

General Certificate of Education

English Language and Literature 6721 Specification A

NTA5 Texts and Audience

Mark Scheme

2005 examination - June series

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Marking notations for English Language and Literature – NTA5

Use guidelines in the assistant examiner's handbook as the basis of your marking, but supplement with these specific notations used across all units of the specification.

Points that are correct

✓ (tick) to indicate a positive point (but not rhythmical ticking)

straight underline/

vertical line at side to indicate a good passage

expl candidate explains 13b

pr personal response Sec A and B

Errors (in body of script)

ringed or marked with S spelling mistake 13a squiggly underline poor expression/poor or wrong idea All Qs X (cross) to indicate a point is wrong All Qs

Marginal annotation

For Section A

Lpt language point

Att point made about attitudes/values

eg? lacks example

EWM engages with meaning

ft faulty term

pnm point not made (if idea is not explained)

For Question 13a

BE basic error

gr grammatical error voc vocabulary error exp flaw in expression

adap candidate adapts source text invent candidate invents material

For Question 13b

aud point made about audience
purp point made about purpose
con point made about context
comp comparative point
form point made about form
voc vocabulary point made
gr grammatical point made
imag point made about imagery

imag point made about imagery phon point made about phonology coh point made about cohesion struc point made about structure eg? lack of example given

ft faulty term
EWM engages with meaning
pnm point not made (if idea is not explained)

MARKING GRID - Section A

	AO4 (25 marks) Understanding the ways language shapes meaning in different contexts.		AO5 (25 marks) Identifying and considering the ways attitudes and values are conveyed.		
Band 5 21 – 25		 Sophisticated analysis of the language of the extract and text in order to explore the question Insightful demonstration of how language shapes meaning Thorough overview Entirely relevant response 	Detailed analysis of the range of methods used to convey attitudes and values Relevant understanding of dramatic techniques used Skilful interpretation of how language is used Analytical comments		
	21 – 23	 Perceptive analysis of the language of the extract and text in order to explore the question Skilful grasp of how language can shape meaning Sound overview Thoroughly relevant response 	 Makes range of references to how and where attitudes and values are conveyed Detailed reference to the text Clear understanding of different ways attitudes/values are conveyed by the dramatist Mostly analytical comments with a good range of reference 		
Band 4 16 – 20	18 – 20	 Sound engagement with the language of the extract and text in order to explore the question Confident grasp of how language can shape meaning Explores a range of contexts Clear sense of overview Relevant response 	 Relevant and accurate comment on how and where attitudes/values are conveyed Some detailed exploration of the text Mostly analytical as well as descriptive comments 		
	16 – 17	 Grapples with the language of the extract or the text in order to explore the question Some clear engagement with how language shapes meaning Sustains a clear line of argument Explores at least two contexts in detail Relevant response Overview provided 	 Evident understanding of how attitudes/values conveyed Appropriate reference to some relevant parts of the text Descriptive and analytical comments A range of relevant ideas 		
Band 3 11 – 15	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		 Can identify a number of attitudes/values found in the text Some awareness of how and where attitudes/values are conveyed Mostly descriptive comments – analysis emerging 		
	11 – 13	 Possibly patchy relevance/response to question Isolated/unfocused exploration of language of either text or extract Beginnings of understanding of how language can shape meaning, but comments lack depth Some comment on at least two relevant aspects of language May feature spot Ideas mostly simple/unsophisticated but accurate Limited overview 	 General or broad awareness of where attitudes/values are conveyed Adequate, if limited, comment Mostly descriptive comments Ideas mostly simple/unsophisticated but accurate 		

Band 2	8 - 10	 Possibly a largely narrative response 	Simple/oblique comments on attitudes/values
6 - 10		 General awareness of the writer's 	Probably lacking textual evidence
		techniques but on the level of assertion	Unsupported assertions
		and/or generalisation	**
		One aspect of language referred to	
		Possibly only occasional relevance	
		Some flaws in understanding may be	
		evident	
		No real sense of overview	
			Very limited grasp of how attitudes/values
		Superficial understanding of language and	conveyed
	6 – 7	context	Some explanation may be attempted
	,	Simplistic ideas	Some explanation may be attempted
		• Flaws in understanding are likely to be	
		evident	
		Possibly largely irrelevant	
Band 1	4 – 5	Very limited ideas about how language	Possibly no comment or only brief passing
0-5	4-3	shapes meaning	reference to attitudes/values
0-3			reference to attitudes/values
		May identify a feature of language but unable to comment on effect of this	
		Likely to be irrelevant	
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	0–3	Little or no understanding shown of the	No comments/wholly erroneous comments on attitudes/values
		text, question or language	attitudes/varues

Othello – William Shakespeare

1. Examine Shakespeare's presentation of female characters here and elsewhere in the play.

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

Candidates *could* include some of the ideas listed in their answers. These are provided as an indication of suitable content and it is not expected that candidates will include all of these ideas. Examiners should be alert to other, acceptable ideas.

