

# **English Literature**

Advanced Subsidiary GCE **F661**

Poetry and Prose 1800-1945 (Closed Text)

## **Mark Scheme for June 2010**

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**Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)**

| Question      | AO1       | AO2       | AO3       | AO4       | Total     |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b>      | 5         | 15        | 0         | 10        | <b>30</b> |
| <b>2</b>      | 5         | 15        | 0         | 10        | <b>30</b> |
| <b>3</b>      | 5         | 15        | 0         | 10        | <b>30</b> |
| <b>4</b>      | 5         | 15        | 0         | 10        | <b>30</b> |
| <b>5(a)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>5(b)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>6(a)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>6(b)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>7(a)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>7(b)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>8(a)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>8(b)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>9(a)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>9(b)</b>   | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>10(a)</b>  | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>10(b)</b>  | 5         | 10        | 10        | 5         | <b>30</b> |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>60</b> |

These are the Assessment Objectives for the English Literature specification as a whole.

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| <b>AO1</b> | articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts, using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression |
| <b>AO2</b> | demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meanings in literary texts                      |
| <b>AO3</b> | explore connections and comparisons between different literary texts, informed by interpretations of other readers  |
| <b>AO4</b> | demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received                                  |

**Band Descriptors: Section A****Band 6: 26–30 marks**

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| AO2<br>*** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>well developed and consistently detailed discussion of effects of language, imagery and verse form</li> <li>excellent and consistently effective use of analytical methods</li> <li>consistently effective use of quotations and references to text, critically addressed, blended into discussion</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>**  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consistently developed and consistently detailed understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>  |
| AO1<br>*   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>excellent and consistently detailed understanding of poem and question</li> <li>consistently fluent and accurate writing in appropriate register</li> <li>critical terminology used accurately and consistently</li> <li>well structured, coherent and detailed argument consistently developed</li> </ul>    |

**Band 5: 21–25 marks**

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| AO2<br>*** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developed and good level of detail in discussion of effects of language, imagery and verse form</li> <li>good use of analytical methods</li> <li>good use of quotations and references to text, generally critically addressed</li> </ul>                      |
| AO4<br>**  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>good, clear evaluation of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>   |
| AO1<br>*   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>good and secure understanding of poem and question</li> <li>good level of coherence and accuracy of writing, in appropriate register</li> <li>critical terminology used accurately</li> <li>well structured argument with clear line of development</li> </ul> |

**Band 4: 16–20 marks**

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| AO2<br>*** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>generally developed discussion of effects of language, imagery and verse form</li> <li>competent use of analytical methods</li> <li>competent use of illustrative quotations and references to support discussion</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>**  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>competent understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>  |
| AO1<br>*   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>competent understanding of poem and question</li> <li>clear writing in generally appropriate register</li> <li>critical terminology used appropriately</li> <li>straightforward arguments competently structured</li> </ul>  |

\*\*\* Stars denote relative weighting of the assessment objectives

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**Band 3: 11–15 marks**

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| AO2<br>*** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some attempt to develop discussion of effects of language, imagery and verse form</li> <li>• some attempt at using analytical methods</li> <li>• some use of quotations/references as illustration</li> </ul>   |
| AO4<br>**  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>  |
| AO1<br>*   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some understanding of poem and main elements of question</li> <li>• some clear writing, some inconsistencies in register</li> <li>• some appropriate use of critical terminology</li> <li>• some structured argument evident, lacking development and/or full illustration</li> </ul> |

**Band 2: 6–10 marks**

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| AO2<br>*** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited discussion of effects of language, imagery and verse form</li> <li>• description or narrative comment; limited use of analytical methods</li> <li>• limited or inconsistent use of quotations, uncritically presented</li> </ul>   |
| AO4<br>**  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>  |
| AO1<br>*   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited understanding of poem and partial attempt at question</li> <li>• inconsistent writing, frequent instances of technical error, limited use of appropriate register</li> <li>• limited use of critical terminology</li> <li>• limited attempt to structure discussion; tendency to lose track of argument</li> </ul> |

**Band 1: 0–5 marks**

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| AO2<br>*** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very little or no relevant discussion of effects of language, imagery and verse form</li> <li>• only very infrequent phrases of commentary; very little or no use of analytical methods</li> <li>• very few quotations (eg 1 or 2) used (and likely to be incorrect), or no quotations used</li> </ul>                        |
| AO4<br>**  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very little reference (and likely to be irrelevant) or no understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>   |
| AO1<br>*   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very little or no connection with poem; question disregarded</li> <li>• persistent serious writing errors inhibit communication of meaning; very little of no use of appropriate register</li> <li>• persistently inaccurate or no use of critical terminology</li> <li>• undeveloped, very fragmentary discussion</li> </ul> |

