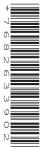


# **Tuesday 4 June 2019 – Morning**

# A Level English Language and Literature (EMC)

H474/02 The language of poetry and plays

Time allowed: 2 hours



#### You must have:

 the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet (OCR12 sent with general stationery)

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- · Use black ink.
- Answer two questions. One from Section A and one from Section B.
- Write your answers in the Answer Booklet. The question number(s) must be clearly shown.

#### **INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is **64**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [ ].
- · This document consists of 20 pages.

#### Section A – Poetry: stylistic analysis

William Blake
Emily Dickinson
Seamus Heaney
Eavan Boland
Carol Ann Duffy
Jacob Sam-La Rose

Answer **one** question from this section. You should spend about one hour on this section.

#### 1 William Blake

Explore how William Blake presents ideas about faith and hope in 'The Chimney Sweeper' (I) and make connections with one or two other poems from your collection.

You should consider Blake's use of poetic and stylistic techniques and significant literary or other relevant contexts.

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# 'The Chimney Sweeper'

When my mother died I was very young, And my father sold me while yet my tongue, Could scarcely cry weep weep weep. So your chimneys I sweep & in soot I sleep.

Theres little Tom Dacre, who cried when his head That curl'd like a lambs back, was shav'd, so I said, Hush Tom never mind it, for when your head's bare, You know that the soot cannot spoil your white hair.

And so he was quiet, & that very night, As Tom was a sleeping he had such a sight, That thousands of sweepers Dick, Joe, Ned & Jack Were all of them lock'd up in coffins of black,

And by came an Angel who had a bright key, And he open'd the coffins & set them all free. Then down a green plain leaping laughing they run And wash in a river and shine in the Sun.

Then naked & white, all their bags left behind, They rise upon clouds, and sport in the wind. And the Angel told Tom, if he'd be a good boy, He'd have God for his father & never want joy.

And so Tom awoke and we rose in the dark And got with our bags & our brushes to work. Tho' the morning was cold, Tom was happy & warm. So if all do their duty, they need not fear harm.

#### 2 Emily Dickinson

Explore how Emily Dickinson presents ideas and feelings about striving for freedom in 'The Soul has Bandaged Moments' and make connections with one or two other poems from your collection.

You should consider Dickinson's use of poetic and stylistic techniques and significant literary or other relevant contexts.

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# 'The Soul has Bandaged Moments'

The Soul has Bandaged moments – When too appalled to stir – She feels some ghastly Fright come up And stop to look at her –

Salute her – with long fingers –
Caress her freezing hair –
Sip, Goblin, from the very lips
The Lover – hovered – o'er –
Unworthy, that a thought so mean
Accost a Theme – so – fair –

The soul has moments of Escape – When bursting all the doors – She dances like a Bomb, abroad, And swings upon the Hours,

As do the Bee – delirious borne – Long Dungeoned from his Rose – Touch Liberty – then know no more, But Noon, and Paradise –

The Soul's retaken moments – When, Felon led along, With shackles on the plumed feet, And staples, in the Song,

The Horror welcomes her, again, These, are not brayed of Tongue –

#### 3 Seamus Heaney

Explore how Seamus Heaney presents childhood memories and discoveries in 'Death of a Naturalist' and make connections with one or two other poems from your collection.

You should consider Heaney's use of poetic and stylistic techniques and significant literary or other relevant contexts.

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#### 'Death of a Naturalist'

All year the flax-dam festered in the heart Of the townland; green and heavy-headed Flax had rotted there, weighted down by huge sods. Daily it sweltered in the punishing sun. Bubbles gargled delicately, bluebottles Wove a strong gauze of sound around the smell. There were dragonflies, spotted butterflies, But best of all was the warm thick slobber Of frogspawn that grew like clotted water In the shade of the banks. Here, every spring I would fill jampotfuls of the jellied Specks to range on window-sills at home, On shelves at school, and wait and watch until The fattening dots burst into nimble-Swimming tadpoles. Miss Walls would tell us how The daddy frog was called a bullfrog And how he croaked and how the mammy frog Laid hundreds of little eggs and this was Frogspawn. You could tell the weather by frogs too For they were yellow in the sun and brown In rain.

