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GCSE English Literature 2010

Tier F Mark Scheme

INTRODUCTION

Examiners will be expected to read the scripts in their allocation carefully and to make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. They will be expected to annotate the scripts in order to show subsequent readers what evidence they have found for the achievement of the particular descriptors in the mark range and will be expected to give a mark for each answer in the right-hand margin at the end of the answer.

There is a common marking spine which runs across all components. In this way the whole examination can be integrated by using a common grade related system for all components.

There are some rules, however, about the mark ranges that can be given.

TIER F

On Tier F, questions are targeted at Grades U to C. Performances which fall below the targeted grades should be given marks below those targeted, according to the descriptors which are included for all grades.

DECIDING ON A MARK

Examiners must use the full range of marks. Work exhibiting the highest skills should be considered for full marks.

Marking throughout must be on a 'best-fit' principle. Where there are both strengths and weaknesses in a particular answer, examiners should consider carefully which range is the best fit for the performance overall.

The descriptors are an attempt to guide examiners to an understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or 'typical' of, work in the range. They must not be interpreted as hurdle statements.

Once the mark has been decided upon, by the identification in the body of the script where the descriptor has been met, then the mark should be placed, circled, in the right-hand margin.

ANNOTATION OF SCRIPTS

It is important that while they are marking in red, examiners note on the script where they have found specific evidence of candidates having achieved a descriptor. It is likely that examiners will be making more extensive annotations at the beginning of the marking period than at the end, but every mark must be justified by a written comment. Ticks should be used to identify evidence of particular skills. Random ticking is extremely unhelpful.

The best kinds of comments are where a particular element of the descriptors is identified clearly and concisely. The point of making such comments is to allow subsequent readers to understand what you are identifying as positive achievement and where you are seeing material which gains credit. It is to share your marking process with those reading your scripts later (Team Leaders, Assistant Principals, Principals, the Chief, Awarders, QCA, scrutineers etc.).

PROBLEMS

Where an examiner has great difficulty in assessing a script, (s)he can draw it to the attention of the Principal Examiner at the end of the marking season by placing RSE (Refer to Senior Examiner) on the script and attaching the relevant Form EX/SRF. This means that it will be sent to the final meeting of examiners, the occasion where all the problems are looked at and a decision arrived at. Very occasionally a script is very hard to read or illegible. If you have one of these, you should give the mark you think it deserves, but you must also mark it RSE and complete Form EX/SRF so that it can be deciphered fully later on.

RUBRIC INFRINGEMENTS

There may well be a few candidates who answer the wrong number of questions. If so, mark all the answers, and count the highest score for those eligible under the terms of the rubric. Thus the marks should be entered which are the highest according to the allowable rubric.

Candidates attempting only one question instead of two are not fulfilling the basic requirements of the syllabus and therefore do not receive special attention.

It is conceivable that candidates may offer two answers on the same text or from the same section. In this case the higher of the two marks should be recorded.

In Section B, candidates' selection of poems to write about from the English Literature section of the AQA *Anthology* might not be in strict accordance with the terms of the question. For instance, they may not have chosen both Pre-1914 or Post-1914 poems, or may have written about a poem not named in the question. In those cases, mark the response as if the candidate had chosen the right poems, and write 'Minor Rubric' on the front of the script.

If candidates have written about poems from the English section of the AQA *Anthology*, they cannot be awarded marks for responding to those poems. If the response is based solely on those poems, you must award 0. If they have used both English poems and English Literature poems, award a mark based only on their writing about the English Literature poems. In either case, write 'Major Rubric' on the front of the script.

RECORDING

In addition to recording the mark for a question at the end of the answer, examiners must also fill in the total marks for each Section on the front cover of the answer booklet. These should then be totalled, with the total mark placed in a circle.

A mark must also be given for Quality of Written Communication. This should be awarded according to the mark scheme for QWC. Refer to the section at the end of this Introduction where specific reference to the marking of QWC is made.

The grid on the front of the answer booklet should look like this:

14 20	17 20	
QWC	2	
		AJC

Put the total in the box marked Total and your initials underneath in the box marked Examiner's Initials.

MARKING CRITERIA FOR QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

3 marks	The candidate presents relevant information coherently, employing structure and style to render meaning clear. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate to render meaning clear.
2 marks	The candidate presents relevant information in a way which assists with communication of meaning. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate not to obscure meaning.
1 mark	The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form. The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are sometimes obstructive.
0 marks	The candidate's presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar seriously obstruct understanding.

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Mark Scheme

Section A: Post-1914 Prose

Assessment Objectives

The following objectives are tested in each question in this section:

- 3.1 respond to texts critically, sensitively and in detail, using textual evidence as appropriate
- 3.2 explore how language, structure and forms contribute to the meaning of texts, considering different approaches to texts and alternative interpretations
- 3.3 explore relationships and comparisons between texts, selecting and evaluating relevant material.

The Foundation Tier targets Grades U to C*, but candidates may gain any mark on a particular component or question.

Descriptors and content guides have been included for performance from U to A*.

The range of marks targeted by the Section (notional U to C^*) is 0 – 18. Each of the questions is marked out of 27.

GCSE English Literature Mark Scheme: General Template for Section A

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	some writing about text or task	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include:
	 some specific features identified 		• some features/details [Q]
	some awareness of content of text		
4-6 marks	simple response to text or task		• simple statement(s) about text or task [AO2]
	 familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) 		
	 simple comment on meaning 		
	 reference to language and/or method 		• simple comment(s) about characters/events/situations [AO1]
	selection of text(s) suitable for comparison (short stories only)		
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situations/ideas 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include:
	 selection of appropriate material/some range of detail 		• selection of appropriate material for answer, e.g. [Q]
	 awareness of explicit meaning(s) 		
	 simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 		• simple comment on details of character/situation (prose) or
	 selection of material from texts for comparison (short stories only) 		details of subject matter (poetry) e.g. [AO1]
	simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques (short stories only)		
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas 		• some awareness of writer's purposes/use of words, e.g.
	 support points made/some comment on detail 		[AO2]
	 generalisation(s) about meanings of texts 		
	 some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		• some linkage between similarity or difference, e.g. [AO3]
	 selection of some details for comparison (short stories only) 		(short stories only)
	 some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/ 		
	techniques (short stories only)		

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	some focus on the task	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include:
	 explained response to characters/situations/ideas 		 focus on reasons/attitudes/range of task, e.g.
	 range of comments with supporting details 		
	 awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) 		explained/sustained response to details of feelings/attitudes/ideas
	 identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 		(poetry) or characters' feelings/attitudes re:events/each other, e.g.
	 selection of relevant material for comparison (short stories only) 		[AO1]
	 structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/ 		identification (evaluation of writer's language and devices to
	techniques (short stories only)		identification/explanation of writer's language and devices to present or affect, e.g. [AO2]
16-18 marks	structured response to task		
	 sustained response to characters/situations/ideas 		• structured/sustained comparison/contrast of e.g. [AO3]
	effective use of details to support answer		(short stories only)
	appropriate comment on meanings		
	explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved		
	• selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons (short stories only)		
	• sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques		
40.04 m only o	(short stories only)	40.07	Anerrone ene libele te include:
19-21 marks	sustained and developed response to task	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include:
	 considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes 		• exploration/development of terms/implications of task, e.g. [Q]
	details linked to writer's intentions and purposes		a constitute for it is a second to situation (share star/machine a s
	thoughtful consideration of meanings		sensitive/critical response to situation/character/meaning, e.g. [AO1]
	appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form		[AOI]
	thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison (short stories		
	 only) sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		
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22-24 marks	analytical response to task		developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's
	 exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes 		intended/implied purposes, e.g. [AO2]
	 analytical use of detail in support of argument 		
	 exploration of meanings 		• evaluative comparison/contrast of, e.g. [AO3]
	 analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		(short stories only)
	 selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison (short 		
	stories only)		
	 analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques (short 		
	stories only)		
25-27 marks	conceptualised response to task	1	
	 insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes 		
	 sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument 		
	 convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task 		
	 evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		
	evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison		
	 evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques (short 		
	stories only)		

01 (AQA Anthology)

Compare how the writers show characters growing up in Growing Up and Superman and Paula Brown's New Snowsuit.