**Band Descriptors: Section B****Band 6: 26–30 marks**

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| AO2<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>well developed and consistently detailed discussion of effects of language, form and structure</li> <li>excellent and consistently effective use of analytical methods</li> <li>consistently effective use of quotations and references to text, critically addressed, blended into discussion</li> </ul>  |
| AO3<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>judgement consistently informed by exploration of different readings of the text</li> </ul>  |
| AO1<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>excellent and consistently detailed understanding of text and question</li> <li>consistently fluent and accurate writing in appropriate register</li> <li>critical terminology used accurately and consistently</li> <li>well structured, coherent and detailed argument consistently developed</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>consistently developed and consistently detailed understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>   |

**Band 5: 21–25 marks**

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| AO2<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>developed and good level of detail in discussion of effects of language, form and structure</li> <li>good use of analytical methods</li> <li>good use of quotations and references to text, generally critically addressed</li> </ul>                          |
| AO3<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>good level of recognition and exploration of different readings of the text</li> </ul>   |
| AO1<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>good and secure understanding of text and question</li> <li>good level of coherence and accuracy of writing, in appropriate register</li> <li>critical terminology used accurately</li> <li>well structured argument with clear line of development</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>good, clear evaluation of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>   |

**Band 4: 16–20 marks**

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| AO2<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>generally developed discussion of effects of language, form and structure</li> <li>competent use of analytical methods</li> <li>competent use of illustrative quotations and references to support discussion</li> </ul>              |
| AO3<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>answer informed by some reference to different readings of the text</li> </ul>  |
| AO1<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>competent understanding of text and question</li> <li>clear writing in generally appropriate register</li> <li>critical terminology used appropriately</li> <li>straightforward arguments generally competently structured</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>competent understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>   |

**Band 3: 11–15 marks**

|           |  |
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| AO2<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some attempt to develop discussion of effects of language, form and structure</li> <li>• some attempt at using analytical methods</li> <li>• some use of quotations/references as illustration</li> </ul>   |
| AO3<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some awareness of different readings of the text</li> </ul>   |
| AO1<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some understanding of text and main elements of question</li> <li>• some clear writing, some inconsistencies in register</li> <li>• some appropriate use of critical terminology</li> <li>• some structured argument evident, lacking development and/or full illustration</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• some understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>  |

**Band 2: 6–10 marks**

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| AO2<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited discussion of effects of language, form and structure</li> <li>• description or narrative comment; limited use of analytical methods</li> <li>• limited or inconsistent use of quotations, uncritically presented</li> </ul>   |
| AO3<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited awareness of different readings of the text</li> </ul>   |
| AO1<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited understanding of text and partial attempt at question</li> <li>• inconsistent writing, frequent instances of technical error, limited use of appropriate register</li> <li>• limited use of critical terminology</li> <li>• limited attempt to structure discussion; tendency to lose track of argument</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• limited understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>  |

**Band 1: 0–5 marks**

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| AO2<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very little or no relevant discussion of effects of language, form and structure</li> <li>• very infrequent commentary; very little or no use of analytical methods</li> <li>• very few quotations (eg 1 or 2) used (and likely to be incorrect), or no quotations used</li> </ul>  |
| AO3<br>** | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very little or no awareness of different readings of the text</li> </ul>  |
| AO1<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very little or no connection with text, question disregarded</li> <li>• persistent serious writing errors inhibit communication of meaning; very little or no use of appropriate register</li> <li>• persistently inaccurate or no use of critical terminology</li> <li>• undeveloped, very fragmentary discussion</li> </ul> |
| AO4<br>*  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• very little reference (and likely to be irrelevant) or no understanding of the significance and influence of contexts in which literary texts are written and understood, as appropriate to the question</li> </ul>   |

