

Mark scheme January 2004

GCE

English Literature A

Unit LTA4

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• In this unit, the weightings of the AOs are:

AO1 6% AO2ii 5% AO3 6% AO4 7% AO5ii 6%

How to use the grids and the marking scheme

- For each question in Section A examiners should first judge the answer by criteria in the column AO4. This column is emphasised in this section. For each answer in Section B, examiners should first judge the answer by criteria in column AO5ii. This column is emphasised in this section.
- Having placed the answer in a band of the grid, move on to verify this mark by considering the AO1, AO2ii and AO3 column.



MARKING GRID

	MARKING GRID				
	Candidates should be able to communicate clearly the knowledge, understanding and insight appropriate to literary study, using appropriate terminology and accurate written expression	Candidates should be able to respond with knowledge and understanding to literary texts of different types and periods, exploring and commenting on relationships and comparisons between literary texts	Candidates should be able to show detailed understanding of the ways in which choices of form, structure and language shape meanings		
Band 1 0-6	 frequent lapses in spelling, punctuation, grammar, sentence construction limited vocabulary hinders expression technical terms often misunderstood unclear lines of argument and/or poor deployment of knowledge/evidence 	 simple narration, description of plot simple assertion unsupported/unconnected comments frequent irrelevance unassimilated notes comparisons between texts are mainly on their superficial features 	 few (if any) form, structure or language features identified very limited (if any) discussion of how language shapes meaning 		
Band 2 7 - 10	 some inaccuracies in written expression vocabulary sufficient to express less complicated ideas some basic technical vocabulary arguments supported by general reference to text 	 sound general knowledge of text engagement with text some key issues raised by question identified and understood appropriate but generalised evidence used to support points some confidence in the use of secondary sources comparisons between texts operate on both literal and inferential levels and across genres 	 some awareness of the importance of form, structure and language to the shaping of meaning understanding of and response to implicit meanings and attitudes a general awareness of a writer's techniques and the impact of these on meaning 		
Band 3 11 - 15	 well-controlled and technically accurate expression varied and appropriate vocabulary used effectively critical vocabulary deployed accurately sound arguments supported by appropriate detailed reference to the text 	 competent and increasingly detailed understanding of text a clear understanding of the question set increasing ability to evaluate and consider issues critically argument is supported by frequent use of short, relevant quotations neatly integrated systematic comparisons of form, structure and language as well as subject and theme 	 explanation of the features, form, structure and language which shape meaning detailed understanding of a writer's techniques and the impact of these on meaning 		
Band 4 16 - 20	 technically accurate, sophisticated style accurate use of an appropriate and extensive, critical vocabulary a cogent, well-structured argument accurate use of an appropriate, extensive critical vocabulary 	 sound knowledge and understanding of text mature skills of analysis and synthesis range of ideas supported by close reading crucial aspects of a question clearly identified developed, sustained discussion secure conceptual grasp skilfully selects for analysis specific aspects of texts, clarifying and developing ideas by comparison and contrast 	mature and sophisticated analysis of the ways in which different kinds of form, structure and language shape meaning		



	A04	AO5ii
	Candidates should be able to articulate independent opinions and judgements, informed by different interpretations of literary texts by other readers	Candidates should be able to show understanding of the contexts in which literary texts are written and understood and evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences on literary texts and study
Band 1 0-6	 little (if any) understanding of different interpretive approaches little personal response based upon slender or misinterpreted evidence or insensitive reading of other opinions or text narrow range of meaning asserted 	 very limited awareness of the significance of relevant contextual factors on literary works and/or responses to them some awareness of period or movement
Band 2 7 - 10	 reasonable understanding of appropriate, differing critical positions which may be summarised rather than explored aware that texts may be interpreted in more than one way some evidence of an individual response supported by general reference to the text, but not always balanced or consistent 	 an awareness of the importance of contextual factors in shaping literary works or responses to them some specific and appropriate connections between text and context some understanding of the historical, social and cultural interests influencing a text. identifies and comments on points of interest in relation to social, cultural and historical context
Band 3 11 - 15	 clear understanding of differing critical positions appropriate consideration of the strengths and weaknesses of one or more critical views with detailed reference to text and/or other evidence coherent, informed individual response to the text, based on a command of appropriate detail 	 increasingly detailed knowledge of relevant contextual factors or influences detailed connections between text and context understanding of historical factors and cultural elements in a text able to comment on literary influences on a text explains where appropriate how context may affect interpretation of text
Band 4 16 - 20	 mature understanding of the significance of differing critical positions sophisticated judgement of text based upon an informed consideration of various possibilities 	 detailed knowledge of relevant contextual factors with analysis of their importance specific, detailed and sophisticated connections between text and context evaluates the effect of context upon text understands text in context of literary tradition and influence



