



GCSE

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**ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE
FOUNDATION TIER
UNIT 1 (READING)**

A.M. TUESDAY, 29 May 2012

1 hour

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Resource Material.

A 12 page answer book.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark available for this unit is 40.

The number of marks in brackets will give you an indication of the time you should spend on each question or part-question.

Answer **all** of the following questions.

*The **separate Resource Material** is a newspaper article, 'Barnsley boy aims to become next Billy Elliot'.*

On the opposite page is an extract from an internet article: 'Ambreen Sadiq, Muslim Girl Boxer, aims to combat prejudice to succeed in the ring'.

Look at the newspaper article in the separate Resource Material, 'Barnsley boy aims to become next Billy Elliot'.

1. (a) How many children were competing for places at the Royal Ballet boarding school? [1]
 (b) At what age did Keenan start ballet dancing? [1]
 (c) List **three** of the routines Keenan has to practise every day. [3]
 (d) When Keenan goes to the Royal Ballet boarding school, how will he spend his day? [2]
 (e) How many places are available at the Royal Ballet boarding school each year? [1]
 (f) How have the children at Keenan's school reacted to his success? [2]

2. What do you learn about Mr and Mrs Faulkner from this newspaper article?

You should include:

- facts and details about them;
- the kind of people they are. [10]

Now look at the article on the opposite page, 'Ambreen Sadiq, Muslim Girl Boxer, aims to combat prejudice to succeed in the ring'.

3. What impressions do you get of Ambreen Sadiq? How does the writer create these impressions? [10]

You should now use details and information from both texts to answer the following questions.

4. (a) In what ways is Keenan unusual?
 (b) In what ways is Ambreen unusual?
 (c) In what ways are Keenan and Ambreen similar? [10]

Ambreen Sadiq, Muslim Girl Boxer, aims to combat prejudice to succeed in the ring

Ruth Gledhill

Few girls, let alone Muslim girls, can expect to pick up a pair of boxing gloves and go out fighting. But Ambreen Sadiq, a 15-year-old schoolgirl from Bradford, has overcome opposition from her community to win her latest fight, and is aiming for the 2012 Olympics, having already attended one training session with the England squad. Hailed as a 'pioneer' by the Amateur Boxing Association, Ambreen has already won the national female championship for her age and weight.

She first became involved with the sport three years ago when she accompanied her brother to a local boxing club, and has now been nominated in the female category of the Junior Sports Personality of the Year at this year's British Asian Sports Awards. Her coach, Naz Jalil, said, "I think it's brilliant that one of my pupils has been selected. You get some mixed feedback from the Asian community, but with this being the Asian Sports Awards, there is now an acceptance of what she is doing; it gives her a pat on the back and the support she needs."

He said Ambreen paid no attention to those who disapproved of her boxing for cultural reasons, and she would continue to compete in preparation for June's national championships and work towards competing internationally. "Ambreen is a talented and dedicated boxer, but she's also a strong and determined character and knows she's got the support of her family, friends and coach, and that's all she needs. She doesn't listen to negative comments."

In the ring, Ambreen transforms from a shy Muslim girl in traditional dress to a rapid-fire fighting machine in shorts, vest and ponytail. She admits, though, her culture and religion sometimes make it hard for her. "People go to my mum and dad and say 'Tell your daughter not to box. It's not good. It brings shame to the culture.' When they say stuff like that, I do feel really down. I feel like they should be supporting me and be proud of me. It's what I want to do and I think I'm good at it. It really upsets me and gets to me. I just want to prove them wrong."

A spokesman for the Muslim Council of Britain said, "We would not take a position against this." He did say some Muslim scholars, however, did regard boxing as 'inhumane'. Ayesha Abdeen, vice-chair of the Muslim Women's Sports Foundation, said: "We believe that women should have an opportunity to take part in sport and keep fit and healthy. A Muslim woman boxer I would say is quite rare."

Martin Utley, regional coach for the Amateur Boxing Association, said Ambreen Sadiq was one of the top female boxers in Britain: "There are other Muslim girl boxers but not at this competitive level. She is pioneering as far as Muslim girls are concerned in boxing."

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