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## GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Friday 8 June 2018

Morning

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.



## 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 <b>Source A</b> from <b>lines 1 to 13</b> .  Choose <b>four</b> statements below which are <b>true</b> .  Shade the <b>circles</b> in the boxes of the ones that you think are Choose a maximum of <b>four</b> statements.  If you make an error cross out the <b>whole box</b> .  If you change your mind and require a statement that has been then draw a circle around the box.	
<u>A</u>		0
C	In the 1950s there were very few surfers in California.	
	Most surfers like to surf in the early morning.	
E	Surfers often stayed later in the day to entertain the crowds.	
F	Mike Doyle took the train to the beach.	
G	The first time he saw them, Mike Doyle was unimpressed by the surfers.	0
H	The surfers looked fit and suntanned.	



0 2	You need to refer to <b>Source A</b> and <b>Source B</b> for this question.	
	Both sources describe the types of board used for surfing.	
	Use details from <b>both</b> sources to write a summary of what you underst	and about
	·	[8 marks]





3	You now need to refer only to <b>Source B</b> from <b>lines 18 to 25</b> .	
	How does the writer use language to describe the surfers and the sea?	? [12 marks



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0 4	For this question, you need to refer to the <b>whole of Source A</b> , together with the <b>whole of Source B</b> .
	Compare how the writers convey their different perspectives on surfing.
	In your answer, you could:
	<ul> <li>compare their different perspectives on surfing</li> <li>compare the methods the writers use to convey their perspectives</li> <li>support your response with references to both texts.</li> </ul>



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## **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.

0 5	'All sport should be fun, fair and open to everyone. These days, sport seems to be more about money, corruption and winning at any cost.'
	Write an article for a newspaper in which you explain your point of view on this statement.
	(24 marks for content and organisation 16 marks for technical accuracy) <b>[40 marks]</b>
	You are advised to plan your answer to Question 5 before you start to write.





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## Insert

The two sources that follow are:

Source A: 20th Century literary non-fiction

Morning Glass

An extract from Mike Doyle's autobiography, published in 1993.

Source B: 19th Century non-fiction

The Hawaiian Archipelago

An extract from a letter written by Isabella Bird, published in 1875.

Please turn the page over to see the sources

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#### Source A

Source A is taken from *Morning Glass*, the autobiography of professional surfer Mike Doyle. In this extract, he describes his introduction to the world of surfing at the beach near his home in California in the 1950s.

- The first time I ever saw somebody riding a surfboard was at the Manhattan Pier in 1953. As much time as I'd spent at the beach, you'd think I would have at least seen one
  surfer before then. But there were only a few dozen surfers in all of California at that time and, like surfers today, they were out at dawn surfing the morning glass. By the time the crowds arrived, they were gone.
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- But this one morning I took the first bus to the beach, walked out onto the Manhattan Pier, looked down and saw these bronzed
- 13 gods, all in incredibly good shape, happier and healthier than anybody I'd ever seen. They sat astride their boards, laughing with each other; at the first swell they swung their long boards around, dropped to their stomachs, and began paddling towards shore. From my viewpoint, it was almost as if I were on the board myself, paddling for the swell, sliding into the wave, coming to my feet, and angling the board down that long wall of green water. It was almost as if I already knew that feeling in my bones. From that day on, I knew that surfing was for me.
- There were several surfers out that day. Greg Noll was just a kid then, about sixteen years old, but he was hot. On one wave he turned around backward on his board, showing off a bit for the people watching from the pier. I was just dazzled.
  - Once I'd discovered there was such a thing as surfing, I began plotting my chance to try it. I used to stand out in the surf and wait until one of the surfers lost his board. The boards then were eleven feet long, twenty-four inches wide and weighed fifty or sixty pounds. When they washed in broadside, they would hit me in the legs and knock me over. I would jump back up, scramble the board around, hop on, and paddle it ten feet before the owner snatched it back 'Thanks, kid' and paddled away.
- Most surfers at that time were riding either hollow paddle-boards (a wooden framework with a plywood shell), or solid redwood slabs, some of them twelve feet long. The much lighter and much better balsa wood boards were just starting to appear.
  - One day in 1954, when I was thirteen, I was down at Manhattan Pier watching a guy ride a huge old-fashioned paddle-board what we used to call a kook box. It was hollow, made of mahogany, about fourteen feet long, maybe sixty-five pounds and had no fin. It was the kind of paddle-board lifeguards used for rescues; they worked fine for that purpose, but for surfing they were unbelievably awkward. When the guy came out of the water, dragging the board behind him, I asked if I could borrow it for a while. He looked at me like 'Get lost, kid.' But when he sat down on the beach, I pestered him until he finally shrugged and nodded toward the board.