Then one hot day when fields were rank
With cowdung in the grass the angry frogs
Invaded the flax-dam; I ducked through hedges
To a coarse croaking that I had not heard
Before. The air was thick with a bass chorus.
Right down the dam gross-bellied frogs were cocked
On sods; their loose necks pulsed like sails. Some hopped:
The slap and plop were obscene threats. Some sat
Poised like mud grenades, their blunt heads farting.
I sickened, turned, and ran. The great slime kings
Were gathered there for vengeance and I knew
That if I dipped my hand the spawn would clutch it.

#### 4 Eavan Boland

Explore how Eavan Boland presents ideas and attitudes towards the rituals of household work in 'Woman in Kitchen' and make connections with one or two other poems from your collection.

You should consider Boland's use of poetic and stylistic techniques and significant literary or other relevant contexts.

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#### 'Woman in Kitchen'

Breakfast over, islanded by noise, she watches the machines go fast and slow. She stands among them as they shake the house. They move. Their destination is specific. She has nowhere definite to go: she might be a pedestrian in traffic.

White surfaces retract. White sideboards light the white of walls. Cups wink white in their saucers. The light of day bleaches as it falls on cups and sideboards. She could use the room to tap with if she lost her sight.

Machines jigsaw everything she knows. And she is everywhere among their furor: the tropic of the dryer tumbling clothes. The round lunar window of the washer. The kettle in the toaster is a kingfisher swooping for trout above the river's mirror.

The wash done, the kettle boiled, the sheets spun and clean, the dryer stops dead. The silence is a death. It starts to bury the room in white spaces. She turns to spread a cloth on the board and irons sheets in a room white and quiet as a mortuary.

#### 5 Carol Ann Duffy

Explore how Carol Ann Duffy presents ideas and feelings about love and the natural world in 'Write' and make connections with one or two other poems from your collection.

You should consider Duffy's use of poetic and stylistic techniques and significant literary or other relevant contexts.

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#### 'Write'

Write that the sun bore down on me, kissing and kissing, and my face reddened, blackened, whitened to ash, was blown away by the passionate wind over the fields, where my body's shape still flattened the grass, to end as dust in the eyes of my own ghost.

#### Or write

that the river held me close in its arms, cold fingers stroking my limbs, cool tongue probing my mouth, water's voice swearing its love love love in my ears, as I drowned in belief.

Then write the moon striding down from the sky in its silver boots to kick me alive; the stars like a mob of light, chanting a name, yours. Write your name on my lips when I entered the dark church of the wood like a bride, lay down for my honeymoon, and write the night, sexy as hell, write the night pressing and pressing my bones into the ground.

#### 6 Jacob Sam-La Rose

Explore how Jacob Sam-La Rose presents ideas and feelings about the experience and impact of music in 'After Lazerdrome, McDonalds, Peckham Rye' and make connections with one or two other poems from your collection.

You should consider Sam-La Rose's use of poetic and stylistic techniques and significant literary or other relevant contexts.

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# 'After Lazerdrome, McDonalds, Peckham Rye'

What's clear, now, is / that there was music, that it's lasted, that it / doesn't matter whether a player played it, / or whether it just played itself / that it still is / playing, / that at least two gods exist...