SECTION A

EITHER

Othello - William Shakespeare

Question 1

"Shakespeare gave his play the wrong title. It should be entitled *Iago*."

"Othello is a tragic hero, Iago only the means to his tragedy."

How far do you agree with both of these opinions?

Why do **you** think that Shakespeare chose the title *Othello* for his play?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tends to rely on narrative, concentrating on what Othello and Iago do in the play. Finds it difficult to cope with the differences between the critics' opinions. Struggles to find the text to support either point of view. Own view is simple and assertive without supporting evidence. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Moving towards an understanding of the essential differences between the two views. Will tend to concentrate on character traits and make broad-brush references to the play. Though own view may be assertive from time to time, it is often supported with general reference to the text. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 Shows <u>understanding of both</u> the criticisms offered. Able to <u>set up arguments</u> in response to both critics. Now <u>often focuses</u> on more specific <u>areas of text to support arguments</u>, using some quotations and echoes of the text. Own view is tempered by an appreciation of <u>alternative ways</u> of looking at the play. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of both the criticisms offered. Has a detailed grasp of appropriate areas of the text to support arguments, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. Own view is confident and well considered. 	Band 4 16-20



Othello - William Shakespeare

Question 2

"The most dramatic episode in *Othello* is that where Iago provokes the brawl between Cassio and the Cypriots."

"The most dramatic episode in *Othello* is the one where Iago first begins to poison Othello's mind against Desdemona and Cassio."

How dramatic do **you** think these episodes are?

Which of these episodes is more dramatic in your opinion? Give reasons for your choice.

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Will <u>narrate</u> the content of these scenes. Has problems dealing with <i>dramatic</i>. Own view is <u>simple</u>, <u>assertive</u> with little <u>or no textual support</u>. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Has <u>sufficient</u> knowledge and understanding to support in a <u>general</u> way the two views expressed and is able to argue in an acceptable way own view. <u>Begins</u> to evaluate the drama in at least one of the scenes. <u>Paraphrase of larger areas of text will predominate.</u> 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 Evaluates competently the dramatic qualities of the two scenes. Able to set up arguments in response to the different choices the two critics have made. Is able to focus on more specific, smaller areas of text to support arguments, using some quotations and echoes of the scenes. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of the reasons why both critics thought that one scene was more dramatic than the other. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a detailed knowledge of both scenes, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the essay. 	Band 4 16-20



Henry the Fourth Part 2 - William Shakespeare

Question 3

"The beginning of the play has no relevance to what follows: what is the point of the clumsy dramatic device using Rumour as a character? What is the point of the concentration on the family of Northumberland from whom power has already passed?"

"The opening of the play is a dramatic introduction to the torture of Northumberland as he hears the different rumours about his son's fortunes in the battle at Shrewsbury, and to the grief of his family when they know that his son is dead."

How far do you agree with these different opinions about the opening of the play?

What do **you** think of the dramatic impact of the opening to this play?

