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WEDNESDAY, 21 MAY 2025 – AFTERNOON

ENGLISH LANGUAGE – A2 unit 3

Language Over Time

1 hour 30 minutes

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ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

A WJEC pink 16-page answer booklet.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer booklet provided following the instructions on the front of the answer booklet.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question. You should divide your time accordingly.

You are reminded of the need for good English and orderly, clear presentation in your answers.

Assessment will take into account the quality of written communication used in your answers.

You are reminded that this paper is synoptic and so will test your understanding of the connections between the different elements of the subject.

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Answer Question 1 **and** Question 2.

Question 1 is divided into four parts: (a), (b), (c) and (d). Answer **all** parts.

The three texts which follow on pages 4–6 are all examples of newspaper reports of royal events.

Read Texts **A**, **B** and **C**, then answer **all** parts of the following questions.

Text A is an extract from *The London Gazette*, a newspaper with a reputation for providing reliable information on important national events. This report directly addresses James II following the death of his brother King Charles II. It then reprints announcements from across the country that James would be the next king. It was published in 1685.

Text B is an extract from *The Cambrian News*, a weekly newspaper distributed in Wales. This report focuses on Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee, a celebration to mark her fifty years on the throne. It was published in 1887.

Text C is an extract from *The Mirror*, a national daily tabloid newspaper with a reputation for sensationalist reporting. This report focuses on the announcement that Prince Harry and Meghan Markle (the Duke and Duchess of Sussex) were standing down from their public duties as members of the Royal Family. It was published in 2020.

1. (a) **Identify the word class and archaic spelling patterns of the following three words using appropriate terminology.** [6]

ouer (Text A, line 8) fill'd (Text A, line 12) bonfyres (Text A, line 13)

- (b) **What do the examples below tell us about language change? Make two points and refer to the examples using appropriate terminology.** [4]

royale / royal (Text A, lines 3/6) Regent-street (Text B, line 12)

- (c) **Describe the form and the archaic grammatical features of the following two examples using appropriate terminology.** [4]

Majesties (Text A, line 2) hath (Text A, line 3)

- (d) **Describe three features that are typical of Early Modern English grammatical structure and/or punctuation in the extract from Text A below. Select a relevant example to support each point. You must use appropriate terminology to describe your examples.** [6]

This Day about Noon His most Sacred Majesty King JAMES the second, was Proclaimed by the Mayor, Aldermen, Officers, and Chamberlains in their Formalities and by the Deputy Gouvernor: Which was performed in the presence of our Gouvernour the Right Honourable the Earl of Plymouth, and diuers Gentle-men of the Country, with the greatest Demonstrations of Joy and Duty that Subjects could express. The great Guns about the Town thrice were discharged, and the Day concluded with the Bells ringing Trumpets sounding Musick playing the Conduits running with Claret, and the Euening concluding with Bonfires, and with all Demonstrations of Joy that it be possible to express. [ll.14–21]

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2. In your response to the question that follows, you must:

- explore connections across the texts
- consider relevant contextual factors and language features associated with the construction of meaning
- demonstrate understanding of relevant language concepts and issues.

Analyse and evaluate Texts A, B and C to show how newspaper reports of royal events have changed over time. [60]

Text A: extract from *The London Gazette* (1685)

May it please Your Majesty,

We your Majesties most Loyal and Dutiful Subjects that are highly affected by the death of your royale Brother our late gracious Soueraign of euer happy memorie whom God hath been pleased to take to Himself, Humbly presume to Condole¹ that great loss with Your Sacred Majesty, and Congratulate Your most happy Succession to the Throne of your Ancestors (Your vndoubted Right) rendring infinite Thanks for your Gracious Promises of royal Protection to all your Louing Subjects and yielding due obedience to your Royal Will. And pray God grant your Majesty a long and prosperous Reign ouer vs. [text omitted]

Winchester, Febr. 8. This afternoon our gracious Souereign King JAMES the Second, was Proclaimed² here by the Mayor and Aldermen in their Scarlet Gowns, assisted by the Warden, and the most considerable of the Inhabitants of this place: The Train-Bands³ were in Arms, and gaue seuerall Volleys⁴ of small Shot;⁵ and in the Euening the Streets were fill'd with bonfyres, accompanied with ringing of Bells, and much Joy.

Kingston vpon Hull, Febr. 10. This Day about Noon His most Sacred Majesty King JAMES the second, was Proclaimed by the Mayor, Aldermen, Officers, and Chamberlains in their Formalities and by the Deputy Gouernor: Which was performed in the presence of our Gouernour the Right Honourable the Earl of Plymouth, and diuers Gentle-men of the Country, with the greatest Demonstrations of Joy and Duty that Subjects could express. The great Guns about the Town thrice were discharged, and the Day concluded with the Bells ringing Trumpets sounding Musick playing the Conduits⁶ running with Claret,⁷ and the Euening concluding with Bonfires, and with all Demonstrations of Joy that it be possible to express.

