

NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Head of English
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Subject: English Language and Literature (specification H073, Unit F671)

UNIT F671, SECTIONS A and B

OCR is making a small number of modifications to the layout and question wording of the **Unit F671 (Speaking Voices)** examination paper for the January 2009 series and for subsequent series of the shelf life of the specification. These changes will not affect the required content or the balance of Assessment Objectives: they are designed to make the question requirements more explicit.

The layout of **Section A** will change to emphasise the focus on natural speech, therefore the transcription of natural script will now appear first, as Passage A. There will be a link between the content of the transcription and the content of the set extract (now Passage B) from the chosen novel.

The question wording and bullet prompts have been slightly adjusted.

In **Section B**, the non-literary passage(s) provided for comparison and contrast will be taken from material which reflects the context of the chosen novel.

The question wording and bullet prompts have been adjusted to include an introductory quotation or reference from the chosen novel to clarify the requirements of the set task.

A revised version of the Sample Assessment Material will be available on the OCR website.

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