Remember to compare:

- how the characters are shown growing up in the stories
- how the writers show characters growing up by the ways they write.

Skills Descriptors			Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about one or two stories and/or growing up in them/it
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 simple statement(s) about one or two stories, perhaps a simple statement about who is shown growing up simple comment(s) about one or two stories, perhaps a simple comment on a character growing up
7-9 marks 10-12 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from two stories relating to growing up, e.g. a generally accurate account of what happens to the father in <i>Growing Up</i> simple comment(s) on details from the two stories relating to growing up, e.g. to details of the narrator's feelings in <i>Superman and Paula Brown's New Snowsuit</i> some awareness of writers' methods of presenting growing up, e.g. awareness of the metaphor in <i>Superman and Paula Brown's New Snowsuit</i> some linkage between the two stories, in relation to growing up
	 some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comment on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		in some way, e.g. violence leading to realisation at end of both stories

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on presentation of growing up, e.g. different types of growing up, range of detail explained/sustained response to details of presentation of growing up, e.g. to details of the range of feelings experienced by the father in <i>Growing Up</i> identification/explanation of writers' methods of presenting growing up, e.g. explanation of how symbols work in relation to
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 growing up in the stories structured/sustained comparison/contrast of presentation of growing up in the stories, creating clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. comparison of relationships between children and adults in both stories, and/or how presented
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's use of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of presentation of growing up, e.g. exploration of the narrator's relationship with older people in <i>Superman and Paula Brown's New Snowsuit</i> sensitive/critical response to details of presentation of growing up, e.g. sensitive response to details of girls' attitudes to the father in <i>Crowing Up</i>
22-24 marks	 sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 Growing Up developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' methods of presenting love, e.g. analysis of how symbols work in relation to growing up in the stories evaluative comparison/contrast of the presentation of growing up in both stories, conceptualising clear and precise points of similarity/difference
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support or argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

02 (AQA Anthology)

What did you find interesting in the short stories that you have read? Compare your responses to *Flight* and **one** other short story.

Compare:

- what you find interesting in the stories
- what you find interesting about the ways the stories are written.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about one or two stories simple statement(s) about one or two stories, perhaps a simple
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 statement about interesting simple comment(s) about one or two stories, perhaps a simple comment about a character or event in relation to interest
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from two stories relating to interest, e.g. generally accurate account of the relationship between the grandfather and family in <i>Flight</i> simple comment on details from the two stories relating to interest, e.g. on details of the changes which take place in the household in <i>Chemistry</i>
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 some awareness of writers' methods of presentation relevant to interest, e.g. awareness of use of symbols to represent change some linkage between the two stories in relation to interest, e.g. in both <i>Flight</i> and <i>Growing Up</i> the adult figures come to an understanding about themselves, and/or how presented

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on response to stories relevant to interest, e.g. different ways in which situations/people change, range of details explained/sustained response to details of stories relevant to interest, e.g. explained response to how the characters feel about the change in <i>The End of Something</i> identification/explanation of writers' methods of presentation relevant to interest, e.g. explanation of the effects of symbolism in <i>Flight</i>
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 structured/sustained comparison/contrast of stories relevant to interest, creating clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. comparison of how symbolism works in <i>Flight</i> and <i>Your Shoes</i>
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's use of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to stories relevant to interest, e.g. exploration of changing feelings in <i>Your Shoes</i> sensitive/critical response to details of presentation relevant to interest, e.g. to details of the subtleties of change in <i>The End of Something</i> developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' methods relevant to interest, e.g. analysis of the symbol of the boat in <i>Chemistry</i> evaluative comparison/contrast of the stories relevant to interest,
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		conceptualising clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. evaluative comparison of how the titles of <i>The End of Something</i> and <i>Flight</i> work for the reader
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

03 (AQA Anthology)

Compare the ways the writers show relationships between adults and children in Your Shoes and one other story.

Remember to compare:

- the relationships in the stories
- how the writers show the relationships by the ways they write.

Skills Descriptors			Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about one or two stories and/or relationships in them/it 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 simple statement(s) about one or two stories, maybe a simple statement about relationship simple comment(s) about one or two stories, maybe a simple comment about a relationship 	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from the two stories relating to relationships between adults and children, e.g. generally accurate account of what the mother's difficulties with the daughter are in <i>Your Shoes</i> simple comment on details from the two stories relating to relationships between adults and children, e.g. on details of what 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 happens to Robert Quick in <i>Growing Up</i> some awareness of writers' methods of presenting relationships between adults and children, e.g. awareness of the symbol of the shoes in <i>Your Shoes</i> some linkage between the two stories in relation to relationships between adults and children, e.g. the children in <i>Your Shoes</i> and <i>Flight</i> are breaking away from home 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on presentation of relationships between adults and children, e.g. what the difficulties are, range of detail explained/sustained response to details of presentation of relationships between adults and children, e.g. to details of the feelings of Robert Quick about his difficulties with his children in <i>Growing Up</i> identification/explanation of writers' methods of presenting
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 relationships between adults and children, e.g. explanation of the effects of the use of the first person/dramatic monologue in <i>Your Shoes</i> structured/sustained comparison/contrast of presentation of relationships between adults and children, creating clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. in both <i>Your Shoes</i> and <i>Growing Up</i> the difficulties arise from a daughter/daughters
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of presentation of relationships between adults and children, e.g. exploration of the increasing sense of violence in <i>Growing Up</i> sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of relationships between adults and children, e.g. sensitive response to the details of the range of difficulties experienced by the mother in
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 Your Shoes developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' methods of presenting relationships between adults and children, e.g. analysis of how Roberts uses a range of sentence structures/non-sentences to convey the mother's thoughts in <i>Your Shoes</i> evaluative comparison/contrast of the presentation of relationships between adults and children, conceptualising clear and
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		precise points of comparison, e.g. evaluative comparison of Your Shoes as a dramatic monologue and Growing Up as a third person narrative

04 (Lord of the Flies)

Write about the relationship between Ralph and Jack.