## Section A – Poetry

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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>William Wordsworth – <i>Strange fits of passion I have known</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 1<br/>(30 marks)</b>   | <p>‘ “O mercy!” to myself I cried,<br/>“If Lucy should be dead!” ’</p> <p>Discuss ways in which Wordsworth presents intense emotion in ‘Strange fits of passion I have known.’</p> <p>In your answer, explore the effects of language, imagery and verse form, and consider how this poem relates to other poems by Wordsworth that you have studied.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section A, the dominant assessment objective is AO2 (***), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts.</p> <p>Answers are also assessed for AO4 (**), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received. In this part of the exam, ‘context’ is primarily understood to refer to other poems by the same writer (usually, but not necessarily, other poems from the prescription).</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression.</p> <p>In good answers, candidates may note how the speaker in this poem is presented as a solitary figure in the landscape, and may compare him with other solitary figures such as the Old Man Travelling; they may also comment on the poem’s moving simplicity of form. Many answers are likely to suggest that the poem’s opening line prepares the reader for intense emotion, as does the speaker’s intention to tell his story ‘in the lover’s ear alone’. Most will discuss the imagery of the rose and the moon as they relate to the figure of Lucy, and are likely to focus on the ominous, ambiguous tone at the poem’s conclusion. The speaker’s emotional outburst at the end of the final stanza is likely to feature as a manifestation of intense emotion. Good answers may compare this poem to others which focus on intense emotion such as ‘Nutting’.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates’ answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |   |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Wordsworth presents intense emotion in the poem, considering in detail the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'Strange fits of passion I have known' in the context of other poems by Wordsworth with confidence; references to other poems should be concise and specific, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show informed insight into other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate a detailed understanding of the presentation of intense emotion in 'Strange fits of passion I have known', selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Wordsworth presents intense emotion in the poem, considering the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'Strange fits of passion I have known' in the context of other poems by Wordsworth with competence; references to other poems should be appropriate, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show awareness of other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate a competent understanding of the presentation of intense emotion in 'Strange fits of passion I have known', selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited understanding of some of the ways in which Wordsworth presents intense emotion in the poem, making some reference to language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Answers will make a limited attempt to place 'Strange fits of passion I have known' in the context of other poems by Wordsworth.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate a limited understanding of the presentation of intense emotion in 'Strange fits of passion I have known', and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Christina Rossetti – <i>Shut Out</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 2<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | <p>‘From bough to bough the song-birds crossed,<br/>From flower to flower the moths and bees...’</p> <p>Discuss Rossetti’s presentation of nature in ‘Shut Out’.</p> <p>In your answer, explore the effects of language, imagery and verse form, and consider how this poem relates to other poems by Rossetti that you have studied.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section A, the dominant assessment objective is AO2 (***), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts.</p> <p>Answers are also assessed for AO4 (**), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received. In this part of the exam, ‘context’ is primarily understood to refer to other poems by the same writer (usually, but not necessarily, other poems from the prescription).</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression.</p> <p>In good answers, candidates may recognised an idealised, almost unreal quality belonging to the garden which the speaker can see through the iron bars of her prison; her sorrow is intensified by the loss of such perfection (‘Pied with all flowers bedewed and green’). Many candidates are likely to suggest that this is a reference to the fall of Man and the loss of Eden, played out through very personal imagined landscape. Answers may recognise the personal and domestic language applied to Eden – or heaven – in the poem: ‘...bid my home remember me / Until I come to it again’). The lark’s nest and the violet bed in the final stanza may well be recognised as the second-best manifestation of nature in its earthly reality, far removed from the ‘delightful land’ from which the speaker is shut out. Some answers may offer a more secular reading, perhaps along the lines of personal loss. Answers are likely to relate the poem to others which deal with nature, such as ‘Twice’, or heaven, such as ‘Uphill’.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates’ answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |   |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Rossetti presents nature in the poem, considering in detail the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'Shut Out' in the context of other poems by Rossetti with confidence; references to other poems should be concise and specific, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show informed insight into other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate a detailed understanding of the presentation of nature in 'Shut Out', selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Rossetti presents nature in the poem, considering the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'Shut Out' in the context of other poems by Rossetti with competence; references to other poems should be appropriate, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show awareness of other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate a competent understanding of the presentation of hope and despair in 'Shut Out', selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited understanding of some of the ways in which Rossetti presents nature in the poem, making some reference to language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Answers will make a limited attempt to place 'Shut Out' in the context of other poems by Rossetti.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate a limited understanding of the presentation of nature in 'Shut Out', and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.

