Question 5 before you start to write.
- You should make sure you leave sufficient time to check your answers.

For Examiner's Use	
Question	Mark
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Section A: Reading

Answer **all** questions in this section.
You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

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Read again the first part of **Source A** from lines 3 to 18 (*'There's another ... they're NOT stars.'*).

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. Christians used to worship the oak tree.
- B. The triangle shape of a fir tree has religious significance.
- C. It is unlucky to decorate the Christmas tree with cobwebs.
- D. Lithuanians think straw birdcages are lucky decorations.
- E. In Czechoslovakia, they put egg yolk over the tree.
- F. In America, dyed popcorn is used to make a wreath.
- G. Horns and bells on a Christmas tree are supposed to scare away evil spirits.
- H. The writer is not convinced that the fairy at the top of a tree will scare away evil spirits.

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0 2

You need to refer to **Source A** and **Source B** for this question.

Both sources describe different traditions linked to the Christmas tree.

Use details from both sources to write a summary of what you understand about the **differences** between the traditions of the Christmas tree in Source A and Source B.

[8 marks]

0 3

You now need to refer only to **Source B** from lines 1 to 8 (*entries on the 22nd and 23rd December*). How does the writer use language to describe her excitement about Christmas?

[12 marks]

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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 and feelings about Christmas traditions.

In your answer, you could:

- compare their different perspectives and feelings
- compare the methods the writers use to convey their different perspectives and feelings
- support your response 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.

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‘Christmas has become all about businesses making money and nothing else; this puts more pressures on families to always strive to make each Christmas bigger than the last. We need to return to the real spirit of goodwill to all and peace on Earth!’

Write an article for a broadsheet newspaper in which you argue for or against this statement.

(24 marks for content and organisation

16 marks for technical accuracy)

[40 marks]