Write about:

- what the relationship is like, and how it develops
- the methods Golding uses to present the relationship.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details of Jack and/or Ralph and maybe their relationship, e.g. what they say or do
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement about Jack and/or Ralph and maybe their relationship simple comment(s) about Jack and/or Ralph and maybe their relationship, e.g. simple comment on what Jack thinks of Ralph
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material related to Jack and Ralph/their relationship, e.g. a generally accurate account of when they meet at the start of the novel simple comment(s) on details of Jack and Ralph/their
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 relationship, e.g. to details of what Ralph does at the start of the novel some awareness of writer's methods of presenting Jack and Ralph/their relationship, e.g. awareness of language used to describe Jack

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on the presentation of the relationship between Jack and Ralph, e.g. focus on the attitudes Jack and Ralph have towards each other explained/sustained response to details of presentation of
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 Jack and Ralph/their relationship, e.g. to details of what Ralph does at the start of the novel, what Jack does, how they first interact identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting relationship between Jack and Ralph, e.g. the language Golding uses to present each boy
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the presentation of the relationship between Jack and Ralph, e.g. exploration of what Golding is saying about human nature through his presentation sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of Jack
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 and Ralph/their relationship, e.g. to details of what Ralph does at the start of the novel, what Jack does, how they first interact developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting relationship between Jack and Ralph, e.g. the language Golding uses to present each boy, the effects of their struggle on other boys
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

05 (Lord of the Flies)

Read the passage, from *Lord of the Flies,* printed below.

[passage from 'Castle Rock' 'Now Jack was yelling too......but no sound came.']

Write about:

- the methods Golding uses in this passage to present Piggy's death
- other events in the novel which lead to Piggy's death.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks 4-6 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details of events/characters, perhaps relating to the passage and/or other events simple statement(s) about events/characters, perhaps relating to the passage and/or other events, e.g. simple statement about the killing of the pig simple comment(s) about events/characters, perhaps relating to the passage and/or other events, e.g. simple personal 	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 	7-12 marks	 response to Piggy's death Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material relating to the passage and other events, e.g. generally accurate account of the stealing of Piggy's glasses simple comment(s) on details of the passage and other events, e.g. to details of Jack and his supporters some awareness of writer's methods of presenting Piggy's death in the passage/in other events, e.g. language used to describe Jack's menace 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
13-15 marks 16-18 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on the passage and on other related events, e.g. focus on attitudes of different characters towards Piggy explained/sustained response to details of presentation of Piggy's death and of other related events, e.g. to details of Jack's attitude to Piggy throughout the novel identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting Piggy's death in the passage and/or related events, e.g. explanation of the effects of the pig simile in the passage 	
19-21 marks 22-24 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form analytical response to task 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the presentation of Piggy's death in the passage and of other related events, e.g. exploration of how events in the chapter 'Castle Rock' lead up to Piggy's death sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of Piggy's death in the passage and of other related events, e.g. to 	
	 exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 details of some of the related events in 'The Shell and The Glasses' developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting Piggy's death in the passage and/or presenting other related events, e.g. close analysis of the language used in the passage to the present of the passage and or presenting other related events, e.g. close analysis of the language used in the passage and or present of the passage and or present of the passage and or present of the passage and pas	
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		language used in the passage to create tension and pathos	

06 (Of Mice and Men)

Read the passage, from *Of Mice and Men* which is printed below.

[Passage from 'Lennie covered his face with his huge paws' to 'He stood crying, his fist lost in Lennie's paw.']

Write about:

- what this passage shows about Lennie and his relationship with George
- how Steinbeck presents Lennie in this passage
- how the events in this passage are important for the rest of the novel.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from passage simple statement(s) about Lennie and/or Lennie and George and/or 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 Curley simple comment(s) about Lennie and/or Curley and/or Lennie and George and/or rest of novel 	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from passage and/or rest of novel simple comment(s) on details of passage, e.g. the references to Lennie's strength, his terror, George's control of him 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		• some awareness of writer's presentation of Lennie and relationship between Lennie and George, e.g. through imagery and speech, and/or writer's methods and purposes in shaping events in structure of novel	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on presentation of Lennie and George and significance of passage in novel explained/sustained response to details of passage, e.g. the references to Lennie's strength, his terror, George's control of him, 	
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 Curley's actions and attitudes identification/explanation of writer's presentation of Lennie and relationship between Lennie and George, e.g. through imagery and speech, and/or writer's methods and purposes in shaping events in structure of novel 	
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation or writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to Lennie and George and significance of passage in novel sensitive/critical response to details of passage, e.g. the references to Lennie's strength, his terror, George's control of him 	
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's presentation of Lennie and relationship between Lennie and George, e.g. through imagery and speech, and/or writer's methods and purposes in shaping events in structure of novel	
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 			

07 (Of Mice and Men)

Which one character in Of Mice and Men do you most dislike, and why?

Write about:

- what the character says and does to make you dislike them
- how Steinbeck makes you dislike the character by the ways he writes.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details of chosen character's words and actions simple statement(s) about chosen character relevant to dislike 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		simple comment(s) about chosen character relevant to dislike	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	selection of appropriate material from novel to il character	• selection of appropriate material from novel to illustrate dislike of
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 Curley's actions and attitude towards his wife, Lennie some awareness of writer's methods in presenting chosen character, e.g. response of other characters to Curley, Curley's language, the effect of Curley on Lennie 	

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors		
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on response to chosen character and presentation explained/sustained response to details of chosen character's behaviour, e.g. Curley's wife's actions and attitude towards Crooks identification/explanation of writer's methods in presenting chosen 	
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		character, e.g. response of other characters to Curley's wife, Curley's wife's language, the effect of Curley's wife on Crooks	
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to chosen character and presentation; evaluation of effect on reader sensitive critical response to details of chosen character's behaviour, e.g. Curley's actions and attitude towards his wife, Lennie 	
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		presenting chosen character, e.g. of othe	developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods in presenting chosen character, e.g. of other characters about Curley, Curley's language, the effect of Curley on Lennie
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 			

08 (I'm the King of the Castle)

Write about the ways Hill presents cruelty in *I'm the King of the Castle*.

Write about:

- the cruel things which happen in the novel
- how Hill presents these cruel things by the ways she writes.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about events/characters, maybe in relation to cruelty 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement(s) about events/characters, maybe in relation to cruelty, e.g. Kingshaw is bullied by Hooper simple comment(s) about events/characters, maybe in relation to cruelty, e.g. simple comment on Hooper's behaviour 	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material related to cruel events, e.g. generally accurate account of events in the Red Room simple comment(s) on details of cruel events in the novel, e.g. on details of some of the cruel things Hooper says to 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 Kingshaw some awareness of writer's methods of presenting cruel events, e.g. the ways Hill presents/describes Kingshaw's fear of Hooper 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on the presentation of cruelty, e.g. focus on attitudes of Hooper and/or on Kingshaw's feelings as a victim explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of cruelty, e.g. sustained response to details of Kingshaw's arrival at 	
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 Warings identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting cruelty, e.g. explanation of the effects of how Hill shows the countryside as sometimes cruel to Kingshaw 	
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the presentation of cruelty, e.g. may explore different types of cruelty such as that shown by the parents in the novel sensitive/critical response to the presentation of cruelty e.g. 	
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 sensitive response to Kingshaw's suicide – a direct result of the cruelty in the novel developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting cruelty, e.g. how Hill creates an impression of the cumulative nature of Hooper's persecution of Kingshaw 	
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's uses of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 			

09 (I'm the King of the Castle)

Which one character in *I'm the King of the Castle* do you most dislike, and why?