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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>Wilfred Owen – <i>Miners</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 3<br/>(30 marks)</b>   | <p>‘A sigh of the coal,<br/>Grown wistful of a former earth<br/>It might recall.’</p> <p>Discuss ways in which Owen presents memory in ‘Miners’.</p> <p>In your answer, explore the effects of language, imagery and verse form, and consider how this poem relates to other poems by Owen that you have studied.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section A, the dominant assessment objective is AO2 (***), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts.</p> <p>Answers are also assessed for AO4 (**), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received. In this part of the exam, ‘context’ is primarily understood to refer to other poems by the same writer (usually, but not necessarily, other poems from the prescription).</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression.</p> <p>In good answers, candidates are likely to identify different kinds of memory which occur in the poem. In the first image, the coals on the speaker’s fire, ‘grown wistful’, whisper about the past. The speaker imagines that they might be recalling prehistoric times, but then realises that their memories are of boys and men who died in the colliery disaster which inspired the poem (there is, of course, no requirement for candidates to show awareness of this contextual information). Descriptions of human remains in the ground lead Owen to an inevitable connection with WWI: ‘I thought of all that worked dark pits / Of war, and died’. Good answers should remain focused on the idea of memory and may discuss the prehistoric past; the dead men (miners? soldiers?) whom ‘few remember’; the short memories of those who reach out their ‘well-cheered hands’ to a fire fuelled by forgotten casualties. Candidates are likely to relate this poem to a wide range of others which deal with the subject of memory in different ways, for example ‘Exposure’ and ‘Strange Meeting’.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates’ answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |   |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Owen presents memory in the poem, considering in detail the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'Miners' in the context of other poems by Owen with confidence; references to other poems should be concise and specific, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show informed insight into other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate a detailed grasp of the presentation of memory in 'Miners', selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with competence some of the ways in which Owen presents memory in the poem, considering the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'Miners' in the context of other poems by Owen with competence; references to other poems should be appropriate, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show awareness of other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate a competent grasp of the presentation of memory in 'Miners', selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited understanding of some of the ways in which Owen presents memory in the poem, making some reference to language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Answers will make a limited attempt to place 'Miners' in the context of other poems by Owen.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate a limited grasp of the presentation of memory in 'Miners', and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Robert Frost – <i>There Are Roughly Zones</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 4<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | <p>‘What comes over a man, is it soul or mind –<br/>That to no limits and bounds he can stay confined?’</p> <p>Discuss ways in which Frost considers ‘limits and bounds’ in ‘There are Roughly Zones’.</p> <p>In your answer, explore the effects of language, imagery and verse form, and consider how this poem relates to other poems by Frost that you have studied.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section A, the dominant assessment objective is AO2 (***) , to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts.</p> <p>Answers are also assessed for AO4 (**), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received. In this part of the exam, ‘context’ is primarily understood to refer to other poems by the same writer (usually, but not necessarily, other poems from the prescription).</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression.</p> <p>In good answers, candidates are likely to identify the peach tree as the central image of the poem and to explore its significance in relation to ‘limits and bounds’, possibly noting that it is characteristic of Frost to choose symbols from the world of nature and to consider them in the context of human life and experience (for example in ‘Birches’ or ‘A Leaf Treader’). They may note that the iambic pentameter line provides an almost chatty, explanatory tone, and that the poem uses its central symbol to ask questions about man’s combative and challenging relationship with nature: if the peach dies, ‘It can blame this limitless trait in the hearts of men’. Good answers may compare this poem to others which focus on ‘limits and bounds’ such as ‘Mending Wall’.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates’ answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |  |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Frost considers 'limits and bounds' in the poem, considering in detail the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'There are Roughly Zones' in the context of other poems by Frost with confidence; references to other poems should be concise and specific, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show informed insight into other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate a detailed grasp of the presentation of 'limits and bounds' in 'There are Roughly Zones', selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Frost considers 'limits and bounds' in the poem, considering the effectiveness of language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Candidates should place 'There are Roughly Zones' in the context of other poems by Frost with competence; references to other poems should be appropriate, taking account of relevant differences and similarities. Answers may also show awareness of other relevant contextual material.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate a competent grasp of the presentation of 'limits and bounds' in 'There are Roughly Zones', selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited understanding of some of the ways in which Frost considers 'limits and bounds' in the poem, making some reference to language, imagery and verse form.
- AO4 Answers will make a limited attempt to place 'There are Roughly Zones' in the context of other poems by Frost.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate a limited grasp of the presentation of 'limits and bounds' in 'There are Roughly Zones', and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.