ABDULAH SIDRAN, 'A Dispute About God'

where I say goodbye to south-east London for the next 3 years a gaggle of us still damp spilling in from the night before

early flock for a Sunday six or seven A.M. sleepless drowning in light and all this quiet after all that sweat and darkness all that flighty noise

this is the year one of the guys says music is the one thing that won't ever let him down that music is his religion

the year we're stopped and searched because we fit the description the year jungle music passes out of fashion stripped down

to naked beat and bass and we club together to dance alone in the dark let the music play us meat and bone

let music fill the empty spaces rhythm in wads and scads scattershot crashing wall to wall to be baptised by filtered drums pressed snares and swollen b-lines

be baptised by city songs urban hymns seamless sound a brimming sea of sound poured out

from towering speaker stacks this is the year we stand close enough to feel the music rise its wing-beats on our faces drawing salt from our skin released

then morning small fries and a strawberry milkshake counting coins for the cab back sitting around a table

slouching in moulded seats drowning in silence light-headed leavened waiting for the right moment to move

awake for too long ears still ringing drum-drunk

eyes still adjusting to the light a weight coming down

#### Section B – Plays: dramatic and stylistic analysis

William Shakespeare: Othello
Oscar Wilde: The Importance of Being Earnest
Tennessee Williams: A Streetcar Named Desire
Brian Friel: Translations

Timberlake Wertenbaker: Our Country's Good

Jez Butterworth: Jerusalem

Answer **one** question from this section. You should spend about one hour on this section.

#### 7 William Shakespeare: Othello

Explore how Shakespeare presents Desdemona in this extract from Othello.

You should consider the use of dramatic and stylistic techniques in the extract, its significance within the play and any relevant dramatic or other contexts.

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**Emilia:** How goes it now? He looks gentler than he did.

**Desdemona:** He says he will return incontinent;

He hath commanded me to go to bed

And bade me to dismiss you.

Emilia: Dismiss me?

**Desdemona:** It was his bidding; therefore, good Emilia,

Give me my nightly wearing, and adieu.

We must not now displease him.

**Emilia:** I would you had never seen him.

**Desdemona:** So would not I: my love doth so approve him

That even his stubbornness, his checks, his frowns – Prithee, unpin me – have grace and favour in them.

**Emilia:** I have laid those sheets you bade me on the bed.

**Desdemona:** All's one. Good faith, how foolish are our minds!

If I do die before thee, prithee shroud me

In one of those same sheets.

**Emilia:** Come, come, you talk.

**Desdemona:** My mother had a maid called Barbary:

She was in love, and he she loved proved mad And did forsake her. She had a song of willow; An old thing 'twas but it expressed her fortune, And she died singing it. That song tonight Will not go from my mind. I have much to do But to go hang my head all at one side

And sing it like poor Barbary – prithee, dispatch.

**Emilia:** Shall I go fetch your nightgown?

**Desdemona:** No, unpin me here.

This Lodovico is a proper man.

**Emilia:** A very handsome man.

**Desdemona:** He speaks well.

**Emilia:** I know a lady in Venice would have walked barefoot to Palestine

for a touch of his nether lip.

**Desdemona**: [Sings]

The poor soul sat sighing by a sycamore tree,

Sing all a green willow;

Her hand on her bosom, her head on her knee,

Sing willow, willow, willow;

The fresh streams ran by her and murmured her moans;

Sing willow, willow, willow.

Her salt tears fell from her and softened the stones -

Lay by these.

Sing willow, willow, willow -

Prithee, hie thee; he'll come anon.

Sing all a green willow must be my garland. Let nobody blame him; his scorn I approve – Nay that's not next. Hark, who is't that knocks?

**Emilia:** It's the wind.

Desdemona: [Sings]

I called my love false love, but what said he then?

Sing willow, willow, willow;

If I court moe women, you'll couch with moe men – So get thee gone; good night. Mine eyes do itch –

Does that bode weeping?

**Emilia:** 'Tis neither here nor there.

**Desdemona:** I have heard it said so. O, these men, these men!

Dost thou in conscience think – tell me, Emilia – That there be women do abuse their husbands

In such gross kind?

**Emilia:** There be some such, no question.

**Desdemona:** Wouldst thou do such a deed for all the world?

**Emilia:** Why, would not you?

**Desdemona:** No, by this heavenly light.

**Emilia:** Nor I neither by this heavenly light;

I might do't as well i'th'dark.