What do you think of the dramatic impact of AO1, AO2ii, AO3	AO4	
Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tends to <u>narrate</u> the first part of the play. Has only a <u>skimpy</u> knowledge of this part of the play. Soon begins to deviate from the critical opinions provided. Own view <u>is simple</u>, <u>assertive and unsupported</u> by the play. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Some understanding of the different standpoints of the two critics. Argues dramatic values from time to time. Has sufficient general knowledge and understanding of the scenes to support satisfactorily both points of view, though paraphrase will predominate. Though own view is assertive from time to time it is often supported by a paraphrase approach. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> the different standpoints of the two critics. Usually approaches the scenes from a <u>dramatic</u> point of view. Has a <u>knowledge</u> of specific areas of these scenes to support effectively argument and counter-argument. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of the arguments of the two critics. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a grasp of the opening scenes of the play to allow a confident approach to the question and uses frequent embedded quotation. 	Band 4 16-20



Henry the Fourth Part 2 - William Shakespeare

Question 4

"The treachery of Prince John in the Forest of Gaultree is Shakespeare's support of the principle that in politics and war the end justifies the means."

"One can only recoil with disgust when Prince John deceives the rebels with his words, 'Let's drink together friendly and embrace' so that they will disband their army."

What evidence is there in the play to support both these views?

What is **your** opinion of the ways Shakespeare presents the morality of Prince John?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tendency to write ignoring the opinions of the two critics. Will tend to <u>narrate</u> the episode in Gaultree Forest, sometimes in a garbled way. Own view is <u>simple</u>, <u>assertive</u> with <u>little</u> or no textual support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Has <u>sufficient</u> knowledge and understanding to support most parts of the criticism mainly with reference to plot and character. Though own view is <u>assertive from time to time</u>, it is supported in a <u>general way</u> from the text. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 Understands the differences in the views of the two critics. Able to set up <u>arguments</u> in response to both critics. References are pointed at <u>specific areas of text</u> in the Gaultree Forest scenes to support arguments. There will be <u>occasional</u> quotations and <u>echoes of text</u>. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of the views of the two critics. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a detailed knowledge and understanding of the Gaultree Forest scenes to support arguments with frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



The Merchant of Venice - William Shakespeare

Question 5

"The bond with a penalty of a pound of flesh and the fate of an heiress in marriage depending on a choice of caskets are devices too weak to make *The Merchant of Venice* a credible play."

"The success of this play depends on the excitement generated by the bond and by the choice of caskets."

How far do you agree with these two different opinions of the play?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tends to <u>ignore the opinions</u> of the two critics. <u>Will narrate</u> parts of the play relating to the bond and the caskets. Own views are <u>assertive</u>, <u>simple</u> with <u>little or no</u> textual support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Begins to understand the criticism. Has <u>sufficient</u> knowledge and understanding to support in a <u>general</u> way the criticism, referring mainly to plot and character. Though own views are <u>sometimes</u> <u>assertive</u>, they are supported by a general reference to large areas of text. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> the views. Able to set up <u>arguments text-based</u> in response to it. Refers more <u>specifically</u> to shorter areas of text to support own views. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of the ramifications of the critical views. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a detailed knowledge and understanding of the text to support own views, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



The Merchant of Venice - William Shakespeare

Question 6

"Shakespeare has created in Gratiano a graceless Venetian lout."

"Gratiano more than any other character in the play provides much needed comedy."

What evidence is there in the play for both of these opinions?

What do **you** think is Gratiano's purpose in the play?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tends to ignore the views of the critics shortly after the start of the answer. Will <u>narrate</u> a few of the scenes where Gratiano appears. Own view is <u>simple</u>, <u>assertive</u> with <u>little</u> or no textual support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Has <u>sufficient</u> knowledge and understanding to support the opinions of the two critics with the emphasis on plot and character. Though own view is <u>sometimes assertive</u>, it is often supported by general reference to some of the scenes where Gratiano appears. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> both views. Able to <u>set up arguments</u> in response to both critics. Has a <u>more specific grasp</u> of the scenes to support the critics' and their own opinions. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a confident grasp of both views. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a detailed knowledge and understanding of the scenes where Gratiano appears to support arguments, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



Noah and his Sons, The Second Shepherds' Play and Herod the Great from The Complete Plays of the Wakefield Master

Question 7

"The undramatic narrative element in the dialogue between God and Noah must have bored a medieval audience."