## Section B – Prose

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Jane Austen – <i>Pride and Prejudice</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 5 (a)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | <p>“Till this moment, I never knew myself.”</p> <p>In the light of Elizabeth Bennet’s remark, discuss the importance in <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> of self-discovery.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>In good answers, candidates are likely to identify key characters who arrive at greater self-knowledge in the course of the novel. Elizabeth Bennet, as the speaker in the question and the central character in the novel, is likely to occupy a substantial proportion of candidates’ answers, but they may also write about other characters who learn about themselves, perhaps including Mr Darcy, Mr Bennet and Mr Bingley. Good answers are likely to consider the importance of self-discovery to the novel as a whole, and may conclude that the theme is essential to the novel’s morality and links strongly to the title ‘Pride and Prejudice’. Some answers may reflect on the failure of some characters to learn about themselves at all, and may identify characters who know themselves well from the start; others may suggest that the comic form of the novel should not be overwhelmed by the notion of its serious moral purpose. Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates’ answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |   |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Austen presents self-discovery in the novel, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, dialogue, irony and structure.
- AO3 Answers should offer a coherently argued view which is usefully informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate detailed knowledge of self-discovery in *Pride and Prejudice*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.
- AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as the nature of comic form in the novel.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Austen presents self-discovery in the novel.
- AO3 Answers should offer a straightforward argument which is informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate relevant knowledge of self-discovery in *Pride and Prejudice*, selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.
- AO4 Answers should show awareness of the importance of contextual issues such as the nature of comic form in the novel.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited discussion of some of the ways in which Austen presents self-discovery in the novel.
- AO3 Answers will demonstrate a limited awareness of the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate limited knowledge of self-discovery in *Pride and Prejudice*, and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.
- AO4 Answers will show limited awareness of contextual issues such as the nature of comic form in the novel.

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Jane Austen – <i>Pride and Prejudice</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 5 (b)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | ‘Although the manners of the society depicted in <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> are highly formal, we still learn plenty about the characters’ emotional lives.’<br><br>How far and in what ways do you agree with this view? |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>Good answers are likely to identify some formal occasions on which manners are constrained (for example the ball; various meetings with Lady Catherine; Elizabeth’s visit to Pemberley with the Gardiners). They should also explore ways in which characters can express their feelings, either during formal occasions (for example flirtatious conversations at the ball) or in a more private setting (confidential conversations between Jane and Lizzy, for example, or the letters written by Mr Darcy). Candidates are likely to discuss the standards of decorum of the day, and may choose to highlight their importance by showing reactions when the social code is transgressed (anything from Elizabeth’s embarrassment at her family’s manners to the Bennet family’s consternation at Lydia’s indiscretion with Wickham). Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates’ answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |   |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Austen presents characters' emotional lives in the novel, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, dialogue, irony and structure.
- AO3 Answers should offer a coherently argued view which is usefully informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate a detailed awareness of the presentation of characters' emotional lives in *Pride and Prejudice*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.
- AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as the formal manners of the society in which the novel is set.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Austen presents characters' emotional lives in the novel.
- AO3 Answers should offer a straightforward argument which is informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate a competent awareness of the presentation of characters' emotional lives in *Pride and Prejudice*, selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.
- AO4 Answers should show awareness of the importance of contextual issues such as the formal manners of the society in which the novel is set.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited discussion of some of the ways in which Austen presents characters' emotional lives in the novel.
- AO3 Answers will demonstrate a limited awareness of the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate limited awareness of the presentation of characters' emotional lives in *Pride and Prejudice*, and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.
- AO4 Answers will show limited awareness of contextual issues such as the formal manners of the society in which the novel is set.

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Emily Brontë: <i>Wuthering Heights</i></b>  |
| <b>Question 6 (a)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | <p>'This novel contains shocking pictures of the worst forms of humanity' (Victorian review).</p> <p>How far and in what ways have you been shocked by the characters of <i>Wuthering Heights</i>?</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>This question is likely to lead candidates to write about the violence in the novel, and answers may well focus on Heathcliff and catalogue some of his many misdeeds (for example hitting the younger Catherine; imprisoning Nelly; coming under suspicion in relation to Hindley's death). Good answers should be aware of potentially shocking behaviour in other characters too: Edgar and Isabella Linton both carry out violent attacks on others, and even Linton Heathcliff takes pleasure in watching his father's brutality. Some answers may suggest that Emily Bronte presents a world where anyone can be violent if goaded, and many are likely to refer to (the apparently gentle) Lockwood's desperate act of brutality to the ghostly child. Candidates will have to arrive at their own decision as to how far they have been shocked by the novel. Supernatural and gothic elements of the novel may also be considered a source of shocking material, as may the intensity and simple-mindedness of the characters' passions. Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates' answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |  |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Brontë presents the characters in the novel, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, dialogue and structure.
- AO3 Answers should offer a coherently argued view which is usefully informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate detailed knowledge of how the characters are portrayed in *Wuthering Heights*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.
- AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as views of sin and evil in 19<sup>th</sup> century religion.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Brontë presents the characters in the novel.
- AO3 Answers should offer a straightforward argument which is informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate relevant knowledge of how the characters are portrayed in *Wuthering Heights*, selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.
- AO4 Answers should show awareness of the importance of contextual issues such as views of sin and evil in 19<sup>th</sup> century religion.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited discussion of some of the ways in which Brontë presents the characters in the novel.
- AO3 Answers will demonstrate a limited awareness of the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate limited knowledge of how the characters are portrayed in *Wuthering Heights*, and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.
- AO4 Answers will show limited awareness of contextual issues such as views of sin and evil in 19<sup>th</sup> century religion.