Write about:

- what the character says and does to make you dislike them
- how Hill makes you dislike the character by the ways she writes.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about a character, e.g. about Hooper simple statement(s) about a character, e.g. expressing dislike for Hooper simple comment(s) about a character, e.g. Hooper is cruel 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 			
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material related to dislike of a character, e.g. generally accurate account of when Hooper locks Kingshaw in shed simple comment(s) on details of what the character says/does, 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 e.g. simple comment on something Hooper says to Kingshaw such as the note at the start some awareness of writer's methods of what the character says/does, e.g. the ways Hill describes Kingshaw's fear of Hooper 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on what chosen character says and does which elicits dislike, e.g. focus on Mrs Kingshaw as a weak parent explained/sustained response to details of what the chosen character says and does to elicit dislike, e.g. to details of the relationship between Hooper and his father which makes the 	
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting what the chosen character says and does to elicit dislike, e.g. effects of the language used by Hooper in a conversation with Kingshaw 	
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of presentation of chosen charac related to dislike, e.g. may make the less obvious choice of Kingshaw, exploring the weaknesses in his character sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of 	
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 chosen character related to dislike, e.g. to details of Hooper's malevolent enjoyment of his power and/or his lack of scruples about the suffering he inflicts on Kingshaw developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting chosen character related to dislike, e.g. close analysis of a passage related to Kingshaw's triumph at 	
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's uses of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		Leydell Castle which elicits dislike	

10 (A Kestrel for a Knave)

Write about Billy's relationship with Jud.

Write about:

- what Billy's relationship with Jud is like
- how Hines shows the relationship by the ways he writes.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content or text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about Billy's relationship with Jud simple statement(s) about Billly's relationship with Jud, e.g. 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 Billy and Jud do not have the same father simple comment(s) about Billy's relationship with Jud, e.g. simple comment on either of them 	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material related to Billy's relationship with Jud, e.g. generally accurate account of the events in the opening of the novel simple comment(s) on details of the relationship between Billy 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 and Mr Farthing, e.g. on details of what happens when Jud comes home drunk some awareness of writer's methods of presenting Billy's relationship with Jud, e.g. awareness of the language used by Jud when he talks to Billy 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s). feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on presentation of the relationship between Billy and Jud, e.g. focus on their feelings/attitudes to each other explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of the relationship between Billy and Jud, e.g. explained response to 	
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 Jud's attitude to Billy reading the book about falconry identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting the relationship between Billy and Jud, e.g. explanation of the effects of the language used by Hines when Billy brings Kes's dead body back into the house 	
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the presentation of the relationship between Billy and Jud, e.g. exploration of the brutality of Billy and Jud's relationship within the context of the environment of the novel 	
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of the relationship between Billy and Jud, e.g. sensitive response to details of Billy as a victim of bullying within his own family developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting the relationship between Billy and Jud, e.g. analysis of how Hines builds up Billy's fear when Jud is 	
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		searching for him after he has been to the betting office	

11 (A Kestrel for a Knave)

Write about two events in A Kestrel for a Knave which you think are important.

Write about:

- what happens in these events
- why you think these events are important
- the methods Hines uses to present these events.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from the novel, maybe in relation to one or two events
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement(s) about what happens in the novel, maybe in relation to one or two events, e.g. Billy enjoys flying Kes simple comment(s) about what happens in the novel, maybe in relation to one or two events, e.g. personal response to what happens at the cinema
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material related to two events, e.g. generally accurate account of an event such as when Mr Farthing goes to watch Billy fly Kes simple comment(s) on details of two events, e.g. to details of
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 Billy's early morning routine some awareness of writer's methods of presenting two events, e.g. language used by Mr Farthing to show his appreciation of Billy's skill as a falconer during his visit to watch him

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on the presentation of two events, e.g. focus on feeling/attitudes of characters in an event explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of two events, e.g. explained response to details of what happens
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 during Billy's paper round identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting two events, e.g. explanation of the effects of the language used by Mr Gryce when he talks to the smokers after assembly
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the presentation of two events, e.g. exploration of the significance of Billy's experience at the cinema in the scheme of the novel and Billy's day sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of two events, e.g. sensitive response to details of Billy's affinity with nature in one event developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting two events, e.g. close analysis of how Hines creates a sense of nature working against Billy as he runs home near the end of the novel
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

12 (To Kill a Mockingbird)

Write about the importance of Tom Robinson in To Kill a Mockingbird.

Write about:

- what happens to Tom
- how Lee presents Tom by the ways she writes about him
- how he is important in the novel.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements nothing written	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks 1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about Tom simple statement(s) about Tom
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple comment(s) about Tom and/or importance and/or presentation
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about Tom, e.g. what happens to him in the trial and afterwards, the way he behaves towards Mayella simple comment(s) on details of what Tom says and does, e.g. his
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 attitudes and demeanour in trial and with Atticus, Mayella some awareness of writer's presentation of Tom, e.g. his language and attitudes, Atticus's view of him and Scout's, his importance to plot and as a symbol

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on response to Tom and his importance explained/sustained response to details of what Tom says and does, e.g. his attitudes and demeanour in trial and with Atticus, Mayella identification/explanation of writer's presentation of Tom, e.g. his
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		language and attitudes, Atticus's view of him and Scout's, his importan to plot and as a symbol
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to Tom and his importance, with evaluation of effects sensitive/critical response to details of what Tom says and does, e.g. his attitudes and demeanour in trial and with Atticus, Mayella developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's presentation of Tom, e.g. his language and attitudes, Atticus's view of him and Scout's, his importance to plot and as a symbol
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support or argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 		

13 (To Kill a Mockingbird)

Write about Atticus Finch and Bob Ewell as parents in To Kill a Mockingbird.

Write about:

- the relationships between these parents and their children
- how Lee makes them seem like good parents or bad parents by the ways she writes.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about Atticus and Bob simple statement(s) about Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. that they are both single parents simple comment(s) about Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. one is good, one bad
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. about the ways they treat their respective children simple comment(s) on details of Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. the ways they talk to their children, the attitudes they educate their children to have, the effects of their parenting on their children some awareness of writer's methods in presenting Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. in juxtaposing Atticus's behaviour and language with Bob Ewell's and Mayella's with Scout and Jem's, in presentation and purposes of their attitudes to the trial and to the negro community
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on presentation of Atticus and Bob as parents explained/sustained response to details of Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. the ways they talk to their children, the attitudes they educate their children to have, the effects of their parenting on their children
10-10 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 identification/explanation of writer's methods in presenting Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. in juxtaposing Atticus's behaviour and language with Bob Ewell's and Mayella's with Scout and Jem's, in presentation and purposes of their attitudes to the trial and to the negro community
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to presentation of Atticus and Bob as parents, with evaluation of effect on reader sensitive/critical response to details of Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. the ways they talk to their children, the attitudes they educate their
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 	developed/analytical comment on/resp presenting Atticus and Bob as parents, e. behaviour and language with Bob Ewell's	 children to have, the effects of their parenting on their children developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods in presenting Atticus and Bob as parents, e.g. in juxtaposing Atticus's behaviour and language with Bob Ewell's and Mayella's with Scout and Jem's, in presentation and purposes of their attitudes to the trial
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 		

14 (The Catcher in the Rye)

Write about **two** of Holden's friendships in *The Catcher in the Rye*.

