
INTERNATIONAL AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Unit 2 Language and society

Thursday 7 May 2026

08:00 UK Time

Time allowed: 2 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an OxfordAQA 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.

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Text A and **Text B** were both written by Hardeep. **Text A** is an email to a work colleague. **Text B** is a series of messages sent to a close female friend.

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

- achieve different purposes
- achieve his goals
- establish and maintain relationships with text receivers
- present identity.

[25 marks]

Text A

 Delete ▾
  Archive
  Move ▾
  Reply
  Reply All
  Forward
  Mark Unread
  Categorize ▾
  Follow Up ▾

advice please

 Reply
  Reply All
  Forward
  ...

Tue 05/08/2025 14:51



Hardeep Rana <Hardeep.Rana@winterbourne.gov.uk>
To Colette Mahoney

Hi Colette

I need some advice about 2 members of staff.

We currently have 2 members of staff that work at the Library on a Saturday to provide admin and business support. They do this as a second duty as both have full time permanent jobs in other departments.

Looking at our course offer/recruitment it is likely that we might not have any viable courses to run on a Saturday at the Library from September.

Could we get these 2 staff members to work on another day/evening when we would be open given that their JDs* have a special condition of working at other locations and evening/Saturdays when centres are open? If they refuse to work on another day/evening would this then lead to a redundancy situation? Or would they be effectively resigning from their post?

If it is a redundancy situation do we have to do a whole consultation with the unions or is there an option of leaving by mutual agreement? If there is a consultation and we offer VR* and they accept VR can we close the consultation early?

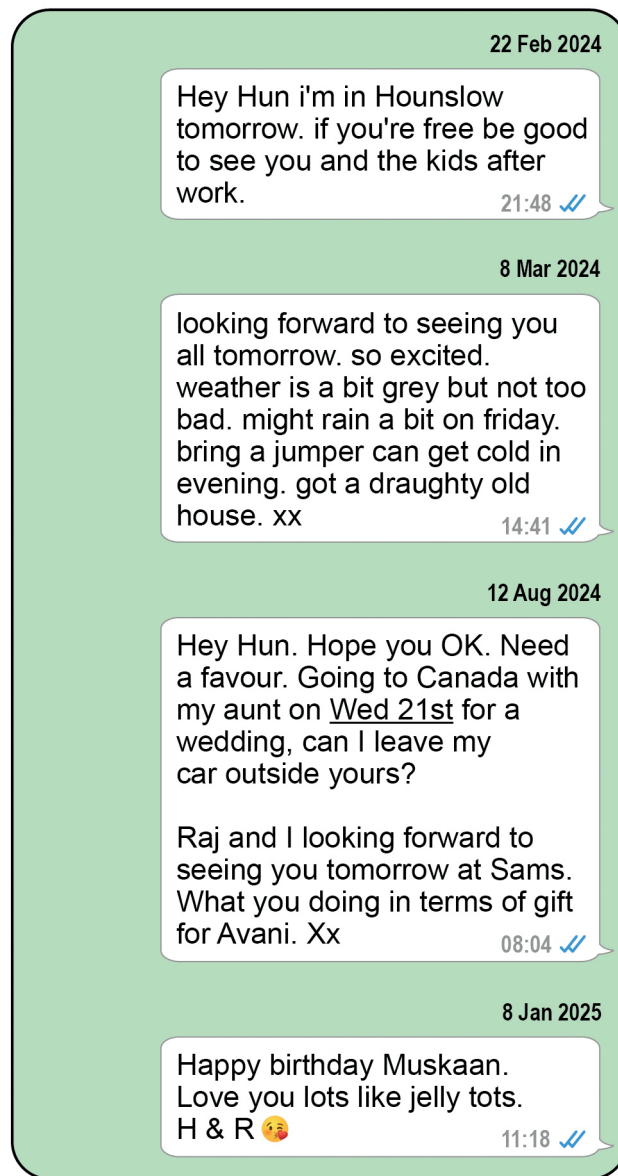
Kind regards,

Hardeep Rana

Head of Financial Planning and Resources

* JD: job description

* VR: voluntary redundancy

Text B**Turn over for Section B****Turn over ►**

Section B: Language and social groups: writing

Answer Question 2.

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How far does context influence a person's language use?

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

- linguistic examples of how an individual may adapt their language use in different contexts
- reasons why an individual may adapt their language use in different contexts
- factors other than context that may influence how language can be used.

[25 marks]

END OF QUESTIONS

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