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Emily Brontë: <i>Wuthering Heights</i></b>  |
| <b>Question 6 (b)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | <p>'Despite its many domestic scenes, the novel's true centre lies in the natural world.'</p> <p>How far and in what ways do you agree with this view of <i>Wuthering Heights</i>?</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>Good answers are likely to offer some account of the domestic interiors of the novel, especially the Heights with its pewter plates and oak closet, and Thrushcross Grange with its soft, luxurious interior observed by young Cathy and Heathcliff through the window. They need also to focus on the natural landscape, probably featuring the childhood escapes of Cathy and Heathcliff out on to the moor, and the spring scenes with details of becks, lapwings, heather and bilberries – bilberries which grow over the wall of the churchyard, emphasising its position on the verge of the open vastness of moorland. Answers may refer to the energy of nature, the pure bracing ventilation at the Heights and the violence of the storms, one of which takes Heathcliff away. They may also note how nature dominates the novel's imagery, with the younger Catherine's idea of heaven and her mother's description of her love for Linton (like the 'foliage in the trees') and for Heathcliff ('the eternal rocks beneath'). Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates' answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |  |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Brontë treats the natural world, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, characterisation and structure.
- AO3 Answers should offer a coherently argued view which is usefully informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate detailed knowledge of the narrative method of *Wuthering Heights*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.
- AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as Brontë's use of local landscape in creating settings for her novel.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Brontë treats the natural world.
- AO3 Answers should offer a straightforward argument which is informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate relevant knowledge of the narrative method of *Wuthering Heights*, selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.
- AO4 Answers should show awareness of the importance of contextual issues such as Brontë's use of local landscape in creating settings for her novel.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited discussion of some of the ways in which Brontë treats the natural world.
- AO3 Answers will demonstrate a limited awareness of the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate limited knowledge of the narrative method of *Wuthering Heights*, and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.
- AO4 Answers will show limited awareness of contextual issues such as Brontë's use of local landscape in creating settings for her novel.

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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>Thomas Hardy: <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 7 (a)<br/>(30 marks)</b>   | 'The society depicted in <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> is notable for its hypocrisy and cruelty.'<br><br>How far and in what ways do you agree with this view? |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>Good answers are likely to consider a range of characters in relation to hypocrisy and cruelty: Alec D'Urberville is likely to be accused of cruelty and of hypocrisy, especially when he has become a preacher; the parson who fails Tess after the death of her baby, Sorrow, may represent both qualities; and Angel Clare's brothers may be described as hypocrites. The episode which is likely to achieve prominence in most answers, however, is Angel's rejection of Tess on their wedding night, despite his own past transgressions. All answers are likely to provide a series of examples; good answers will seek to offer an overview where they consider the cruelty and hypocrisy of Victorian society, or perhaps relate the unkindness of individuals to the cruelty of fate which seems to work against Tess. Candidates should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates' answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |   |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Hardy presents hypocrisy and cruelty, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, dialogue and structure.
- AO3 Answers should offer a coherently argued view which is usefully informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate detailed knowledge of hypocrisy and cruelty in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.
- AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as social and moral behaviour in the society in which the novel is set.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Hardy presents hypocrisy and cruelty.
- AO3 Answers should offer a straightforward argument which is informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate relevant knowledge of hypocrisy and cruelty in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.
- AO4 Answers should show awareness of the importance of contextual issues such as social and moral behaviour in the society in which the novel is set.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited discussion of some of the ways in which Hardy presents hypocrisy and cruelty.
- AO3 Answers will demonstrate a limited awareness of the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate limited knowledge of hypocrisy and cruelty in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.
- AO4 Answers will show limited awareness of contextual issues such as social and moral behaviour in the society in which the novel is set.