Write about:

- what these friendships are like
- how Salinger presents friendships by the ways he writes.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about a friendship, e.g. with Stradlater simple statement(s) about a friendship, e.g. with Phoebe
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		• simple comment(s) about a friendship, e.g. Holden likes Jane
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	 e.g. generally accurate account of Holden's conversati Stradlater near the start of the novel simple comment(s) on details of at least one of Holden e.g. on details of what Holden tells Ackley some awareness of writer's methods of presenting a 	• selection of appropriate material related to at least one friendship, e.g. generally accurate account of Holden's conversation with
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 e.g. on details of what Holden tells Ackley some awareness of writer's methods of presenting at least one of Holden's friendships, e.g. the language Holden uses to speak to one of

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on the presentation of two friendships, e.g. focus on Holden's friendship with Jane explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of two friendships, e.g. to details of Holden's long conversation with Mr
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 Antolini identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting two friendships, e.g. effects of the friendships being seen only through Holden's eyes
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	 may explore the idea of whether Holden is really can friendship and what Holden perceives as friendship sensitive/critical response to details of the prese friendships, e.g. sensitive response to the important friendship with Phoebe, especially when they are to developed/analytical comment on/response to we presenting two friendships, e.g. analysis of the part 	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the presentation of two friendships, e.g. may explore the idea of whether Holden is really capable of a friendship and what Holden perceives as friendship sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of two
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 friendships, e.g. sensitive response to the importance of Holden's friendship with Phoebe, especially when they are together developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting two friendships, e.g. analysis of the part played by the friendships in the structure of the narrative/in Holden's development
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

15 (The Catcher in the Rye)

What did you enjoy about reading The Catcher in the Rye?

Write about:

- what you enjoyed about the characters and events and why you enjoyed them
- what you enjoyed about the way Salinger writes.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about characters/events, perhaps relevant to enjoyment 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement(s) about characters/events, perhaps relevant to enjoyment, e.g. simple statement about Holden's behaviour simple comment(s) about characters/events, perhaps relevant to enjoyment, e.g. simple personal comment about Holden 	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material relevant to enjoyment e.g. generally accurate account of an event which was enjoyed simple comment(s) on details of events/characters relevant to enjoyment, e.g. on details of Holden's conversation with 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 Stradlater some awareness of writer's methods with relevance to enjoyment, e.g. awareness of the language used by Holden 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on the presentation of characters/events relevant to enjoyment, e.g. attitude of Holden towards his parents explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of characters/events relevant to enjoyment, e.g. explained response 	
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 to details of Holden's relationship with Phoebe identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting characters/events relevant to enjoyment, e.g. explanation of effects of having Holden as narrator to enhance enjoyment 	
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the presentation of characters/events relevant to enjoyment, e.g. may explore bot enjoyment and lack of enjoyment with some sense of evaluation sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of 	
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 characters/events relevant to enjoyment, e.g. empathic response to details of Holden's lack of success with the opposite sex developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting characters/events relevant to enjoyment, e.g. analysis of the narrative structure of the novel; use of flashbacks; time frame 	
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 			

16 (Green Days by the River)

Write about the problems that Shell faces in *Green Days by the River*.

Write about:

- the different problems he has
- how Anthony shows Shell's responses to his problems.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details of Shell's problems simple statement(s) about the problems, e.g. that his father is ill and
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 Mr Gidharee attacks Shell simple comment(s) about his problems and/or presentation
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about the problems, e.g. his visit to his father in hospital, his visits to Cedar Grove simple comment(s) on details of Shell's problems, e.g. on his
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 feelings about his father's illness, on the ways that he is manipulated by Mr Gidharee some awareness of writer's methods in conveying Shell's responses, e.g. the ways Shell's words convey what he feels directly and through suggestion to reader, the ways the writer manipulates the narrative to juxtapose his problems

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks 16-18 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on presentation of Shell's problems and his responses to them explained/sustained response to details of episodes relevant to Shell's relationships with his father and Mr Gidharee, e.g. on his feelings about his father's illness, on the ways that he is manipulated by Mr Gidharee, and episodes with the various girls identification/explanation of writer's methods in conveying Shell's responses, e.g. the ways Shell's words convey what he feels directly and through suggestion to reader, the ways the writer manipulates the narrative to juxtapose his problems
19-21 marks 22-24 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's use of language/structure/form analytical response to task 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to presentation of Shell's problems and his responses to them, with evaluation of effects on reader sensitive/critical response to details of episodes relevant to Shell's relationships with his father and Mr Gidharee, e.g. on his feelings
22-24 marks	 exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 about his father's illness, on the ways tha Gidharee, and episodes with the various developed/analytical comment on/resp conveying Shell's responses, e.g. the wa he feels directly and through suggestion
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 		manipulates the narrative to juxtapose his problems

17 (Green Days by the River)

'Life was so strange, and girls so hard to understand.' What things does Shell find hard to understand about life and girls in Green Days by the River?

Write about:

- the different things he finds hard to understand
- how Anthony shows Shell's difficulties.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details of Shell's difficulties simple statement(s) about Shell, e.g. that he loves his 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 father/Rosalie/Joan and is confused by his feelings simple comment(s) about Shell and/or presentation of emotions 	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from novel, e.g. Shell's response to Rosalie, his relationship with Joan, his feelings about his father and Mr Gidharee 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meaning of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 simple comment(s) on details of novel relevant to Shell's difficulties in understanding, e.g. of his hesitancy or his difficulty in speaking to Rosalie, his response to his father's illness, his fear and liking of Mr Gidharee some awareness of writer's methods in presenting Shell's emotions, e.g. choices of language in speech patterns and thoughts, conveying of uncertainty/enthusiasm through sentence structure/use of exclamation 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on response to and presentation of Shell's difficulties in understanding explained/sustained response to details of novel relevant to Shell's difficulties in understanding, e.g. of his hesitancy or his difficulty in
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 speaking to Rosalie, his response to his father's illness, his fear and liking of Mr Gidharee identification/explanation of writer's methods in presenting Shell's emotions, e.g. choices of language in speech patterns and thoughts, conveying of uncertainty/enthusiasm through sentence structure/use of exclamation
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks Answers are likely to include: • exploration/development of response to prese difficulties in understanding, with evaluation of effective/critical response to details of novel redifficulties in understanding, e.g. of his hesitancy speaking to Rosalie, his response to his father's liking of Mr Gidharee • developed/analytical comment on/response to prese to prese to details of novel redifficulties in understanding, e.g. of his hesitancy speaking to Rosalie, his response to his father's liking of Mr Gidharee	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to presentation of Shell's difficulties in understanding, with evaluation of effects on reader sensitive/critical response to details of novel relevant to Shell's difficulties in understanding, e.g. of his hesitancy or his difficulty in
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 speaking to Rosalie, his r liking of Mr Gidharee developed/analytical co presenting emotions, e.g. thoughts, conveying of ur
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 		

18 (Heroes)

Do you think that Larry LaSalle is presented as an evil character?

