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# English Language A

## Paper 2

Monday 12 June 2017 – Morning  
**Time: 1 hour 30 minutes**

Paper Reference

**4EA0/02R**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer Question 1 and **ONE** writing task from Question 2.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- The quality of your written communication will be assessed in your response to Question 2  
– *you should take particular care on this question with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*
- Copies of the Edexcel Anthology for International GCSE and Certificate in English Language and Literature may **not** be brought into the examination.
- Dictionaries may **not** be used in this examination.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## Question 1: Reading

You should spend about 45 minutes on this question.

Remind yourself of *Electricity Comes to Cocoa Bottom* from the Edexcel Anthology and then answer Question 1.

### Electricity Comes to Cocoa Bottom

Then all the children of Cocoa Bottom  
went to see Mr. Samuel's electric lights.  
They camped on the grass bank outside his house,  
their lamps filled with oil,  
waiting for sunset, 5  
watching the sky turn yellow, orange.  
Grannie Patterson across the road  
peeped through the crack in her porch door.  
The cable was drawn like a pencil line across the sun.  
The fireflies waited in the shadows, 10  
their lanterns off.  
The kling-klings\* swooped in from the hills,  
congregating in the orange trees.  
A breeze coming home from sea held its breath;  
bamboo lining the dirt road stopped its swaying, 15  
and evening came as soft as chiffon curtains:  
Closing. Closing.

Light!  
Mr. Samuel smiling on the verandah –  
a silhouette against the yellow shimmer behind him – 20  
and there arising such a gasp,  
such a fluttering of wings,  
tweet-a-whit,  
such a swaying, swaying.  
Light! Marvellous light! 25  
And then the breeze rose up from above the trees,  
swelling and swelling into a wind  
such that the long grass bent forward  
stretching across the bank like so many bowed heads.  
And a voice in the wind whispered: 30  
Is there one among us to record this moment?  
But there was none –

no one (except for a few warm rocks  
hidden among mongoose ferns) even heard a sound.  
Already the children of Cocoa Bottom 35  
had lit their lamps for the dark journey home,  
and it was too late –  
the moment had passed.

Marcia Douglas

*Kling-klings\**: birds

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**Question 2: Writing**

**You should spend about 45 minutes on this question.**

**2** Write on **one** of the following:

**EITHER**

(a) 'Let's make our world a better place!'

You have been asked to give a talk to a group of young people on this topic.

Write the text of your talk.

(15)

**OR**

(b) 'A Hard Choice I Had To Make.'

A website is collecting contributions from people who have had to make difficult choices.

Write your contribution.

(15)

**OR**

(c) Write a story beginning 'I was only trying to help.'

(15)

**Indicate which question you are answering by marking a cross in the box ☒. If you change your mind, put a line through the box ☒ and then indicate your new question with a cross ☒.**

Chosen question number: **Question 2 (a)** ☒ **Question 2 (b)** ☒ **Question 2 (c)** ☒

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