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A680/02 Information and Ideas (Higher Tier)

QUESTION PAPER

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Candidates answer on the Answer Booklet.

OCR supplied materials:
- 12 page Answer Booklet (OCR12) (sent with general stationery)
- Reading Booklet Insert (A680/02/RBI – inserted)

Other materials required:
None

Duration: 2 hours

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Find the Reading Booklet Insert for use with the questions in Section **A**.
- The Insert will be found inside this document.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the Answer Booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Answer **all** the questions in Section **A** and **one** question in Section **B**.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

- The number of marks is given in brackets **[ ]** at the end of each question or part question.
- The total number of marks for this paper is **80**.
- This document consists of **4** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

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Answer **all** the questions in Section **A** and **one** in Section **B**.

SECTION A – Non-Fiction and Media

You are advised to spend about one hour on Section A.

Read carefully the two passages; *Tweeting? It's just a tidal wave of drivel!* and *Is Google making us stupid?* Then answer questions 1, 2 and 3. These questions will be marked for reading.

1 ***Tweeting? It's just a tidal wave of drivel!***

Outline concisely the **key points** of Janet Street-Porter's objections to Twitter.

Use your own words as far as possible. **[12]**

2 ***Tweeting? It's just a tidal wave of drivel!***

How does Janet Street-Porter try to make her argument convincing?

In your answer you should comment on the effectiveness of the **presentation** and the writer's use of **language** in the text.

(Presentation may include reference to the headings and pictures and the way the text is structured.) **[14]**

3 ***Is Google making us stupid?***

How does Nicholas Carr present his concerns about the internet in a thought-provoking way?

In your answer you should refer to the writer's use of **language**, **structure** and **tone**. **[14]**

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SECTION B – Writing

You are advised to spend about 50 minutes on Section B.

Answer EITHER question 4 OR question 5.

This answer will be marked for writing. Plan your answer and write it carefully. Leave enough time to check through what you have written.

Either

4 'Is this really progress?'

Write a speech for your class on any aspect of modern life that you find annoying. **[40]**

Or

5 'Getting the message.'

Write about a time in your life when good communication was important. **[40]**

END OF QUESTION PAPER

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