"The relationship between God and Noah in their dialogue at the beginning of the play provided the medieval audience with an example of what their relationship should be with God."

What evidence from the text would you use to support both these views?

What do **you** think is the purpose of the opening to *Noah and his Sons*?

What do you think is the purpose of the op-	ening to <i>Noah and his Sons</i> ?	1
Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tends to <u>narrate</u> the opening to the play. Finds it <u>difficult to sustain</u> relevance. Own view is simple and <u>assertive with</u> <u>little or no support</u> from the play. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 There will be <u>assertion from time to time</u>. <u>Begins to understand</u> the differences in the two opinions about the opening of the play. Arguments will be supported by <u>general</u>, <u>sometimes vague reference</u> to the text, paraphrase predominating. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 Understands the implications of the differences between the two critics. Able to <u>set up arguments</u> to account for the different views. References are now pointed at <u>specific areas of text</u> to support arguments. There will be occasional quotations and echoes of the text. Supports a valid own view of the scene's purpose. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Grasps the implications of the different views. Sets up a cogently argued essay. Supports arguments with a detailed knowledge of the text with frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



Noah and his Sons, The Second Shepherds' Play and Herod the Great from The Complete Plays of the Wakefield Master.

Question 8

"The adventures of Mak, the sheep-stealer, undermine the structure of *The Second Shepherds' Play*."

"Without the episode of Mak, the play would simply not attract an audience."

Consider the validity of each of these opinions.

What do **you** think is the effect of including the Mak episode in this play?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 After an attempt to address the two opinions, will soon give an account of Mak. Will tend to narrate the Mak episode. Own view is simple, assertive with little or no textual support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 <u>Signs of understanding</u> both criticisms. <u>Tries to address</u> the appeal of Mak with general reference to the text, using paraphrase as the dominant vehicle. Though own view is <u>sometimes assertive</u>, it is supported <u>by general</u> reference to broad areas of the play. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> the differences between the opinions of the critics. Able to <u>set up arguments</u> in response to both critics. Now focusing on <u>more specific areas</u> of the text to support most arguments, using <u>some</u> quotation and echoes of the text. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Sets up a cogent essay. Has a grasp of the views of both critics and can form own view. Supports views showing a detailed knowledge of the play, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



The Duchess of Malfi - John Webster

Question 9

"If you wish to find a hero in the play to match the heroic Duchess, don't consider Antonio!"

"Antonio is presented by Webster as a man of considerable worth."

Consider carefully the evidence which would support both these views.

How do **you** respond to Webster's presentation of Antonio?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tends to <u>ignore</u> the critical opinions and see the question as an excuse to write everything known about Antonio and the Duchess. Will tend <u>to narrate</u> parts of the play which seem to touch on the issues raised. Own view is <u>simple</u>, <u>assertive</u> with little <u>or no textual</u> support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Struggles with 'hero', 'heroic', but shows greater confidence with the second view. Supports those parts of the critics' opinions which are understood with reference to broad areas of text. Though own view is sometimes assertive, it is supported by the same generalised reference to the text. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> both opinions and the differences between them. Able to <u>set up arguments</u> in response to both critics. References are now pointed to <u>more specific areas</u> of the text to support critics' and own arguments. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of the views of both critics. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a detailed knowledge of the text which enables support of all arguments attempted, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



The Duchess of Malfi - John Webster

Question 10

"Webster has a natural instinct about what will work in the theatre."

"Much of Webster's play is unconvincing to an audience."

What evidence do you find to justify these two opinions?

