



GCSE English Language Model Answers:

English Language (8700) (NEW SPEC) November 2017

Paper 2

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**Q5.**

We are finally at the end of our time at this school. In the past five years, we've learned about the 'powerhouse of the cell', the First World War, and trigonometry. Our teachers have provided us with the knowledge we needed to get through our exams. Some of it might be useful for us in the future, as we enter higher education or the workplace, but most of the things we've learned in the classroom will be forgotten in the coming months and years. The truth is that the reputation of our school, and the grades we receive on results day, are only a small part of our education. If our defining qualities were forged in the classroom, we would all be boring academic robots, with no personality, and no unique skills.

With this in mind, it is important to remember that a lot of our learning has been done *outside* of lessons. When we go to lunch or spend time with our peers after school, we learn not only how many people died in the Battle of Hastings, but how to make friends. We learn who to trust, how to influence change, and how to shape the world around us for the better.

No book can give us the confidence to be ourselves, to stand up to bullies, or to trust ourselves to make the right decisions, as we figure out the crazy world we are becoming a real part of.

Whatever you face on results day, remember that your education isn't just measured in grades. It also includes your sporting abilities, your amazing knitting skills, and your ability to cheer others up when they may be feeling down. Even though we may not realise it, we are always learning new things, every second of every day.

When we go to the shops, we learn about budgeting, and over time, we can use this knowledge, of expenses and personal finance challenges, to change the way we spend and save. When we argue with our friends or parents, we can learn to control our emotions, to listen to others' viewpoints, and to resolve conflict effectively. These skills are vital for work and our personal lives, and I would argue that they are far more important than remembering the order of the planets in our solar system.

So, now that our time at this school is over, make sure to try and learn from all of your experiences, each and every day. It's fine to forget a lot of what you learned here, but never forget the connections you have forged with others, the curiosity you have felt, and the various skills that will stay with you for life. That is what education is really about.

**Examiner's report:**

- In this answer, you will be marked on **AO5**: content and organisation, and **AO6**: technical accuracy.
  - AO5: the student has employed **convincing and compelling communication** through a range of language techniques, such as imperative verbs, direct address, and metaphors.
  - AO5: the answer's **tone, style and register** are accurately matched to the purpose, to describe and inspire, and the audience of high school students.
  - AO6: the student has employed **varied structural techniques** such as triplets, and a variety of long and short sentences.
  - AO6: Paragraphs are **fluently linked**, and are written in consistent second-person prose.
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