

Section A: English in the world**Question 1**

Read the following text, which is an extract from an article published on the BBC website in 2017.

Discuss what you feel are the most important issues raised in the text relating to the growth of English as a 'global' language. 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]

The International Companies using only English

A growing number of global firms are using English as their main language – even if they are based in Japan or France.

Nearly every meeting Keiko Claassen must attend at work is held in English.

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'It's an absolute must that we move to English,' says Beddard-Fontaine.

Section B: Language and the self**Question 2**

Read the following text, which is an extract from a 2018 article published on the website of the *Metro*, a British newspaper.

Discuss what you feel are 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]

Can we have gender equality if we're still using gendered language every day?

We can talk about language and sexism till the cows come home.

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Language is constantly changing and there is no 'proper' way of talking, so if we can change a few words here and there, and it makes a difference to a person or group, then it is indeed a small step to bigger change.

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