What is **your** opinion of the impact of Webster's play on an audience?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Struggles to understand the opinions of the critics. Will <u>narrate</u> parts of the play which seem relevant. Own view is <u>simple</u>, <u>assertive</u> with <u>little</u> or no textual support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Has <u>sufficient</u> knowledge and understanding to give <u>a broad-brush</u> textual support to the <u>more easily understood</u> parts of the quotations. Though own view of the opinion <u>is sometimes</u> made in an <u>assertive</u> way, it is given <u>general</u> support from the play with <u>paraphrase predominating</u>. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 Has a good understanding of the thrust of the critics' opinions. Sets up a valid argument in response. Now focuses more specifically on smaller areas of text to support arguments, using some quotations and echoes of the text. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a good grasp of the critics' views. Sets up a cogent essay in response. Has a detailed knowledge of those parts of the play used to support arguments, with frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



Volpone - Ben Jonson

Question 11

"Mosca is no more than a dramatic device in the play."

"Jonson makes Mosca a brilliantly convincing character on the stage."

How much truth is there in these two criticisms of Jonson's Mosca?

What do you think of Jonson's dramatic presentation of Mosca?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 After a time will ignore the opinions set and write about what Mosca does in the play, making simple observations on his character. Own response is simple, assertive with little or no textual support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 The differences in the opinions are now more clearly understood. Has sufficient knowledge and understanding to assess the criticisms with generalisations from the play. Though own opinion is assertive from time to time, it usually has support from a general knowledge of the text. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> the opinions and how they differ. <u>Able to set up arguments</u> in response to both critics and to own views. <u>Now focuses on more specific areas of text</u> with occasional quotations from and echoes of relevant scenes. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of the differences of opinion. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a detailed knowledge of the scenes used to support arguments, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



Volpone - Ben Jonson

Question 12

"The first trial in the Scrutineo stirs an audience into indignation at the miscarriage of justice."

"The first trial in the Scrutineo provides Jonson with the opportunity to astonish and amuse his audience at the clever manipulation of a court of law."

How far do you agree with each of these interpretations of the first trial scene?

What are **your** thoughts and feelings about this scene?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO4 Understanding of different interpretations. Informed independent opinions and judgements.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Will have only a <u>skimpy</u> idea of the scene. Will <u>narrate as far as memory will allow</u>. Own view is <u>simple</u>, <u>assertive</u> with <u>little or no textual</u> support. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key issues raised by critics identified and generally understood. A general rather than a competent knowledge of the play. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Will have <u>a general</u> idea of the scene. Has <u>sufficient</u> knowledge and understanding to support the criticisms from a general knowledge of the first trial, perhaps relying mainly on paraphrase. Own view is <u>sometimes assertive</u>, but it has <u>a broad-brush</u> support from the text. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if appropriate. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly competent knowledge and understanding of the play. Competent understanding of critical views. Recognition of form, structure and language and appropriate comments on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> the differences in the views of the two critics. Able to <u>set up arguments</u> in response to both critics and for own argument. Now focuses <u>more specifically on smaller areas of text</u> to support arguments with some quotation and echoes of the text. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and appropriate vocabulary, technical if needed. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge of play. Grasp of critical views. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a grasp of the crucial differences between the critics' views. Sets up a cogent essay. Has a detailed knowledge of the scene to support arguments, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



How to determine band, then mark.

Section B

- 1. The marking grid will determine the band and the mark you give.
- 2. Judge first the candidate by the criteria in the column AO5ii. In this section of the paper, this column is emphasised.

So what mark would you give your candidate judged on these criteria alone?

3. Look then at the criteria in the AO1, AO2ii and AO3 columns. Judgment by these columns will generally either confirm the mark or raise it.

The weightings for all Section B questions are:

AO1	3%
AO2ii	2.5%
AO3	3%
AO5ii	6%



SECTION B

EITHER

Women Romantic Poets 1785 - 1832, An Anthology - ed. Breen

Question 13

Illustrate from the poems you have studied the ways in which some of the women poets teach their readers behaviour and attitudes proper to the times in which they lived.

You may, if you wish, concentrate on two of the longer poems or range more widely through the Anthology.