**Desdemona:** Wouldst thou do such a deed for all the world?

**Emilia:** The world's a huge thing; it is a great price

For a small vice.

**Desdemona:** In troth, I think thou wouldst not.

**Emilia:** In troth, I think I should, and undo't when I had done it. Marry, I would not do such

a thing for a joint-ring, nor for measures of lawn, nor for gowns, petticoats, nor caps, nor any petty exhibition. But for all the whole world! Ud's pity, who would not make her husband a cuckold, to make him a monarch? I should venture

purgatory for't.

### 8 Oscar Wilde: The Importance of Being Earnest

Explore how Wilde presents Lady Bracknell in this extract from *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

You should consider the use of dramatic and stylistic techniques in the extract, its significance within the play and any relevant dramatic or other contexts.

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**Cecily:** Mr Moncrieff and I are engaged to be married, Lady Bracknell.

Lady Bracknell: (with a shiver, crossing to the sofa and sitting down) I do not know whether

there is anything peculiarly exciting in the air of this particular part of Hertfordshire, but the number of engagements that go on seems to me considerably above the proper average that statistics have laid down for our guidance. I think some preliminary enquiry on my part would not be out of place. Mr Worthing, is Miss Cardew at all connected with any of the larger railway stations in London? I merely desire information. Until yesterday I had no idea that there were any families or persons whose origin was a Terminus.

(Jack looks perfectly furious, but restrains himself)

**Jack:** (in a clear, cold voice) Miss Cardew is the granddaughter of the late Mr

Thomas Cardew of 149 Belgrave Square, S.W.; Gervase Park, Dorking,

Surrey; and the Sporran, Fifeshire, N.B.

Lady Bracknell: That sounds not unsatisfactory. Three addresses always inspire confidence,

even in tradesmen. But what proof have I of their authenticity?

**Jack:** I have carefully preserved the Court Guides of the period. They are open to

your inspection, Lady Bracknell.

**Lady Bracknell:** (*grimly*) I have known strange errors in that publication.

**Jack:** Miss Cardew's family solicitors are Messrs Markby, Markby, and Markby.

Lady Bracknell: Markby, Markby, and Markby? A firm of the very highest position in their

profession. Indeed I am told that one of the Mr Markbys is occasionally to be

seen at dinner parties. So far I am satisfied.

Jack: (very irritably) How extremely kind of you, Lady Bracknell! I have also in my

possession, you will be pleased to hear, certificates of Miss Cardew's birth, baptism, whooping cough, registration, vaccination, confirmation, and the

measles; both the German and the English variety.

Lady Bracknell: Ah! A life crowded with incident, I see; though perhaps somewhat too exciting

for a young girl. I am not myself in favour of premature experiences. (*Rises, looks at her watch*) Gwendolen! the time approaches for our departure. We have not a moment to lose. As a matter of form, Mr Worthing, I had better ask

you if Miss Cardew has any little fortune?

**Jack:** Oh! about a hundred and thirty thousand pounds in the Funds. That is all.

Good-bye, Lady Bracknell. So pleased to have seen you.

Lady Bracknell: (sitting down again) A moment, Mr Worthing. A hundred and thirty thousand pounds! And in the Funds! Miss Cardew seems to me a most attractive young lady, now that I look at her. Few girls of the present day have any really solid qualities, any of the qualities that last, and improve with time. We live, I regret to say, in an age of surfaces. (To Cecily) Come over here, dear. (Cecily goes across) Pretty child! your dress is sadly simple, and your hair seems almost as Nature might have left it. But we can soon alter all that. A thoroughly experienced French maid produces a really marvellous result in a very brief space of time. I remember recommending one to young Lady Lancing, and after three months her own husband did not know her.

## 9 Tennessee Williams: A Streetcar Named Desire

Explore how Williams presents differences in social status in this extract from *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

You should consider the use of dramatic and stylistic techniques in the extract, its significance within the play and any relevant dramatic or other contexts.

