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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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Paper 4 Language Topics

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2 hours 15 minutes



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Section A: English in the world**Question 1**

Read the following text, which is an extract from an article published on a business website in 2021.

Discuss what you feel are the most important issues raised in the text relating to the changing use of English in the world. You should refer to specific details from the text as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of English in the world. [25]

Is English taking over the world? Or is the world taking over English?

Since I was a teenager, I worked and lived in a multilingual environment when I started a video game studio in Amsterdam.

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But what can also happen is that English can get *too cool* and essentially feel like trying too hard, and hence feeling pretentious and inauthentic.

Section B: Language and the self**Question 2**

Read the following text, which is an extract from an article in the American magazine *The Atlantic*, published in 2021.

Discuss what you feel are the most important issues raised in the text relating to the ways in which language can shape and reflect social identity. You should refer to specific details from the text as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of Language and the self. [25]

Why We Speak More Weirdly at Home

When people share a space, their collective experience can sprout its own vocabulary, known as a *familect*.

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‘The truth is,’ she said, ‘moment by moment, in everyday language use, we create our families.’

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