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40 I'd watched enough surfing by then to have a pretty clear idea of the technique involved. I dragged the board into the water and flopped on top of it. After a while I managed to paddle the thing out beyond the shore break and got it turned around. To my surprise, after a few awkward tries, I managed to get that big, clumsy thing going left on a three foot wave. I came to my feet, right foot forward, just like riding a scooter. I had no way of turning the board but for a few brief seconds, I was gliding over the water.

As the wave started to break behind me, I looked back, then completely panicked. I hadn't thought that far ahead yet! My first impulse was to bail out, so I jumped out in front of the board, spread-eagled. I washed up on the beach, dragged myself onto the dry sand, and lay there groaning.

Turn over for Source B

#### Source B

In 1875, the British explorer Isabella Bird travelled to Hawaii, an island in the Pacific Ocean. Source B is an extract from a letter she wrote to her sister back in England, describing a visit to the Hawaiian town of Hilo. At that time in Britain surfing, or 'surf-bathing', was a completely unknown sport.

Our host came in to say that a grand display of the national sport of surf-bathing was going on, and a large party of us went down to the beach for two hours to enjoy it. It is really a most exciting pastime, and in a rough sea requires immense nerve. The surf-board is a tough plank of wood shaped like a coffin lid, about two feet broad, and from six to nine feet long, well-oiled and cared for. They are usually made of wood from the native breadfruit tree, and then blessed in a simple ritual.

The surf was very heavy and favourable, and legions of local people were swimming and splashing in the sea, though not more than forty had their Papa-he-nalu, or 'wave sliding boards,' with them. The men, each carrying their own hand-carved boards under their arms, waded out from some rocks on which the sea was breaking, and, pushing their boards before them, swam out to the first line of breakers\*, and then diving down were seen no more till they re-appeared half a mile from shore.

What they seek is a very high breaker, on the top of which they leap from behind, lying face downwards on their boards. As the wave speeds on, and the bottom strikes the ground, the top breaks into a huge comber\*. The swimmers appeared posing themselves on its highest edge by dexterous movements of their hands and feet, keeping just at the top of the curl, but always apparently coming down hill with a slanting motion.

So they rode in majestically, always just ahead of the breaker, carried shorewards by its mighty impulse at the rate of forty miles an hour, as the more daring riders knelt and even stood on their surf-boards, waving their arms and uttering exultant cries. They were always apparently on the verge of engulfment by the fierce breaker whose towering white crest was ever above and just behind them, but just as one expected to see them dashed to pieces, they either waded quietly ashore, or sliding off their boards, dived under the surf, and were next seen far out at sea, as a number of heads bobbing about like corks in smooth water, preparing for fresh exploits.

The great art seems to be to mount the breaker precisely at the right time, and to keep exactly on its curl just before it breaks. Two or three athletes, who stood erect on their boards as they swept exultingly shorewards, were received with ringing cheers by the crowd. Many of the less expert failed to throw themselves on the crest, and slid back into smooth water, or were caught in the breakers which were fully ten feet high, and after being rolled over and over, disappeared amidst roars of laughter, and shouts from the shore.

At first I held my breath in terror, thinking they were smothered or dashed to pieces, and then in a few seconds I saw the dark heads of the objects of my anxiety bobbing about behind the breakers waiting for another chance. The shore was thronged with spectators, and the presence of the elite of Hilo stimulated the swimmers to wonderful exploits. I enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly.

Is it always afternoon here, I wonder? The sea was so blue, the sunlight so soft, the air so

sweet. There was no toil, clang, or hurry. People were all holidaymaking, and enjoying themselves, the surf-bathers in the sea, and hundreds of gaily-dressed men and women galloping on the beach. It was so serene and tropical. I envy those who remain for ever on such enchanted shores.

### **Glossary**

\* breaker/comber – terms used by surfers for a large wave that breaks into white foam

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