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**OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS**  
**GCSE**  
**A680/02**  
**ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE**  
**Information and Ideas (Higher Tier)**

**TUESDAY 29 MAY 2012: Morning**  
**DURATION: 2 hours**  
**plus your additional time allowance**  
**MODIFIED ENLARGED**

**Candidates answer on the Question Paper.**

**OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:**

**Reading Booklet Insert (A680/01/RBI – inserted)**  
**8 page Answer Booklet (sent with general stationery)**

**OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:**

**None**

**READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF**

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Find the Reading Booklet Insert for use with the questions in Section A.
- The Insert will be found in the centre of this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the boxes on the first page. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer ALL the questions in Section A and ONE question in Section B.
- Write in the margin the number of the question you are answering.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

## **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The number of marks is given in brackets [ ] at the end of each question or part question.
- SECTION A is worth 40 marks.
- SECTION B is worth 40 marks.
- The total number of marks for this paper is 80.

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**Answer ALL the questions in Section A and ONE question in Section B.**

## **SECTION A – NON FICTION AND MEDIA**

**You are advised to spend about half your time on Section A.**

**Read carefully the two passages “Stretch limos for 11-year-olds” and “My Child’s Big Fat Birthday Party” and then answer questions 1, 2 and 3. The questions will be marked for reading.**

### **1 “Stretch limos for 11-year-olds”**

**OUTLINE CONCISELY from the article how the parents and other adults referred to feel about primary school leaving celebrations.**

**Use YOUR OWN WORDS as far as possible. [12]**

### **2 “Stretch limos for 11-year-olds”**

**The heading of the article suggests that parents are wrong to pay for expensive school leaving celebrations for 11-year-olds.**

**By referring closely to USE OF LANGUAGE and PRESENTATION, explore how the article supports this view. [14]**

### **3 “My Child’s Big Fat Birthday Party”**

**How does the writer’s USE OF LANGUAGE in this article convey his attitude towards the children’s parties and towards the adults and children involved in them? [14]**

## **SECTION B – WRITING**

**You are advised to spend a little under half your time on Section B.**

**Answer EITHER question 4 OR question 5.**

**This answer will be marked for writing. Plan your answer and write it carefully.**

**Leave enough time to check through what you have written.**

### **EITHER**

- 4 ‘Children nowadays are encouraged to grow up too fast. The pressures to behave like an adult destroy the enjoyment of being a child.’**

**What do you think? Write the words of a talk to your class giving your views. [40]**

### **OR**

- 5 Write about a celebration you attended which turned out to be more enjoyable than expected. [40]**

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