Birmingham, Febr. 9. This Afternoon His Sacred Majesty King JAMES was Proclaimed at the Market-cross of this place accompanied with the Gentry⁸ and Clergy of this Citie, all on Horseback: which was performed with all Solemnity and followed with the loud Acclamations⁹ of the People.

¹ Condole: to express sympathy for (obsolete)

² Proclaimed: officially and publicly declared the new monarch

³ Train-Bands: a group of local people trained as soldiers

⁴ Volleys: the firing of a number of guns simultaneously

⁵ small Shot: bullets, as opposed to cannon balls (obsolete)

⁶ Conduits: fountains (obsolete)

⁷ Claret: wine

⁸ Gentry: people of high social class

⁹ Acclamations: enthusiastic praise

Text B: extract from *The Cambrian News* (1887)

JUBILEE

The Queen proceeded from Buckingham Palace to Westminster Abbey on Tuesday morning, and attended a thanksgiving service on the occasion of her jubilee¹ of her reign.

5 Along the entire route, Her Majesty was received by enormous crowds. One of the most animated scenes of the day was witnessed outside Buckingham Palace. The marching of many regiments with their bands added much liveliness. The Queen wore a dress of striped black satin broché² and silk, with a tablier³ of white satin covered with black lace. As they passed into the crowd the Queen and her family were received with prolonged cheers.

10 The Queen's procession up Constitution-hill was attended with no other remarkable incident than Lord Lorne being thrown from his restless horse; but at Hyde-park-corner Her Majesty passed through an enormous crowd, which commenced an outburst of cheering that continued all along Piccadilly, through Regent-street, Waterloo-place, to Trafalgar-square, where a still greater crush from the crowd was experienced. Here, as along the entire route, the windows and gaily bedecked stands were occupied by spectators, who fervently waved
15 handkerchiefs and joined in the enthusiastic shouts which greeted Her Majesty.

The day was observed with great heartiness throughout the country though a man named Comerford sustained fatal injuries by falling from a scaffold at Grosvenor-place where he had climbed the better to see, and there were many attacks of fainting through the heat and the crush. In every town and village from which we have heard the streets were decorated
20 with flags and loyal mottoes. At Dover it was noticed that ships in the Channel were gay with bunting. The people of Pontefract, however, sustained a serious disappointment: a bystander threw a lighted match into the straw of a huge bonfire in the afternoon, and it blazed away in the daylight.

25 The Queen has not experienced any ill effects from her long and arduous duties. Her Majesty is in excellent health and after a short rest went on to review the troops.

¹ jubilee: an event celebrating Queen Victoria's fifty years on the throne

² broché: material with a patterned surface

³ tablier: part of a dress

Text C: extract from *The Mirror* (2020)

**Prince Charles ‘hurt’ after ‘topping up’ Meghan and Harry’s income
for wedding and lifestyle**

Prince Charles is hurt at Meghan and Harry splitting from the family after spending millions of pounds of his own money to ‘top up’ their income and fund their lifestyle, a source has claimed.

The source spoke out before the Queen released an official statement following crunch talks between the royals at Sandringham today, in which she says Harry and Meghan “made clear that they do not want to rely on public funds in their new lives.”

Charles stumped up “hundreds of thousands of pounds” for the work on the Sussexes’ home in Windsor, Frogmore Cottage, despite the taxpayer also footing a £2.4 million bill a source claimed.

The source also claimed Charles spent a “small fortune” on the couple’s lavish wedding, which was attended by several big celebrity names.

Despite all this, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex now say they want to be financially independent and ‘step-back’ from being senior royals.

“There is a great deal of hurt given that the Prince of Wales has gone out of his way to help his son who he loves dearly and embrace his daughter-in-law into the family,” another source told the Evening Standard.

Today’s historic meeting at the Queen’s private Sandringham estate was the first time Harry had met with his grandmother, his father and brother since the issue engulfed the royal family this week, making headlines around the world.

There were a range of issues to be discussed at today’s crisis talks – with Meghan dialling in by phone. The unprecedented gathering at the Queen’s estate in Norfolk was attended by the Duke of Sussex, 35, his grandmother the Queen, 93, his father Charles, Prince of Wales, 71, and his brother Prince William, Duke of Cambridge, 37.

Following today’s crunch talks, the Queen said in a statement that Buckingham Palace “supports” Prince Harry and Meghan Markle’s decision to step back from royal life – but would have preferred them to stay. The Queen is said to be feeling “hurt” by their bombshell announcement.

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