



Oxford Cambridge and RSA

Tuesday 4 June 2019 – Morning

GCSE (9–1) English Language

J351/01 Communicating information and ideas

Time allowed: 2 hours



You must have:

- the Reading Insert (inserted)



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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- There are two sections: **Section A** (Reading) and **Section B** (Writing).
- **Section A:** Answer **all** questions in this section.
- **Section B:** Answer **one** question in this section.
- Write your answer to each question in the space provided. If additional space is required, use the lined page(s) at the end of this booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

INFORMATION

- The Reading Insert is inside this document.
- The total mark for this paper is **80**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- Quality of extended responses will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).
- Before you attempt to write any responses to Section A, give yourself enough time to read the two texts in the Reading Insert carefully.
- This document consists of **16** pages.

Section A

Reading information and ideas

Answer **all** the questions in Section A.

You are advised to spend **one** hour on this section.

Question 1 is about **Text 1**, *The Charge of the Light Brigade* by William Howard Russell.

1 Look again at lines 1–6.

(a) Identify **two** phrases from these lines which show what time of day it was.

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(b) Give **one** reason why the writer is surprised that these soldiers have been sent to attack the enemy.

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(c) The writer calls the soldiers' bravery 'desperate valour'. Explain why he chooses the word 'desperate' to describe their behaviour.

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Section B

Writing for audience, impact and purpose

Choose **one** of the following writing tasks.

You are advised to spend **one** hour on this section.

In this section you will be assessed on the quality of your extended response. These questions are marked with an asterisk (*). You are advised to plan and check your work carefully.

EITHER

5 “Was it worth it?”

Write an article for a magazine to describe a time when you had to do something difficult.

In your article you should:

- explain why you had to do it
- describe the difficulties you had to face
- explain whether you thought it was worthwhile.

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OR

6 Write a speech for an event to congratulate young people who have achieved something remarkable.

In your speech you should:

- describe what the young people achieved
- explain why the young people should be congratulated
- explain what is so remarkable about their achievement.

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ADDITIONAL ANSWER SPACE

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

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