

OXFORD CAMBRIDGE AND RSA EXAMINATIONS
GCSE

A680/01

ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Information and Ideas
(Foundation Tier)

THURSDAY 10 JANUARY 2013: Morning

DURATION: 2 hours
plus your additional time allowance

MODIFIED ENLARGED 18pt

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Candidates answer on the Question Paper.

OCR SUPPLIED MATERIALS:

Reading Booklet Insert (A680/01/RBI – inserted)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED:

None

READ INSTRUCTIONS OVERLEAF

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Find the Reading Booklet Insert for use with the questions in Section A.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number 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.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, you should use the lined pages at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question or part question.
- 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 this section.

QUESTION 1

READ CAREFULLY ‘THERE’S NOTHING FREAKY ABOUT OUR ‘FREAK’ WEATHER’ ON PAGES 2–4 OF THE READING BOOKLET INSERT. THEN ANSWER QUESTIONS 1A, 1B, 1C AND 1D. THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MARKED FOR READING.

- 1 (a) From PARAGRAPH ONE (beginning ‘So, why all the fuss...not London.’ page 2), write down TWO effects of the tornado in London.**

EFFECT 1:

[1]

EFFECT 2:

[1]

(b) From PARAGRAPH TWO (beginning ‘But tornados have...South Wales.’ page 2), which of the two tornados was worse: the one in 1913 or the one in 1944? [1]

1	9		
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(c) From PARAGRAPH THREE (beginning ‘There is nothing freaky...national media.’ pages 2 to 3), list THREE things which show the force of the tornado near Aberystwyth.

1: _____ [1]

2: _____ [1]

3: _____ [1]

- (d) Re-read the passage from PARAGRAPH FOUR (beginning ‘The trouble is that we seem...’) TO THE END of the passage (‘...going to become horribly familiar in the future’ pages 3 to 4).**

USING YOUR OWN WORDS AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, outline what the passage tells you about:

extreme weather in Britain

people's views about the weather in Britain. [14]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

QUESTION 2

READ CAREFULLY ‘THE BIG PUDDLE’ ON PAGES 6–8 OF THE READING BOOKLET INSERT. THEN ANSWER QUESTIONS 2A AND 2B. THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE MARKED FOR READING.

2 (a) How do the following contribute to the effect of the newspaper report on the reader?

Headings

Photographs and the words printed beneath them.
[6]

[illegible]

[illegible]

(b) How does the newspaper report convey to you the power of the tropical storm?

In your answer, you should write about:

INFORMATION given in the report

some of the WORDS and PHRASES used in the report.

Do NOT write about headings, photographs, or the words printed beneath the photographs in your answer. [14]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

SECTION B: WRITING

You are advised to spend a little less than half your time on this section.

ANSWER ONE QUESTION. WRITE THE NUMBER OF THE QUESTION YOU HAVE CHOSEN AT THE TOP OF YOUR ANSWER.

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

- 3 A magazine has a regular feature entitled ‘A Memorable Day’.**

Write your own article for the magazine. Describe a memorable day in which the weather played an important part.

You could write about:

why the day was so memorable

how the weather played such an important part. [40]

OR

- 4 ‘Nowadays all that teenagers do is follow the crowd.’**

Write your views. [40]

Write here the number of the question you have chosen

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

If additional answer space is required, you should use the following lined page(s). The question number(s) must be clearly shown in the margins.

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