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#### 10 Brian Friel: Translations

Explore how Friel presents Owen in this extract from *Translations*.

You should consider the use of dramatic and stylistic techniques in the extract, its significance within the play and any relevant dramatic or other contexts.

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Lancey: I see. Yes. Very well. Perhaps you're right. Well. What we are doing is this. (He

looks at OWEN. OWEN nods reassuringly) His Majesty's government has ordered the first ever comprehensive survey of this entire country – a general triangulation which will embrace detailed hydrographic and topographic information and which will be executed to a scale of six inches to the English mile.

**Hugh:** (*Pouring a drink*) Excellent – excellent.

(LANCEY looks at OWEN.)

**Owen:** A new map is being made of the whole country.

(LANCEY looks to OWEN: Is that all? OWEN smiles reassuringly and indicates to

proceed.)

**Lancey:** This enormous task has been embarked on so that the military authorities will be

equipped with up-to-date and accurate information on every corner of this part of the

Empire.

**Owen:** The job is being done by soldiers because they are skilled in this work.

**Lancey:** And also so that the entire basis of land valuation can be reassessed for purposes

of more equitable taxation.

Owen: This new map will take the place of the estate agent's map so that from now on you

will know exactly what is yours in law.

**Lancey:** In conclusion I wish to quote two brief extracts from the white paper which is our

governing charter: (*Reads*) 'All former surveys of Ireland resulted in forfeiture and violent transfer of property; the present survey has for its object the relief which can

be afforded to the proprietors and occupiers of land from unequal taxation.

Owen: The captain hopes that the public will cooperate with the sappers and that the new

map will mean that taxes are reduced.

**Hugh:** A worthy enterprise – *opus honestum*! And Extract B?

**Lancey:** 'Ireland is privileged. No such survey is being undertaken in England. So this survey

cannot but be received as proof of the disposition of this government to advance the

interests of Ireland.' My sentiments too.

Owen: The survey demonstrates the government's interest in Ireland and the captain

thanks you for listening so attentively to him.

**Hugh:** Our pleasure, Captain.

Lancey: Lieutenant Yolland?

**Yolland:** I - I - I have nothing to say – really-

**Owen:** The captain is the man who actually makes the new map. George's task is to see

that the place-names on this map are...correct. (*To* YOLLAND) Just a few words –

they'd like to hear from you. (To class) Don't you want to hear George, too?

**Maire:** Has he anything to say?

**Yolland:** (*To* MAIRE) Sorry – sorry?

**Owen:** She says she is dying to hear from you.

Yolland: (To MAIRE) Very kind of you – thank you...(To class) I can only say that I feel – I

feel very foolish to - to - to be working here and not to speak your language. But I

intend to rectify that – with Roland's help – indeed I do.

**Owen:** He wants me to teach him Irish!

**Hugh:** You are doubly welcome, sir.

**Yolland:** I think your countryside is – is – is – is very beautiful. I've fallen in love with it

already. I hope we're not too – too crude an intrusion on your lives. And I know that

I'm going to be happy, very happy, here.

**Owen:** He is already a committed Hibernophile.

Jimmy: He loves -

**Owen:** Alright, Jimmy – we know – he loves Baile Beag; and he loves you all.

**Hugh:** Please...May I...?

(HUGH is now drunk. He holds on to the edge of the table.)

**Owen:** Go ahead, Father. (*Hands up for guiet*.) Please – please.

**Hugh:** And we, gentlemen, we in turn are happy to offer you our friendship, our hospitality,

and every assistance that you may require. Gentlemen – welcome!

(A few desultory claps. The formalities are over. General conversation. The soldiers

meet the locals.

MANUS and OWEN meet down stage.)

**Owen:** Lancey's a bloody ramrod but George's alright. How are you anyway?

**Manus:** What sort of a translation was that, Owen?

Owen: Did I make a mess of it?

