**English Language Paper 2**

**Reading Practice: Boxing**

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| **Q1 – 4 marks – 5 minutes**  Using Source A highlight the four true statements.  a) The fight lasted nine rounds.  b) Jim Jefferies beat Robert Fitzsimmons.  c) Both boxers were novice fighters.  d) Fitzsimmons had an impressive reputation before the fight.  e) It was an easy win for Jefferies.  f) Jefferies had received very little training.  g) Jefferies was relatively unknown before the fight.  h) It was a close match. | **Source A**: **The text is from a newspaper article reporting on a heavyweight title fight held in 1899.**  At the arena of the Coney Island Athletic club tonight, Jim Jeffries defeated Robert Fitzsimmons, world’s champion in two classes, middleweight and heavyweight, in eleven rounds of whirlwind fighting. He came to the ring a rank outsider and left it the acknowledged master of the man he defeated. He was never at any time in serious danger and after the size up in the early rounds of the contest took the lead. He had the Australian whipped from the ninth round.  Jeffries is a veritable giant in stature and marvellously speedy for his immense size. Less than a year ago he appeared in New York a great, awkward ungainly boy. Today he is the lithe, active, alert, trained athlete. The men who prepared him for his fight worked wonders with him. They taught him a nearly perfect defence, improved his foot movement and instructed him in the methods of inflicting punishment on his opponent. The transition since he appeared last has been little short of miraculous. At 24 he has defeated Robert Fitzsimmons, Tom Shurky and Peter Jackson and if he cares for himself he will probably be able to successfully defend the title for many years to come.  The eleventh was where the fight ended. Jeffries rushed his opponent and downed him with a left swing. Fitzsimmons seemed out. At the end of seven seconds Fitzsimmons staggered to his feet only to go down again. He was up again and the old fighter wobbled to meet the sturdy young Hercules who awaited him. It was as courageous and gritty as a dash up to the firing line in battle, but it was hopeless. There was a moment of sparring and the giant arms of the Californian shot through the air. It was left, and right, and over.  **Source B: From an online article. Anthony Joshua defeats Wladimir Klitschko in epic Wembley battle (2017)**  From the moment the final blows of a magnificent fight rippled down Anthony Joshua’s 27-year-old arms on to the bleeding and battered head of the 41-year-old [Wladimir Klitschko](https://www.theguardian.com/sport/wladimir-klitschko) in the 11th round, there could be no more arguments about who is the best heavyweight in the world. It was not just that Joshua, unbeaten in all 19 professional fights, had added the WBA “super” version of the title to his own IBF belt, or even that he had stopped one of boxing’s finest old champions. What secured the winner’s acclaim, surely, by everyone but the WBC champion, Deontay Wilder (who sat ringside) was that he got up from a right cross in the sixth that would have felled an elephant. Probably unsure what city he was in, he fought on through a daze to bring the contest to the most dramatic conclusion, and will rule until someone of equal stature unseats him. There is nobody of that calibre on the horizon. There was little in it as they came out for the 11th round. Klitschko, perhaps, had an edge, using every trick garnered over 68 fights, 29 of them as champion in an 11-year stretch, to bring anxiety to his young opponent’s work. That changed in the crack of a single uppercut to the Ukrainian’s jaw, which all but toppled him. A left hook and a grazing right put him down for a count in his own corner and Joshua went for the kill, calmly and with fixed purpose. He sent him over like a dead tree with a left hook. | **Q3 – Language**  **12 marks (15 minutes)**  Look carefully at lines 6 to the end in Source B.  How does the writer use language to describe the fight? |
| **Q2 – Synthesis**  **8 marks (10 minutes)**  Use both sources.  Write a summary of the differences between the two boxing matches. | **Q4- Comparison**  **16 marks (25 minutes)**  Compare how the writers convey their similar attitudes towards the boxing matches they reviewed. |