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ENGLISH LANGUAGE **9093/42**

Paper 4 Language Topics **February/March 2024**

2 hours 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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Section A: English in the world

Question 1

Read the following text, which is an extract from a review of Rosemary C. Salomone's book *The Rise of English – Global Politics and the Power of Language*. The review was published in the *New York Times* in 2022.

Discuss what you feel are the most important issues raised in the text relating to the present and future status of English in an international context. You should refer to specific details from the text as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of English in the world. [25]

How the English Language Conquered the World

Rosemary Salomone's *The Rise of English* explores the language wars being fought all over the world, revealing the political, economic and cultural stakes behind these wars, and showing that so far English is winning.

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For now, though, 'the constitutional commitment to language equality in South Africa is aspirational at best,' and 'English reigns supreme for its economic power.'

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Section B: Language and the self

Question 2

Read the following text, which is an article from the American newspaper *The Seattle Times*. It was published in 2021.

Discuss what you consider to be the most important issues raised in the text relating to the ways in which language can shape and reflect personal and social identity. You should refer to specific details from the text as well as to ideas and examples from your wider study of Language and the self. [25]

Native American women are reclaiming their language

In 1980, when fourth-grader Quirina Geary's class learned about Spanish missions and the Native American tribes they conquered, she proudly announced that her family was part of the Mutsun tribe, which lived for thousands of years in what is now Central California.

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