Write about:

- the things he says and does which might be considered evil
- how Cormier presents Larry by the ways he writes.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about Larry simple statement(s) about what Larry says and does 	
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		simple comment(s) about Larry and/or evil and/or presentation	
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material, e.g. Larry's attack on Nicole, the final confrontation between Francis and Larry simple comment(s) on details of events, e.g. on Larry's manipulation 	
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 of Francis and Nicole, of his attack on Nicole, of his words and actions at the end some awareness of writer's methods and purposes in presentation of Larry, e.g. via the narrative voice, language used by and about him, use of flashback and juxtaposition 	

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on response to Larry and presentation explained/sustained response to details of events, e.g. on Larry's manipulation of Francis and Nicole, of his attack on Nicole, of his words and actions at the end
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		• identification/explanation of writer's methods and purposes in presentation of Larry, e.g. via the narrative voice, language used by and about him, use of flashback and juxtaposition
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purpose thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to Larry and presentation, with evaluation of effect on reader critical/sensitive response to details of events, e.g. on Larry's manipulation of Francis and Nicole, of his attack on Nicole, of his words
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 and actions at the end developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods and purposes in presentation of Larry, e.g. via the narrative voice, language used by and about him, use of flashback and juxtaposition
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 		

19 (Heroes)

Write about Francis as a damaged character.

Write about:

- the physical damage to Francis, and how Robert Cormier shows it
- the mental and emotional damage to Francis, and how Cormier shows it.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details about what happens to Francis simple statement(s) about what happens to Francis, e.g. that Francis
4-6 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 is badly scarred in the war, that he is hurt by Larry simple comment(s) about what happens to Francis and/or presentation
7-9 marks	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material, e.g. the damage to Francis's face, Larry's attack on Nicole, what happens at the end simple comment(s) on details of novel relevant to damage, e.g. on
10-12 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 the physical effects of his injuries, on Francis's thoughts and feelings during the episode between Larry and Nicole, on his resolve at the end of the novel some awareness of writer's methods and purposes in showing the damage to Francis, e.g. by language choices and imagery, and/or use of structural elements, e.g. showing damage through juxtaposition/flashback

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
13-15 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on response to damage to Francis explained/sustained response to details of novel relevant to damage, e.g. on the physical effects of his injuries, on Francis's thoughts and feelings during the episode between Larry and Nicole, on
16-18 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 identification/explanation of writer's methods and purposes in showing the damage to Francis, e.g. by language choices and imagery, and/or use of structural elements, e.g. showing damage through juxtaposition/flashback
19-21 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of response to damage to Francis, with evaluation of effect on reader critical/sensitive response to details of novel relevant to damage, e.g. on the physical effects of his injuries, on Francis's thoughts and
22-24 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 feelings during the episode between Larry and Nicole, on his resolve at the end of the novel developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods and purposes in the damage to Francis, e.g. by language choices and imagery, and/or use of structural elements, e.g. showing damage through juxtaposition/flashback
25-27 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on reader 		

Section B: Pre-1914 and Post-1914 Poetry

Assessment Objectives

The following objectives are tested in each question in this section:

- 3.1 respond to texts critically, sensitively and in detail, using textual evidence as appropriate
- explore how language, structure and forms contribute to the meaning of texts, considering different approaches to texts and alternative interpretations
- explore relationships and comparisons between texts, selecting and evaluating relevant material

The Foundation Tier targets Grades U – C, but candidates may gain any mark on a particular component or question.

Descriptors and content guides have been included for performance from U to A*.

The range of marks targeted by the paper (notional U to C) is 0 - 24. Each of the questions is marked out of 36.

GCSE English Literature Mark Scheme: General Template for Section B

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	Answers are likely to include: • some features/details from 1 or more poems [Q]
5-8 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 	_	 simple statement(s) about text or task [AO2] simple comment(s) about characters/events/situations [AO1]
9-12 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from 2 or more poems for answer, e.g. [Q] simple comment on details of character/situation (prose) or details of subject matter (poetry) e.g. [AO1]
13-16 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 some awareness of writers' purposes/use of words, e.g. [AO2] some linkage between similarity or difference, e.g. [AO3]

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
17-20 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least 3 poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on reasons/attitudes/range of task, e.g. [Q] explained/sustained response to details of feelings/ attitudes/ideas (poetry) or characters' feelings/attitudes re
21-24 marks	 ideas/meanings/techniques structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		events/each other, e.g. [AO1] • identification/explanation of writers' language and devices to present or affect, e.g. [AO2] • structured/sustained comparison/contrast of, e.g. [AO3]
25-28 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison 	25-36 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least 4 poems, inc. 2 pre-1914 and 2 post-1914 exploration/development of terms/implications of task, e.g.
29-32 marks	 sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 sensitive/critical response to situation/character/meaning, e.g. [AO1] developed/analytical comment on/response to writers'
33-36 marks	 selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques conceptualised response to task 		 intended/implied purposes, e.g. [AO2] evaluative comparison/contrast of, e.g. [AO3]
55-50 marks	 conceptualsed response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

20 (Seamus Heaney and Gillian Clarke)

Answer both parts (a) and (b)

Part (a)

Compare how the poets write about loss in 'Mid-Term Break' by Heaney and 'On my first Sonne' by Jonson.

and then

Part (b)

Compare how the poets write about mothers and children in 'The Song of the Old Mother' by Yeats and **one** poem by Clarke.

In both parts (a) and (b) compare:

- what the poets write about
- how the poets show love by the ways they write.

Skills Descriptors Content Descriptors Mark Range Statements Mark Range Statements 0 marks • nothing written 1-8 marks Answers are likely to include: 1-4 marks • some writing about text or task some specific features identified some features/details from one or more of the poems e.g. the • some awareness of content of text child's death in 'Mid-Term Break', the mother's situation in 'Song . of the Old Mother' simple response to text or task 5-8 marks simple statement(s) about the poem(s) e.g. that the child was familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) • killed in 'Mid-Term Break', that the father is sad in 'On my first simple comment on meaning ٠ Sonne' reference to language and/or method . simple comment(s) about loss and/or mothers and children • . selection of text(s) suitable for comparison and/or presentation of loss and/or mothers and children some response to characters/situations/ideas 9-12 marks 9-16 marks Answers are likely to include: • selection of appropriate material/some range of detail selection of appropriate material from at least two poems, with • . awareness of explicit meaning(s) a detailed and generally accurate account of the content of the simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language . poems, and an awareness of the loss and/or mothers and children selection of material from texts for comparison which are presented simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques simple comment on details of loss and/or mothers and children • in the poems, identifying and commenting on features of the loss supported response to characters/situations ideas 13-16 marks ٠ in the poems for (a) and mothers and children in the poems in (b) support points made/some comment of detail . • **some awareness of writers'** methods of presenting loss and/or generalisation(s) about meanings of texts mothers and children e.g. by choices of structure, phrases, some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language . emotive words, tone, form selection of some details for comparison • some linkage of poems, perhaps by means of juxtaposition, • some comments on similarity/difference in terms of . drawing out some clear points of similarity and differences in the ideas/meanings/techniques loss and/or mothers and children presented and/or in the methods used