- Extract compare Desdemona's and Emilia's views on women/wives
- Extract & elsewhere Desdemona innocent/naïve, Emilia worldly-wise/cynical
- Comments on Desdemona, Emilia, Bianca
- Bianca her attitude towards Cassio
- Bianca the way she is spoken about by the male characters
- Some comparison of the three female characters

Othello – William Shakespeare

2. How far do you sympathise with Othello here and elsewhere in the play?

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

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- Extract Othello's anguish as he realises his error
- Othello's changes in attitude and language throughout the play personal response to these
- Othello's racial isolation
- 'Iagoisation' of Othello and its effect on the audience/candidate
- Othello as a tragic hero and the audience's/candidate's response

Measure for Measure - William Shakespeare

3. Do you have sympathy for the feelings of Isabella here and elsewhere in the play?

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

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- Extract Isabella's understandable feelings towards Angelo
- Isabella's reactions to Angelo's blackmail
- Isabella's reactions to Claudio's situation
- Isabella's response to the bed trick
- Isabella's language
- Candidate's response to the above

Measure for Measure – William Shakespeare

4. How does Shakespeare present attitudes towards the law here and elsewhere in the play?

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

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- Extract difference's between Angelo's attitudes and Escalus's
- Angelo's strictness but also hypocrisy
- Duke's attitudes
- Isabella's attitudes
- Claudio's attitudes
- Attitudes of the low-life characters and Lucio
- Language used to describe the law and law-breakers

The Alchemist – Ben Jonson

5. How do you respond to the victims of Subtle and Face here and elsewhere in the play?

You may refer to **two** or **three** characters, or range more widely.

In your answer you should consider:

- Jonson's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

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- Extract Drugger obedient/respectful
- Extract Kastril keen to learn
- Explore how victims are gulled
- Personal response to the victims are some more worthy of sympathy than others?
- Contrast between the victims
- Victims display a range of human weaknesses

The Alchemist – Ben Jonson

6. Explore Jonson's presentation of Face here and elsewhere in the play.

In your answer you should consider:

- Jonson's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

Candidates *could* include some of the ideas listed in their answers. These are provided as an indication of suitable content and it is not expected that candidates will include all of these ideas. Examiners should be alert to other, acceptable ideas.

- Extract critical of Subtle his relationship with Subtle
- Extract Subtle's description of Face's past
- Ambiguity about Face's real identity
- Able to transform himself
- Changes his language and manner throughout
- Quick-thinking opportunist
- Entertaining/witty
- His more unpleasant side prepared to betray his 'friends'
- Significance of his name

The Recruiting Officer - George Farquhar

7. Explore Farquhar's treatment of love and attraction here and elsewhere in the play.

In your answer you should consider:

- Farquhar's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

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- Extract Balance's attitude to women
- Extract Worthy's feelings about his relationship with Melinda
- Plume and Sylvia's feelings for one another
- Melinda's attitude to Worthy
- Plume's seducing of Rose and Molly
- Wooing and recruiting interwoven
- Warfare imagery
- Play's comic rather than sentimental approach to love

The Recruiting Officer – George Farquhar

8. How do you respond to Kite here and elsewhere in the play?

In your answer you should consider:

- Farquhar's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

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- Extract Kite's ability to deceive
- Extract Kite's entertaining role creates comedy
- Play opens with Kite tricks/persuades recruits
- Kite's attitude towards women
- Working class
- Relationship with his superiors
- Kite's attitude to his job and the recruits
- Personal response to Kite

Twelfth Night – William Shakespeare

9. How does Shakespeare explore issues relating to gender here and elsewhere in the play?

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

Candidates *could* include some of the ideas listed in their answers. These are provided as an indication of suitable content and it is not expected that candidates will include all of these ideas. Examiners should be alert to other, acceptable ideas.

- Extract Duke's attitudes to love and the differences between men and women
- Extract Viola's situation as woman disguised as a man
- Viola's qualities typically female or male?
- Olivia's attraction to Viola
- Many jokes about sexual matters
- Attitudes towards differences between men and women
- Conflicts between men and women
- All-male cast in Shakespeare's time effect?

Twelfth Night - William Shakespeare

10. How does Shakespeare present Malvolio here and elsewhere in the play?

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

Candidates *could* include some of the ideas listed in their answers. These are provided as an indication of suitable content and it is not expected that candidates will include all of these ideas. Examiners should be alert to other, acceptable ideas.

