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Unit 2 Language and society

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Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an Oxford International AQA Examinations 12-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book.
- There are **two** sections:
  – Section A: Language and social groups: texts
  – Section B: Language and social groups: writing.
- Answer Question 1 from Section A **and** Question 2 from Section B.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 25 marks for Question 1 and 25 marks for Question 2.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
  – use good English
  – organise information clearly
  – use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Section A: Language and social groups: texts

Answer Question 1.

0 1 **Text A**, on page 3, is a notice that was attached to a fence post in a field with horses in it. Elvaston Castle Country Park is a tourist location in Derbyshire, UK.

Examine how the writer of **Text A** uses language to:

- achieve different purposes
- be playful
- present identities
- express power.

[25 marks]

Text A

Horse Lovers!

A message from the horses at Elvaston

Please do not feed me or enter our fields

Why?

- It makes us **liable to nip** or be **bad tempered**, we expect everyone to feed us.
- **We can bite**...have you seen the size of our teeth?!
- We are **competitive** and **may fight** and **hurt each other** to get food.
- Some of us are on **special diets** (food intolerance or calorie control).
- Even on a **normal diet** the quantities and supplements are **carefully worked out** on an individual basis, (our owners have no idea what or how much we have been fed during the day if you feed us too).
- **Some foodstuffs** will **make us ill** and could **even kill us**. (If everyone gave us an apple, they would ferment in our stomachs and make us very ill).

Please be aware that **feeding horses can harm them** and **damage the fences** which keep them safe (they lean over them).

Remember – all **horse owners love their horses** and it is **their responsibility to feed and care for them**.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Any horses at Elvaston Castle Country Park are privately owned and are NOT the responsibility of Derbyshire County Council.

Section B: Language and social groups: writing

Answer Question 2.

0 2 How far is language shaped by the context in which it is used?

In your answer you should refer to relevant ideas from language study, such as:

- how language is understood in its surroundings
- how wider social contexts might shape language use
- other aspects of context which might influence language use.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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