



GCSE

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HIGHER TIER

UNIT 2

A.M. MONDAY, 13 June 2016

1 hour 45 minutes plus your additional time allowance

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

You may write your answers in a WJEC pink answer booklet which has been specifically designed for this examination. If you run out of space, use a standard 4-page continuation booklet.

You may also write your answers on a separate answer sheet if preferred.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink, black ball-point pen or your usual method.

Answer ALL questions in Sections A and B.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

Use both sides of the paper. Write only within the white areas of the book.

Write the question number in the two boxes in the left hand margin at the start of each answer, e.g

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Leave at least two lines spaces between each answer.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

Section A (Reading): 30 marks.

Section B (Writing): 30 marks.

The number of marks is given in brackets at the end of each question or part-question.

You are advised to spend your time as follows:

SECTION A

- reading: about 15 minutes (plus your additional time)**
- answering the questions: about 45 minutes (plus your additional time)**

SECTION B

- planning: about 10 minutes (plus your additional time)**
- writing: about 35 minutes (plus your additional time)**

SECTION A: 30 marks

Answer ALL the following questions.

The passage on pages 6 – 8, ‘Could there be another female Formula 1 driver? Susie Wolff thinks so’, is an internet blog by Maria Caspani.

The SEPARATE RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR USE WITH SECTION A is an article ‘Where are all the female Formula 1 racing drivers?’ by Lawrence Barretto.

Read the article in the separate Resource Material, ‘Where are all the female Formula 1 racing drivers?’ by Lawrence Barretto.

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According to the article by Lawrence Barretto, why is it difficult for women to succeed in Formula 1? [10 marks]

You must use evidence from the text to support your answer.

Now read the internet blog on pages 6 – 8, ‘Could there be another female Formula 1 driver?’ by Maria Caspani.

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What impressions do you get of Susie Wolff from the internet blog by Maria Caspani? How does Maria Caspani create these impressions? [10 marks]

You must use evidence from the text to support your answer.

To answer this question you will need to refer to both texts.

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Compare what men think about female racing drivers according to these two texts. [10 marks]

You must make it clear from which text you get your information.

Could there be another female Formula 1 driver? Susie Wolff thinks so.

When Susie Wolff first got behind the wheel of a go-kart as a young girl, the experience did not thrill her very much.

‘My first time on the race track, I remember carts flying past me and this aggressive little boy hitting me as I was going past,’ she said.

She thought about giving up but her father – a racing enthusiast – encouraged her to be persistent and the second time around young Wolff was thrilled by the speed, the adrenaline and the competitive spirit of racing.

A couple of decades later Wolff is a Formula 1 test driver for the Williams racing team, and pushing to race alongside the men in a Formula 1 race. If she succeeds, she would be the first female Formula 1 driver in decades. Italian Giovanna Amati was the last to try but she failed to qualify in 1992.

Wolff has motor sport in her blood. Her father owned a motorbike shop and her parents met when her mother walked into the shop to buy her first bike. Her parents helped get her into racing and kept her going during hard times when it seemed her dream to become a professional racing driver wasn’t going to come true.

They never made her feel like it was an unusual thing to do for a girl, or that it was too dangerous.

'I obviously enjoy watching her drive,' said her father. 'It makes me incredibly proud, although that doesn't mean that I don't get nervous at the beginning of each race. However, I have so much confidence in her ability, I know she'll be fine.'

Getting into this male-dominated world wasn't easy for Wolff and she says that there is still a lot of prejudice against female racing drivers. Wolff, who is blonde and petite, says, 'At the end of the day, when you've got your helmet on in a race car, it doesn't matter at all if you're male or female – it's about performance on the track.'

She recalled with a smile the time she went for a test drive for the Williams team and was mistaken for a journalist. The fact that she is a woman also means that she is always expected to look good, even when she has just got out of a car, exhausted and with messy hair – something that doesn't even occur to a male racer.

Wolff refused any 'special treatment' when she started competing seven years ago and trained alongside her male team mates.

'I don't want to be something different. I just want to be a racing driver,' she said.

There is still widespread scepticism in the racing world that there could ever be such a thing as a successful female racing driver. Formula 1's head, Bernie Ecclestone, has publicly stated that he does not see any woman driver on Formula 1's horizon because there is nobody good enough at present. Stirling Moss, generally recognised as the best driver never to win the world championship, also declared recently that women lacked the 'mental aptitude' to compete in Formula 1 even if they had the strength and stamina.