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Thomas Hardy: <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i></b>  |
| <b>Question 7 (b)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | 'Tess is too passive to be a tragic heroine.'<br><br>How far and in what ways do you agree with this view? |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>Good answers are likely to make use of a working definition of tragedy in their answers; this need not be explicitly stated at the outset, but will helpfully underpin arguments as to whether Tess can reasonably be described as a 'tragic heroine'. Candidates may point out that Tess is inclined to ride the tide of events rather than seeking to control her own destiny; her tendency to drift is perhaps at its most disastrous when she drifts back to Alec. Some answers may discuss the idea that Tess does not seem to yield herself fully, either to other characters in the novel or to the reader – this may partly account for the very strong feelings people tend to have about this novel. Answers which find Tess passive may point out that she doesn't tend to question her fate, although her outlook is often gloomy from the start of the story. Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content. This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates' answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |  |

**Band 6**

AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Hardy presents Tess, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, dialogue and characterisation.

AO3 Answers should offer a coherently argued view which is usefully informed by the interpretations of other readers.

AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate detailed knowledge of Tess's role in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.

AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as the conventions surrounding the presentation of tragic heroes/heroines.

**Band 4**

AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Hardy presents Tess.

AO3 Answers should offer a straightforward argument which is informed by the interpretations of other readers.

AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate relevant knowledge of Tess's role in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.

AO4 Answers should show awareness of the importance of contextual issues such as the conventions surrounding the presentation of tragic heroes/heroines.

**Band 2**

AO2 Essays will offer a limited discussion of some of the ways in which Hardy presents Tess.

AO3 Answers will demonstrate a limited awareness of the interpretations of other readers.

AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate limited knowledge of Tess's role in *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.

AO4 Answers will show limited awareness of contextual issues such as the conventions surrounding the presentation of tragic heroes/heroines.

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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>Edith Wharton: <i>The Age of Innocence</i></b>  |
| <b>Question 8 (a)<br/>(30 marks)</b>   | <p>'Marriage was not the safe anchorage [Newland] had been taught to think, but a voyage on uncharted seas.'</p> <p>In the light of this comment, explore the presentation of marriage in <i>The Age of Innocence</i>.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>Good answers are likely to consider a number of marriages in the course of discussion: the van der Luydens may offer a picture of the stability and safety envisaged by Newland; Ellen Olenska's marital troubles may feature as part of Newland's education in difficulties which can occur; Julius Beaufort's infidelities may form part of the complex picture of marriage in old New York. Most answers are likely to focus chiefly on Newland's own marriage to May Welland, however, and analyse it in view of the expectations they both have. Newland says at one point that he is 'the man who married one woman because another one told him to'; candidates are likely to examine the triangular relationship between Newland, May and Ellen and draw conclusions about the nature of marriage in the novel. Good answers are likely to refer to Newland's settled loyalty to May in the novel's coda, where he refuses to meet Ellen again even after the death of his wife. Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates' answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |  |

**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Wharton presents marriage in the novel, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, dialogue, irony and structure.
- AO3 Answers should offer a coherently argued view which is usefully informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate detailed understanding of marriage in *The Age of Innocence*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.
- AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as attitudes to marriage in the society portrayed in the novel.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Wharton presents marriage.
- AO3 Answers should offer a straightforward argument which is informed by the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers should be competent and clearly constructed. Candidates should demonstrate relevant understanding of marriage in *The Age of Innocence*, selecting relevant illustrative material and using appropriate terminology.
- AO4 Answers should show awareness of the importance of contextual issues such as attitudes to marriage in the society portrayed in the novel.

**Band 2**

- AO2 Essays will offer a limited discussion of some of the ways in which Wharton presents marriage.
- AO3 Answers will demonstrate a limited awareness of the interpretations of other readers.
- AO1 Answers will demonstrate a limited attempt to structure discussion, and may offer a partial answer to the question. Candidates will demonstrate limited understanding of marriage in *The Age of Innocence*, and may include passages of descriptive or narrative comment. There will be limited use of appropriate register and terminology.
- AO4 Answers will show limited awareness of contextual issues such as attitudes to marriage in the society portrayed in the novel.