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements	
17-20 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on the ways that poets present loss and/or mothers and children in at least three poems e.g. by means of choices of form, structure, language, situations, images to extend meanings and associations, to make the reader respond to the past and emotions explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of (a) loss and (b) mothers and children, e.g. showing how the poems work, picking 	
21-24 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 up and developing points by means of examples, linking points together to explicate meanings and implications, covering a range of detail to give the specific flavour of the ways they are presented identification/explanation of poets' methods e.g. uses of emotive, concrete, abstract lexis, long lines, irony, repetition, the senses, verbal patterning, metaphor, similes or the lack of them, references, linkage of words, lexical shifts, alliteration structured/sustained comparison/contrast of the chosen poems, and of the methods of presenting (a) loss and (b) mothers and children, drawing clear and precise points of similarity and differences 	
25-28 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 exploration/development of response to the methods of presenting (a) loss and (b) mothers and children in the poems e.g. to develop themes and ideas, sustain and develop both ideas and feelings and in the reader to make links, convey different points of view sensitive/critical response to details of presentation of loss and mothers 	
29-32 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 and children in the poems and responses to it, showing appreciation of possible meanings and resonances, awareness of nuance and implication, the ways social and psychological ideas are expressed developed/analytical comment on/response to details of the poets' methods of presenting loss and mothers and children in the poems e.g. detailed explication of how the lexis, imagery and other aspects of form, structure and language work evaluative comparison of poets' methods of presentation of loss and 	
33-36 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 evaluative comparison of poets' methods of presentation of loss and mothers and children in the poems by using a conceptualised structure to draw clear, precise and detailed points of similarity and difference, a rigorous and coherent view of the particularity of the poems and the differences in attitudes, experience and values suggested 	

21 (Seamus Heaney and Gillian Clarke)

Compare how the poets write about love in 'Catrin' by Clarke, **one** poem by Heaney and **two** poems from the Pre-1914 Poetry Bank.

Compare:

- the different types of love in the poems
- how the poets show love by the ways they write.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from one or more of the poems e.g. love of the daughter in 'Catrin', the father in 'Digging'
5-8 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 simple statement(s) about the poem(s) e.g. that the mother loves the daughter in 'Catrin', that the son admires the father in 'Digging' simple comment(s) about love and/or presentation of love
9-12 marks	 some response to characters/situations ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two poems, with a detailed and generally accurate account of the content of the poems, and an awareness of the love presented simple comment on love in the poems, e.g. that the fathers love the children in 'Mid-Term Break', 'On my first Sonne', that the
13-16 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 mother loves the child in 'The Affliction of Margaret' some awareness of writers' methods of presenting love e.g. by choices of structure, phrases, emotive words, tone, form some linkage of poems, perhaps by means of juxtaposition, drawing out some clear points of similarity and differences in the poets and/or emotions presented and/or in the methods used

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
17-20 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on the ways that poets present love in at least three poems e.g. by means of choices of form, structure, language, situations, images to extend meanings and associations, to make the reader respond to the past and emotions explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of love, e.g. showing how the poems work, picking up and developing points by means
21-24 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 of examples, linking points together to explicate meanings and implications, covering a range of detail to give the specific flavour of the ways they are presented identification/explanation of poets' methods e.g. uses of emotive, concrete, abstract lexis, long lines, irony, repetition, the senses, verbal patterning, metaphor, similes or the lack of them, references, linkage of words, lexical shifts, alliteration structured/sustained comparison/contrast of the chosen poems, and of the methods of presenting (a) the past and (b) emotions, drawing clear and precise points of similarity and differences
25-28 marks	sustained and developed response to task	25-36 marks	Answers are likely to include:
	 considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings 		 treatment of at least four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 exploration/development of response to the methods of presenting love in the four poems e.g. to develop themes and ideas, sustain and develop
	 appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 both ideas and feelings and in the reader to make links, convey different points of view sensitive/critical response to details of presentation of love in the poems
29-32 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 and responses to it, showing appreciation of possible meanings and resonances, awareness of nuance and implication, the ways social and psychological ideas are expressed developed/analytical comment on/response to details of the poets' methods of presenting love in the poems e.g. detailed explication of how the lexis, imagery and other aspects of form, structure and language work evaluative comparison of poets' methods of presentation of love in the
33-36 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		poems by using a conceptualised structure to draw clear, precise and detailed points of similarity and difference, a rigorous and coherent view of the particularity of the poems and the differences in attitudes, experience and values suggested

22 (Seamus Heaney and Gillian Clarke)

Compare how the poets write about strong feelings in four of the poems you have studied. To do this, choose two poems from List A and two poems from List B.

List A

List B

'Death of a Naturalist' (Heaney) 'Follower' (Heaney) 'Baby-sitting' (Clarke) 'Sonnet (I love to see the summer)' (Clare) 'On my first Sonne' (Jonson) 'The Song of the Old Mother' (Yeats)

Compare:

- the feelings in the poems
- how the poets show the feelings by the ways they write.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from at least one poem e.g. simple account of content and/or feelings in poems e.g. frogs in 'Death of
5-8 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 a Naturalist', baby in 'Baby-Sitting', scenery in 'Sonnet' simple statement(s) about feelings, e.g. that the frogs frighten the narrator in 'Death of a Naturalist' simple comment(s) about feelings, e.g. effect of particular words and phrases
9-12 marks	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems, commenting in detail on feelings in generally accurate accounts of the poem, showing e.g. the father's actions in 'Follower' simple comment on details of feelings in poems, e.g. the poet's
13-16 marks	 supported response to characters/situations ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 attitude to the wildlife in 'l love to see the summer' some awareness of writers' uses of devices/language to present strong feelings, e.g. choice of telling words and phrases, assonance in 'Death of a Naturalist', imagery in 'Follower', lexis in 'Baby-Sitting' some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, suggesting some similarities and differences in the strong feelings and/or presentation

	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
17-20 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on presentation of strong feelings, e.g. imagery in 'Death of a Naturalist', language to suggest grief in 'On my first Sonne' explained/structured response to details of strong feelings, picking up and developing points by means of examples, examining detail to draw inferences and meanings covering a wide range of details from the poems
21-24 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 identification/explanation of the poets' uses of devices/language to present strong feelings, looking at how it is conveyed by means of techniques e.g. first person, description, metaphor, simile, rhymes and half rhymes structured/sustained comparison/contrast of strong feelings in the poems and/or presentation, creating clear and precise points of similarity and difference between the poems and the writers' uses of devices/language e.g. words and phrases, setting, first person, third person, imagery, form
25-28 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's use of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 exploration/development of response to presentation of strong feelings in the four poems e.g. to language expressing power in 'Death of a Naturalist', delight in 'Sonnet' sensitive/critical response to details/ideas re strong feelings,
29-32 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 e.g. fear of nature in 'Death of a Naturalist', grief in 'On my first Sonne', admiration in 'Follower' developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' uses of devices/language in presenting strong feelings, e.g. considering how structure, rhyme, tensions, lineation, imagery are used to highlight and present ideas and attitudes in a particular way evaluative comparison/contrast of poets' methods to present strong feelings, conceptualising precise and clear points of
33-36 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		similarity and difference to provide a rigorous and coherent overview of the significance of the effects created and the reasons and contexts for them

23 (Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage)

Answer **both** parts (a) and (b).

Part (a)

Compare how the poets present sadness in 'On my first Sonne' by Jonson and 'November' by Armitage.

and then

Part (b)

Compare how the poets present strange behaviour in 'The Laboratory' by Browning and 'Salome' by Duffy.