**Manus:** You weren't saying what Lancey was saying.

**Owen:** 'Uncertainty in meaning is incipient poetry' – who said that?

**Manus:** There was nothing uncertain about what Lancey said: it's a bloody military operation.

Owen! And what's Yolland's function? What's 'incorrect' about the place-names we

have here?

**Owen:** Nothing at all. They're just going to be standardised.

**Manus:** You mean changed into English?

**Owen:** Where there's ambiguity, they'll be Anglicised.

# 11 Timberlake Wertenbaker: Our Country's Good

Explore how Wertenbaker presents Mary and Dabby in this extract from Our Country's Good.

You should consider the use of dramatic and stylistic techniques in the extract, its significance within the play and any relevant dramatic or other contexts.

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#### 12 Jez Butterworth: Jerusalem

Explore how Butterworth presents Johnny 'Rooster' Byron's account of his birth in this extract from *Jerusalem*.

You should consider the use of dramatic and stylistic techniques in the extract, its significance within the play and any relevant dramatic or other contexts.

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Johnny:

See, my father, Hector Byron, was a philanderer. Loves the lasses. One May morning, he says, 'I'm off for a walk.' Now, his wife, who knows his ways of old, tracks the old goat's scent up the road, round the corner, straight up to the door of her own sweet sister. She crepples inside, up the stairs, into the boudoir, to find sister bent double on a big brass bed, with Hector up the back, in the cheap seats, whooping it up with all his lusty puff. The wife pulls a pistol, draws a bead and shoots the wayward lad slap-bang in the love bells. The bullet passes clean through his scrotum, bounces off the bedpost, zings out the window, down the high street to the crossroads, where it hits the number 87 tram to Andover. The bullet passes through two inches of rusty metal, clean through an elderly lady's packed lunch and lodges in my sweet mother's sixteen-year-old womb. Eight months, three weeks, six days later. Out pops him. Smiling. With a bullet clenched between his teeth.

**Ginger:** First of all. Babies don't have teeth.

**Johnny:** All Byron boys are born with teeth. Thirty-two chompers. And hair on them's chest.

No wailing or weeping. Talkin', straight off. This one – me – he sits up, wipes the dew from his eyes and calls, 'Mother, what is this dark place?' And she replied, 'Tis England, my boy. England.' And with that, I jumps off the bed, and out the door, and

off I marched in my little black cloak.

**Ginger:** Where did that come from?

**Johnny:** What?

**Ginger:** The cloak. Where did the cloak come from?

**Johnny:** All Byron boys come with their own cloaks. My brother Cyril's was red. Frank's was

green. I'm born in black. With black eyes. You watch a black-cloaked Byron boy like a hawk, and tend him like a wound. You bind him, you swaddle him tight. And when

they searched me -

**Ginger:** Wait. Stop. They searched you.

**Johnny:** Of course.

**Ginger:** Why did they search you?

**Johnny:** Always search a Byron boy at birth. You never know what he's got on him. A Byron

boy comes with three things. A cloak and a dagger, and his own teeth. He comes fully equipped. He doesn't need nothing. And when he dies, he lies in the ground like a lump of granite. He don't rot. There's Byron boys buried all over this land, lying in the ground as fresh as the day they was planted. In them's cloaks. With the teeth sharp. Fingernails sharp. And the two black eyes, staring out, sharp as spears. You get close and stare into those black eyes, watch out. Written there is old words that

will shake you. Shake you down.

Ginger: Let's get back to the bullet. Let's go back to the bit where you were born on the tip of

a speeding bullet.

**Johnny:** You don't believe me.

He takes a bullet from his pocket. Tosses it to GINGER.

**Ginger:** Could be any old bullet.

He tosses it back.

**Johnny:** Any old bullet, eh? (He puts it between his teeth. Smiles.) So there you have it. I am

the only man in history to be conceived in separate postal zones. Born one day early

and I've been a day ahead of all you beggars ever since. (He smiles.)

All: Bollocks!

Bullshit!

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