



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Examination Board

- OCR

Unit 1: H470/01 Exploring Language

Content Overview:

- Analysis of how linguistic choices are affected by context.
- Comparing/analysing the linguistic similarities and differences of texts.
- Exploring linguistic features of written and spoken texts.
- Original writing for a real-world purpose on a topical language issue.

Unit 2: H470/02 Dimensions of Linguistic Variations

Content Overview:

- Analysis of how children acquire language.
- Language in the media (power/gender/technology).
- How language changes over time.

Unit 3: H470/03 Independent language research

- A 2000-2500 word essay investigating language, theory and context.
- The topic choices for investigation should be made based on the linguistic interests of students.
- Academic poster 750-1000 words. Transformation piece of the Investigation for a new audience.

End of Course Components

80% exam

1) 2 hours 30 minutes (80 marks)

2) 2 hours and 30 minutes (80 marks)

20% coursework

Useful Websites / Reading Materials

- David Crystal.
- Any broadsheet articles/scholarly research on language and power, gender, technology.
- Library text books.

Recommended study

- Use silent study sessions to research theory about language and how it changes according to gender, power, technology. Also, articles about how language has changed over the last 400 years.
- At home, students should spend at least 3 hours a week researching, observing real life language (written and spoken) and keeping on top of the vast amount of new terminology they will need to succeed on this course.