In both parts (a) and (b) compare:

- what the poets write about
- the ways they write.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from one or more poems e.g. simple account of content of poem(s), describing the situation
5-8 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 simple statement(s) about at least one poem, e.g. statement about who is talking in 'The Laboratory' simple comment(s) about at least one poem, e.g. simple comment about what the speaker does in 'Salome'
9-12 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems with a detailed and generally accurate account of the poems in relation to sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. account of what the woman does in 'The Laboratory' simple comment on details of sadness/strange behaviour, e.g.
13-16 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of text some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 to details of what the father says in 'On my first Sonne' some awareness of writers' methods of presenting sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. use of alliteration in 'The Laboratory' some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, relevant to sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. the sadness is related to a family member in 'On my first Sonne' and 'November'

	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
17-20 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on presentation of sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. feelings/attitudes of the speaker in any of the poems explained/structured response to details of the presentation of sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. explained response to the sadness felt by the grandson in 'November' identification/explanation of writers' methods of presenting
21-24 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 Identification explanation of writers methods of presenting sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. explanation of the effects of rhythm and rhyme in 'The Laboratory' structured/sustained comparison/contrast of the chosen poems related to the presentation of sadness/strange behaviour, creating clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. the speaker has a more positive attitude to his sadness than the speaker in 'November'
25-28 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of four poems inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 detailed and wide-ranging exploration/development of response to the presentation of sadness/strange behaviour e.g. e.g. exploration of the bizarre mind of the speaker in 'Salome' ' sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. sensitive response to details of
29-32 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 how the father deals with his sadness in 'On my first Sonne' developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' methods of presenting sadness/strange behaviour, e.g. analysis of how the grandmother is presented to elicit sadness in 'November' evaluative comparison/contrast of the chosen poems in terms of presentation of sadness/strange behaviour, conceptualising
33-36 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. comparison of the different ways the speakers act or plan to act towards their victims in 'The Laboratory' and 'Salome'

24 (Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage)

Answer both parts (a) and (b)

Part (a)

Compare how the poets use language to present ideas in 'Elvis's Twin Sister' by Duffy and 'Kid' by Armitage.

and then

Part (b)

Compare how the poets use language to present ideas in 'The Song of the Old Mother' by Yeats and **one** other poem from the Pre-1914 Poetry Bank.

In both parts (a) and (b) compare:

- the ideas in the poems
- how the poets use language to present these ideas.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from one or more poems e.g. simple account of content of the poem(s), describing situation
5-8 marks	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 simple statement(s) about at least one poem, e.g. 'The Song of the Old Mother' is about a mother and her children simple comment(s) about at least one poem, e.g. simple personal comment on the speaker in 'Kid'
9-12 marks	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two poems with a detailed and generally accurate account of the poems, related to language and/or ideas, e.g. generally accurate account of what the speaker says in 'Kid' simple comment on details of poems related to language and/or
13-16 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 ideas, e.g. to details of what the speaker says in 'Elvis's Twin Sister' some awareness of writers' use of language to present ideas, e.g. awareness of the use of rhyming language in 'The Song of the Old Mother' some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, relevant to use of language to present ideas, e.g. 'The Song of the Old Mother' and 'On my first Sonne' present ideas about family

	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
17-20 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on the use of language to present ideas, e.g. focus on the father's language to present his feelings in 'On my first Sonne' explained/sustained response to details of the use of language to present ideas, e.g. to details of the language used to present the ideas of the speaker in 'The Man He Killed' identification/explanation of writers' use of language to present
21-24 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 Identification respiration of writers' use of ranguage to present ideas, e.g. explanation of effects of rhyming language used to present ideas in 'The Laboratory' structured/sustained comparison/contrast of the chosen poems related to the use of language to present ideas, creating clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. comparison of effects of humour in 'Elvis's Twin Sister' and 'Kid'
25-28 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 exploration/development of response to the use of language to present ideas, e.g. exploration of the implications of the title 'Kid' sensitive/critical response to details of the use of language to present ideas, e.g. sensitive response to details of the unusual
29-32 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 language used to present the father's ideas in 'On my first Sonne' developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' use of language to present ideas, e.g. close analysis of the mix of language/images used in 'Elvis's Twin Sister' evaluative comparison/contrast of the chosen poems in terms of the use of language to present ideas, e.g. comparison of how well-known figures are used to present ideas in 'Elvis's Twin
33-36 marks	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		Sister' and 'Kid'

25 (Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage)

Compare how poets present speakers who have problems in **four** poems you have studied from the AQA English Literature Anthology.

To do this, choose two poems from List A and two poems from List B.

List A	List B
'Stealing' (Duffy)	'The Song of the Old Mother' (Yeats)
'Havisham' (Duffy)	'The Laboratory' (Browning)
'Hitcher' (Armitage)	'The Man He Killed' (Hardy)

Compare:

- the speakers and the problems they have
- the methods the poets use to present the speakers and their problems.

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Mark Range	Statements	Mark Range	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from one or more poems e.g. simple account of the contents of the poem(s), describing the situation
5-8 marks	 some response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 simple statement(s) about at least one poem, e.g. who has a problem in one of the poems simple comment(s) about at least one poem, e.g. simple comment about the mother in 'The Song of the Old Mother'
9-12 marks	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems with a detailed and generally accurate account of the poems in relation to problems of the speakers e.g. generally accurate account of the speaker's plans in 'The Laboratory' simple comment(s) on details of the problems of the speakers,
13-16 marks	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meaning of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 e.g. on details of what the speaker does in 'Stealing' which may suggest problems some awareness of writers' methods of presenting the problems of the speakers, e.g. use of colloquial language in 'Hitcher' some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, relevant to the problems of the speakers, e.g. the speakers in 'Havisham' and 'Hitcher' are both angry

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17-20 marks	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	17-24 marks	 24 marks Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on presentation of the problems of the speakers, e.g. focus on the attitude of the speaker towards the man he killed in 'The Man He Killed' explained/sustained response to details of the presentation of the problems of the speakers, e.g. to details of the feelings of the speaker in 'The Laboratory' related to her problems identification/explanation of writers' methods of presenting the problems of the speakers, e.g. explanation of the effects of the range of sentence structures in 'Hitcher' in relation to his problems structured/sustained comparison/contrast of the chosen poems related to the presentation of the speakers, e.g. comparison of the violent attitude of the speakers in 'Hitcher' and 'Stealing'
21-24 marks	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		
25-28 marks	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 exploration/development of response to the presentation of the problems of the speakers, e.g. exploration of the idea that the perception of the speaker and of the reader may be different in terms of problems sensitive/critical response to details of the presentation of the
29-32 marks	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 problems of the speaker, e.g. to details of the confusion of the problems the speaker has in 'The Man He Killed' developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' methods of presenting the problems of the speakers, e.g. close analysis of the opening of 'Havisham' which establishes the nature of the speaker's problems in the poem evaluative comparison/contrast of the chosen poems in terms
33-36 marks	 conceptualised response task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		of presentation of the problem of the speakers, conceptualising clear and precise points of similarity/difference, e.g. evaluative comparison of the problems the speakers have in relation to a man in 'The Laboratory' and 'Havisham'