

Subject: English Language

Task 1: Q1 and Q2 (Mini Mock)

Read the sources below and then complete Q1 and Q2.

Source A: A transcript of Emma Watson's speech to the UN in 2014 beginning the HeForShe Campaign.

Men, I would like to take this opportunity to extend your formal invitation. Gender equality is your issue, too. Because to date, I've seen my father's role as a parent being valued less by society, despite my need of his presence as a child, as much as my mother's. I've seen young men suffering from mental illness, unable to ask for help for fear it would make them less of a man. In fact, in the UK, suicide is the biggest killer of men between 20 to 49, eclipsing road accidents, cancer and coronary heart disease. I've seen men made fragile and insecure by a distorted sense of what constitutes male success. Men don't have the benefits of equality, either.

We don't often talk about men being imprisoned by gender stereotypes, but I can see that they are, and that when they are free, things will change for women as a natural consequence. If men don't have to be aggressive in order to be accepted, women won't feel compelled to be submissive. If men don't have to control, women won't have to be controlled.

Both men and women should feel free to be sensitive. Both men and women should feel free to be strong. It is time that we all perceive gender on a spectrum, instead of two sets of opposing ideals. If we stop defining each other by what we are not, and start defining ourselves by who we are, we can all be freer, and this is what HeForShe is about. It's about freedom.

I want men to take up this mantle so that their daughters, sisters, and mothers can be free from prejudice, but also so that their sons have permission to be vulnerable and human too, reclaim those parts of themselves they abandoned, and in doing so, be a more true and complete version of themselves.

In my nervousness for this speech and in my moments of doubt I've told myself firmly: If not me, who? If not now, when? If you have similar doubts when opportunities are presented to you I hope that those words will be helpful, because the reality is that if we do nothing it will take 75 years, or for me to be nearly a hundred, before women can expect to be paid the same as men, for the same work. 15.5 million girls will be married in the next 16 years as children. And at current rates it won't be until 2086 before all rural African girls can have a secondary education.

Source B: The following article from Punch, titled 'The Best Sewing Machine' is from 1859.

The very best Sewing-Machine a man can have is a Wife. It is one that requires but a kind word to set it in motion, rarely gets out of repair, makes but little noise, is seldom the cause of dust, and, once in motion, will go on uninterruptedly for hours, without the slightest trimming, or the smallest personal supervision being necessary. It will make shirts, darn stockings, sew on buttons, mark pocket handkerchiefs, cut out pinafores, and manufacture children's frocks out of any old thing you may give it; and this it will do behind your back just as well as before your face. In fact, you may leave the house for days, and it will go on working just the same. If it does get out of order a little, from being overworked, it mends itself by being left alone for a short time, after which it returns to its sewing with greater vigour than ever.

Of course, sewing machines vary a great deal. Some are much quicker than others. It depends in a vast measure upon the particular pattern you select. If you are fortunate in picking out the choicest pattern of a Wife—one, for instance, that sings whilst working, and seems to be never so happy as when the husband's linen is in hand—the Sewing Machine may be pronounced perfect of its kind; so much so, that there is no make-shift in the world that can possibly replace it, either for love or money. In short, no gentleman's establishment is complete without one of these Sewing Machines in the house!

Questions

Q1 – 4 marks – 5 minutes

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Using source A shade the boxes of the four true statements.	
A woman's role as a parent is less valued than a man's role.	
HeForShe is about giving freedom back to women only.	
Watson wants men to support the HeforShe campaign.	
Watson sees gender as two sets of opposing stereotypes.	
Suicide is the biggest killer of men between 20 and 49.	
Watson believes that men don't have equality, either.	
15.5 million women will be married in the next 16 years.	
Watson feels both genders should be free to be sensitive.	

Q2 – 8 marks – 10 minutes

What can you infer about the differences between the women described in each source?

Source A and B present the women described in each source in a different way as ...

In Source A, the writer describes the women as

For example: '....';

This implies that ...

However, in Source B, the writer describes the women as ...

For example: '....'

From this we can infer ...

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