- Extract Malvolio entertaining creates comedy
- Extract Malvolio's ridiculous appearance and speech
- Butt of jokes
- Often bad-tempered kill-joy
- Malvolio's earlier speeches prim and proper often bad-tempered kill-joy
- Puritan
- Appearance when locked up humiliated
- Sympathy for Malvolio for the way he's tricked?
- Malvolio's exit at the end

The Winter's Tale – William Shakespeare

11. How does Shakespeare present Leontes here and elsewhere in the play?

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

Candidates *could* include some of the ideas listed in their answers. These are provided as an indication of suitable content and it is not expected that candidates will include all of these ideas. Examiners should be alert to other, acceptable ideas.

- Extract Leonte's anger and unreasonable behaviour
- Extract Leonte's harsh language
- His jealousy and lack of judgement
- Thinks he can distinguish between truth and falsehood but cannot
- His feelings for Hermione
- His recognition of his error

The Winter's Tale – William Shakespeare

12. Examine Shakespeare's treatment of love and attraction here and elsewhere in the play.

In your answer you should consider:

- Shakespeare's language choices
- the ways in which attitudes and values are conveyed.

Assessment objectives tested on this question: AO4 (25 marks), AO5 (25 marks). Question total: 50 marks.

Candidates *could* include some of the ideas listed in their answers. These are provided as an indication of suitable content and it is not expected that candidates will include all of these ideas. Examiners should be alert to other, acceptable ideas.

- Extract use of nature/sexual imagery
- Extract Perdita's openness in her feelings for Florizel
- Florizel and Perdita's relationship
- Perdita's use of language erotic/innocent
- Hermione's 'true' feelings and Leontes' jealousy
- Hermione's and Polixenes platonic love
- Leonte's attitude towards sexual promiscuity
- Love and attraction cause both the problems and reconciliation in the play

Section B: Adaptation of Texts for an Audience

Question 13a: Practical Writing

In the Indicative Content section of Band 5 and top Band 4 are specific key elements of the original texts, some of which should be included in order to meet the requirements of the task. This 'key content' will be finalised at the Pre-Standardisation meeting.

	AO6 (25 marks x 2) (Style/accuracy)	Indicative Content/skills
24 – 25 Band 5	 Expression precise and wholly appropriate Subtlety of effect Cohesive writing that works Audience completely engaged Stylish Rare errors 	 All aspects of task addressed Skilful adaptation of material from both texts Style is wholly appropriate and convincing for audience and purpose Successfully contextualised Key content Sophisticated use of Text B Covers all organisational points
21 – 23	 Sustained use of appropriate style for audience and purpose Confidently meets requirements of task Firm control of accuracy Confident style Rare errors 	 Effective writing Effective use of information from both texts Key content: Confident use of Text B Covers most organisational points
18 – 20 Band 4	 Effective use of appropriate style for audience and purpose Fulfils requirements of task Mostly technically accurate Secure style 	 Convincing Ability to produce and handle an appropriate form Appropriate use of information from both texts Material clearly adapted for new context Key content: Appropriate use of Text B Covers most organisational points
16 – 17	 Successful use of appropriate style for audience and purpose Sound approach to task Underlying technical control Some slips 	 Clear awareness of audience and purpose Sound style, but may be slightly inconsistent Information mostly appropriate – any lapses very minor Sound focus on task Sound adaptation
14 – 15 Band 3	 Clear attempt to use appropriate style for audience or purpose although some lapses Expression clear and generally controlled Some technical flaws 	 Awareness of audience and form Generally sound focus on task Appropriate content with some gaps May be some relatively minor invention of information Reader will have some engagement Mostly appropriate adaptation

11 – 13	 Shaping evident and some awareness of appropriate style for audience or purpose but patchy Expression may lack flexibility or accuracy A number of technical flaws but limited basic errors 	 Approach may not be entirely appropriate for audience/purpose Information from texts may not be well adapted or totally accurate May invent some information rather than recast Patchy sense of context Possibly limited info from texts/brief response
8 – 10 Band 2	 Style/approach not especially convincing, although some attempt to shape for audience or purpose Likely to be a range of flaws in expression Likely to be frequent technical errors Limited sense of context 	 Likely to be some noticeable misjudgements about audience/purpose Likely to reveal some misreading/misunderstanding of original text(s) May invent a good deal of material Possibly some unadapted lifting Not well contextualised
6-7	 Style not secure for audience/purpose Likely to be simplistic in language or approach Likely to have intrusive errors 	 Comments limited and general Probably unadapted lifting Likely to reveal major misreading/misunderstanding
4 – 5 Band 1	 Occasional awareness of audience/purpose glimpsed Intrusive basic errors Highly simplistic 	 Very limited awareness of audience or purpose Basic misjudgements of form Very limited use of information from texts
0-3	Frequent weaknesses in expressionMajor technical flawsEntirely inappropriate style	 No sense of form or shaping of material for audience/purpose Totally unfocused

Read the source material which follows. **Texts A** and **B** are taken from the 'Year Out Group' website.