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| <b>Text:</b>  | <b>Edith Wharton: <i>The Age of Innocence</i></b>  |
| <b>Question 8 (b)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | <p>'Throughout <i>The Age of Innocence</i>, we are conscious of a great city in the making.'</p> <p>Explore Wharton's presentation of New York in the light of this comment.</p> |
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**Band 6**

- AO2 Essays should analyse with confidence ways in which Wharton treats New York, considering the effectiveness of aspects such as narrative voice, irony and structure.
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- AO1 Answers should be fluent and well constructed, showing a creative engagement with the text. Candidates should demonstrate detailed knowledge of the presentation of New York in *The Age of Innocence*, selecting telling illustrative material and using appropriate terminology with confidence.
- AO4 Answers should show informed insight into the importance of contextual issues such as the development of the city of New York.

**Band 4**

- AO2 Essays should demonstrate a competent understanding of some of the ways in which Wharton treats New York.
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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>F Scott Fitzgerald: <i>The Great Gatsby</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 9 (a)<br/>(30 marks)</b>   | <p>‘ “Can’t repeat the past?” he cried incredulously. “Why of course you can!” ’</p> <p>In the light of Gatsby’s comment, explore the importance of the past in <i>The Great Gatsby</i>.</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>Good answers are likely to refer to the last line of the novel, with its symbol of ‘boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past’ (some may even be aware that this sentence appears on Fitzgerald’s tombstone), and may point out that Gatsby’s desire to ‘repeat the past’ is common to many who crave the ‘fresh, green breast of the new world’, unspoiled and full of promise. Candidates may be aware that the principal characters of the novel are not from New York, and all have a past that they can look back to – at the end of the novel, Nick plans to return to his home town in the Middle West. All answers are likely to focus on Gatsby and his dream of the past which becomes an obsession almost exclusively focused on Daisy. They might suggest that Gatsby wants to relive a time when he was innocent, or to escape into the dream of loving the girl next door. They may well suggest that he always admired Daisy’s expensive looks, so that the dream was always tainted with money. Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates’ answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |  |

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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>F Scott Fitzgerald: <i>The Great Gatsby</i></b>  |
| <b>Question 9 (b)<br/>(30 marks)</b>   | <p>'The symbolism of <i>The Great Gatsby</i> suggests that hopes turn to dust and ashes.'</p> <p>How far and in what ways do you agree with this view of the novel?</p> |
| <p><b>NOTES ON THE TASK:</b></p> <p>In Section B, the dominant assessment objectives are AO2 (**), to demonstrate detailed critical understanding in analysing the ways in which structure, form and language shape meaning in literary texts, and AO3 (**), to explore connections and comparisons between literary texts, <b>informed by the interpretations of other readers</b>. In this part of the exam candidates are writing about a single text, so only the part of AO3 given in bold is to be assessed.</p> <p>Marks are also available for AO1 (*), to articulate creative, informed and relevant responses to literary texts using appropriate terminology and concepts, and coherent, accurate written expression; and AO4 (*), to demonstrate understanding of the significance and influence of the contexts in which literary texts are written and received.</p> <p>Good answers are likely to identify symbols of hope and plenty, especially from early in the novel – green lawns, large houses, food, guests, shirts, the green light at the end of the dock. This discussion is likely to be balanced by reference to the valley of ashes, the dismal place which is home to Tom's mistress and becomes the scene of her death. Candidates are likely to consider the presence of the eyes of Dr T J Eckleburg, brooding ominously over 'the solemn dumping ground', and to discuss the accident which kills Myrtle, makes her husband a murderer and leads to Gatsby's chivalrous and fatal lie to protect Daisy. Answers may make some judgement about the balance in the novel between hope and despair. Answers may also perceive Gatsby as a symbol (constructed by Nick) of America, the infinite 17<sup>th</sup> century hope and "wonder" of the New World degraded into the materialistic, corrupt and violent society presented in the novel. Candidates need to argue a clear case and should discuss methods of presentation as well as theme/content.</p> <p>This guidance is intended to indicate aspects of questions that may feature in candidates' answers. It is not prescriptive, nor is it exclusive; examiners must be careful to reward original but well-focused answers and implicit as well as explicit responses to questions.</p> |   |

**Band 6**

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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>Evelyn Waugh: <i>A Handful of Dust</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 10 (a)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | ‘A more moral book has rarely come my way’ (1930s review).<br>How far and in what ways do you find <i>A Handful of Dust</i> to be ‘a moral book’? |
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**Band 6**

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| <b>Text:</b>   | <b>Evelyn Waugh: <i>A Handful of Dust</i></b>   |
| <b>Question 10 (b)<br/>(30 marks)</b>  | 'Neither comfortable nor luxurious: places to despair in.'<br><br>How far and in what ways do you agree with this comment on the settings of <i>A Handful of Dust</i> ? |
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