

AQA English Language A-Level

7702/1

Practice Paper 1

Time: 2 hours 30 minutes

Marks available: 100

Section A – Textual Variations and Representations

30 minutes reading and planning

Question 1 – 30 mins

Question 2 – 30 mins

Question 3 – 20 mins

DEATH OF THE QUEEN.

The Lord Mayor of London last night received the following:—

OSBORNE, TUESDAY, 6 45 P.M.

THE PRINCE OF WALES TO THE LORD
MAYOR.

My beloved mother the Queen has just passed away, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

(Signed) ALBERT EDWARD.

The following bulletin was issued at Osborne last night:—

OSBORNE, JANUARY 22, 1901,
6 45 P.M.

Her Majesty the Queen breathed her last at 6 30 p.m., surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

(Signed) JAMES REID.
R. DOUGLAS POWELL.
THOS. BARLOW.

From *The Manchester Guardian* 1901

Text A – this is the beginning of a long obituary article on the death of Queen Victoria on 23rd January 1901.

Text B – This is the text of an obituary for the American actor Adam West in 2016.

Batman actor Adam West dies at 88

Adam West, the actor best known for playing Batman in the 1960s television series, has died aged 88 of leukaemia. He is remembered by fans for his kooky, exaggerated portrayal of the superhero in the ABC show, which ran for three seasons from 1966 to 1968.

West once said that he played Batman “for laughs, but in order to do [that], one had to never think it was funny. You just had to pull on that cowl and believe that no one would recognise you.”

In a statement, his family said: “Our dad always saw himself as the Bright Knight and aspired to make a positive impact on his fans’ lives. He was and always will be our hero.”

The family later posted the following tweet from West’s official Twitter account:

Tributes have poured in from the media world. David Walliams tweeted: “Thank you Adam West for being the funniest superhero of all time as Batman.”

Many of those expressing their sadness shared the fact that West’s portrayal of the Caped Crusader had been their childhood hero. Author Neil Gaiman tweeted: “Rest in peace Adam West. We met once in 1987 and I was too embarrassed and too foolishly ‘cool’ to tell you what you meant to my childhood.”

Shaun of the Dead director Edgar Wright tweeted: “Farewell Adam West. You were MY Batman. Such a super funny, cool, charismatic actor. Loved the show as a kid, still love the show now. POW!”

John Barrowman wrote on Facebook: “Adam West my after-school hours were filled with excitement watching you battle fantastic villains. You were a delight to meet on the convention circuit.”

Mark Hamill, who played the Joker in an animated series of Batman and worked with West on a short called Batman: New Times, also shared his condolences. He tweeted: “Adam West was such a wonderful actor & so kind, I’m so lucky to have worked w/ him & tell him how much he meant to me & millions of fans.”

The actor Matthew Modine tweeted: “I shared a flight #adamwest when I began my career. So kind. Sharing insights about the business of show. So generous & loving was he RIP”

Batman initially proved a hit with US viewers, but its popularity waned and it was axed after the third season. Reruns of the show continue to this day, although it took until 2014 to make it on to DVD.

West struggled to find steady work after the demise of Batman, complaining later that “the people who were hiring ... were dinosaurs” who “thought Batman was a big accident”. It was not until he was cast as the voice of Mayor West on the animated series Family Guy that he found another regular gig.

From the Guardian Online, 2016

Question 1 – Analyse how **Text A** uses language to create meanings and representations.

(25 marks)

Question 2 – Analyse how **Text B** uses language to create meanings and representations.

(25 marks)

Question 3 – Explore the similarities and differences in how **Text A** and **Text B** use language.

(20 marks)