Using relevant information from these texts, write the text of a talk, aimed at 17 to 18-year-olds, on organising a gap year between college or school and higher education.

You should adapt the source material, using your own words as far as possible. You are advised to write approximately 350 - 400 words.

Assessment Objective tested on this question: AO6

The following stylistic/content features may be present in candidates' responses:

- address to audience use of 2nd person
- appropriate register and tone engaging for audience
- contextualised
- sense of speaker possible use of 1st person
- convincing sense of spoken mode
- judicious use of interrogative and imperative moods
- well-structured information
- focus on organising a gap year
- technical accuracy

Key content:

- Check with University re: deferred entry
- Be aware of a range of opportunities
- Seek help
- Research/plan/leave enough time
- Don't just drop out/be aware of responsibilities
- Use the Internet/visit websites
- Consider what suits your personal requirements

Question 13b: Commentary through Analysis

- 13(b) Compare your own writing with **either** Text A **or** Text B in order to highlight the choices you have made in your writing. In your comparison you should show:
 - how language and form have been used to suit audience and purpose
 - how vocabulary and other stylistic features have been used to shape meaning and achieve particular effects.

You should aim to write about 400 - 500 words in this comparative commentary.

AO1(25 marks)		AO4(25 marks)	Indicative skills/content
(knowledge/terminology/		(context/comparison/language	
24-25 Band 5	 analysis of language) Searching and confident literary/linguistic analysis Wholly accurate use of appropriate terminology/concepts 	choices) • Skilful comparison showing thorough understanding of context(s)	 Explores languages and engages closely with meaning Insight shown into a range of features
21–23	 Largely accurate use of appropriate terminology/concepts Sustained and cogent argument Clear and detailed 	 Detailed and confident comparison showing understanding of how form, style and vocabulary shape meaning Uses examples from both texts 	 Framework for analysis skilfully employed Grapples with meaning Confidently and accurately expressed Uses a range of examples from both texts, clearly analysed
18-20 Band 4	 Coherent/illuminating analysis of distinctive language features Well sustained argument using a range of literary/linguistic terms/concepts Accurate use of framework terms 	 Close focus on both texts Confident analysis and comparison Clear awareness of contextual variation Clear comments on key areas 	 Engages with meaning and draws thoughtful conclusions Identifies p.o.s and SS accurately Points will be well made Close focus on some details
16-17	 Describes significant language features Some exploratory analysis Framework terms used mostly accurately 	 Clear and competent comparison Sound awareness of contextual variation 	 Shows engagement with the texts Points mostly well made P.o.s and SS mostly accurately identified

14-15 Band 3	 Analysis emerging but not sustained Literary/linguistic framework used fairly accurately Analysis lacks depth Distinguishes between some details 	 Makes some valid comparisons Some understanding of contextual variation but not fully explored 	 Explanation evident Own text analysed and compared to other text A number of features commented on but gaps Some apt examples but also some imprecise/general comments Possibly list-like
11-13	 Lacks precise linguistic/literary terminology Makes mostly general points about language and style Limited ability to deal with complex ideas Analysis underdeveloped 	 Comparisons made but mostly on a general level Some limited comment on context Likely to focus more on content than on language 	 Tends to refer vaguely to language levels and appeal to/impact on audience rather than analysing specific details Identifies features mostly accurately but makes some errors and leaves points half made Lack of precision and limited number of examples May feature spot Possibly focuses more on content than style
8-10 Band 2	 Awareness of basic characteristics of specific genre Simple points made about language Partial use of framework Some misunderstanding evident 	 Limited comparisons made Partially sees how context influences language use Some general comment on techniques 	 Tends to make very vague comments Comments are broad and general with few examples Ideas fairly accurate but some misunderstanding/errors may be evident Possibly focus on design/layout/graph/content
6-7	 Rare language choices commented on Response to surface features Minimal use of frameworks/terminology 	 Very limited comparisons made Superficial/simplistic ideas on language use in relation to context Vague awareness of audience/aim 	 Simplistic understanding and exploration of one area Very few, if any, examples Some errors of explanation

4-5 Band 1	•	No analytical insight Misreadings/ misunderstandings evident	•	Probably no comparisons made Very limited or no awareness of context	•	Partial purely descriptive comments Intrusive errors
0-3	•	No literary/linguistic insight shown Many errors/ misreadings/ misunderstandings	•	Very limited/no ideas on how language shapes meaning No comparisons made No awareness shown of how context and language shape meaning	•	Major misunderstandings of text and task Commentary is not explanatory Frequent major weaknesses in expression

p.o.s = parts of speech SS = sentence structures