Wolff said she is still asked on a regular basis how she ended up becoming a racing driver as if it was the strangest thing for a woman to do. She believes you can't put a girl in a car just for the sake of gender equality but she is also convinced the time is right and the world is ready for a woman to compete in Formula 1.

'I really see a shift happening,' she said. 'Women are in a good position right now. We just need to go for it.'

By Maria Caspani

SECTION B: 30 marks

In this section you will be assessed for the quality of your writing skills.

Half of the marks are awarded for content and organisation; half of the marks are awarded for sentence structure, punctuation and spelling.

Think about the purpose and audience for your writing.

You should aim to write between 350-500 words.

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It has been suggested that the age for drinking alcohol should be raised to 21 in the United Kingdom as it is in the United States.

Write a letter to a newspaper giving your views on this subject. [30 marks]

You can use the space on the following page or a separate sheet of paper to plan your work.

END OF PAPER



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RESOURCE MATERIAL FOR USE WITH SECTION A

The resource material is an article by Lawrence Barretto. There are two illustrations.

Where are all the female Formula 1 racing drivers? asks Lawrence Barretto

Formula 1 is a man's world. In the 62 years the World Championship has existed, five women have entered a grand prix race compared to 822 men in the same period. Why haven't we seen a successful female driver? Is it because they aren't interested? Is it because they are not good enough? Is it because they haven't had the opportunity?

"Some people have got the impression it's only hard for women to get into Formula 1, but there are thousands of very talented male racers out there who are trying to get in and never do," says Susie Wolff, who is now a test driver for the Williams racing team. She's right. Even if you are talented, there are only 24 drivers in each race. There is only a small percentage of aspiring young girl racers – compared to the hundreds of thousands of boys – who attempt a racing career, so the chance of them getting through to Formula 1 is always going to be remote.

"One of the main issues is that young girls have no-one to aspire to be, whereas a young boy can grow up wanting to be Lewis Hamilton," said Wolff.

And when a woman does get that chance, the extra focus on her achievement will provide added pressure.

“Being a female in a man’s world is sometimes very tough,” added Wolff. “You just have to work harder. Do I care about what men say at the race track? No, not at all. I’ve always said I race for me, because I love racing. I don’t race to prove a point about how well women can do against men on the track.”



[The photo shows Susie Wolff wearing a blue race suit and cap.]

Just as well considering Formula 1 boss Bernie Ecclestone’s recent comments: “If Susie is as quick in a car as she looks good out of a car, she’ll be a huge asset”. Wolff laughs it off. “That’s just Bernie being Bernie. As a racing driver, you’re representing a brand

and your appearance is part of the job. But there's a fine line between being feminine and drawing attention to yourself because of what you are wearing. Sure, it's sometimes difficult when you take your helmet off to talk to your engineer and someone hands you a cap and says put this on. That's when you know you are having a really bad hair day. I love reading fashion magazines, buying handbags, the usual things – but when you're in the moment and focusing on setting up the car, how you look is so irrelevant."

While Wolff agreed with male critics that women are generally not risk-takers, she said that those who want to be racing drivers are the exception.

"I'm not like other females," she said. "I'm obviously different because of the path I've taken. I'm just as aggressive as the guys when I get my helmet on. Plus Formula 1 is not about taking risks, but knowing when to take risks and when to back off. It's also about strategy, and managing your tyres!"

Many men believe women lack the strength to cope with the demands of the sport, but Wolff rubbishes that claim. "We have less muscle so we have to work hard but there's no reason why females can't get strong enough to race a Formula 1 car.

Anyway, strength is not as important as many people think and too many drivers focus on physical strength and not enough on the mental side. If you can train the brain to be more efficient, it's easier to multi-task and that makes a big difference in terms of performance."

So even if women aren't able to match men physically, that doesn't mean they can't be successful. However, they do need to be given a competitive car and a supportive team and until now that has always been the problem. Three of the five women who had a chance in Formula 1 failed to qualify for a race because the cars simply weren't good enough. For example, Giovanna Amati failed to qualify three times in 1992 in a Brabham car. Later that year, Damon Hill also struggled to qualify in the same car but four years later he went on to win the world championship.

Susie Wolff has started on a programme with Williams which is aimed at fully preparing her for her racing debut. So when will we see a female driver given a real chance to prove herself in a Formula 1 race?

"Definitely within the next decade," said Wolff. "There's a few of us close to Formula 1 now. It would just take a massive leap of faith for one of the teams to give

a female a chance. There are so many people within Formula 1 who would like to see it happen.”

Which team boss will be man enough to provide the opportunity?



[The photo shows Formula 1 cars going round a bend on a Grand Prix circuit.]

By Lawrence Barretto