Context: Behaviour and attitudes proper to the times

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO5ii Evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences on literary texts and study.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Will have problems in choosing suitable poems to fit the terms of the question. Will tend to go through two or more poems with limited success dealing with their themes. Will unload irrelevant context. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Will show some ability to choose suitable poems to fit the terms of the question. Will show some ideas about 'behaviour and attitudes proper to the times' (context). Illustration from the poems will be broadly based. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> the <u>context</u>. <u>Will focus on smaller, more specific areas of the poems chosen, using some quotation and 'echoes'</u>. <u>Begins to discuss ways</u> the poets teach. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a thorough grasp of the poems selected. Intersperses themes and contexts in a cogent answer. Has a detailed knowledge of the poems chosen, frequently using quotations for the purpose of analysis or to weave into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



Women Romantic Poets 1785 - 1832, An Anthology - ed. Breen

Question 14

How typically Romantic is the interest of the women poets in Nature?

You may, if you wish, concentrate on **two** or **three** poems **or** range more widely through the poems in answering this question.

Context: Interest in NATURE typically romantic

AO1, AO2ii, AO3	AO5ii	
Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	Evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences on literary texts and study.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Have a hazy idea of 'typically Romantic'. Will find it difficult to choose appropriate poems. Will tend to narrate the themes of poems which they choose. Will unload irrelevant context. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Have some ideas about typical Romantic attitudes to Nature. Will usually choose appropriate poems. Will have a broad knowledge and understanding of the chosen poems. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 <u>Understand</u> 'typically Romantic'. Poems will be <u>well-chosen</u>. Will focus on <u>smaller areas of text for closer comment.</u> 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Will have a grasp of the attitudes of the Romantics to Nature. Will have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the poems chosen, frequently quoting either for purposes of close analysis or to weave quotations into the fabric of the answer. Will be able to cross reference poems chosen. 	Band 4 16-20



The Prelude, Books 1 and 2 - William Wordsworth

Question 15

Wordsworth claimed that the best poetry could only be produced by 'a man who being possessed of more than usual sensibility had also thought long and deeply'.

How far does Wordsworth, in *The Prelude, Books 1 and 2*, demonstrate that he is such a poet?

Context: Wordsworth's 'claim' about the gift a poet needs to produce the best poetry

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO5ii Evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences on literary texts and study.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Will ignore most of the context. Will tend to narrate passages, often of doubtful relevance. Opinions will usually be asserted with little or no textual reference. Will unload irrelevant context. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Will have some sense of 'possessed of more than usual sensibility'. Will usually find at least one relevant passage to discuss. Will have enough knowledge to paraphrase the passages chosen. Will be aware of some of the language used by Wordsworth in the passages. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 Will <u>understand</u> Wordsworth's idea of the requirements of a great poet. Passages will be <u>well-chosen</u>. Will explore <u>smaller</u>, more <u>specific</u> areas of the passages chosen, using <u>some</u> <u>quotation</u> or text-echoes as illustration. Will be able to <u>comment</u> on the language used as appropriate. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Will confidently discuss Wordsworth's ideal poet described. Will have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the passages chosen, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. Will analyse language as appropriate. 	Band 4 16-20



The Prelude, Books 1 and 2 - William Wordsworth

Question 16

Wordsworth in his day was attacked by the educated upper class for making his poetry too easily understood by 'the common people'.

Referring to those parts of *The Prelude, Books 1 and 2* of your own choice, estimate the truth of this criticism.

Context: attack by upper class for making poetry too easily understood

Context: attack by upper class for making poetry too easily understood		
AO1, AO2ii, AO3	AO5ii	
Communicates clearly and appropriately.	Evaluate the significance of cultural,	
Responds with knowledge and understanding.	historical and other contextual influences	
Considers form, structure and language.	on literary texts and study.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Will have a <u>hazy</u> knowledge of the basis of this criticism of Wordsworth. Will have <u>trouble</u> finding appropriate passages for discussion. Will tend to <u>go through</u> passages with only limited relevance to the criticism. Assertion will predominate. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Will begin to find examples of the accessibility of Wordsworth's poetry and perhaps to argue that not all of it is so accessible. Will usually write relevantly on appropriately chosen passages. Will often support ideas using paraphrase. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 <u>Understands</u> the nature of the criticism and will argue both for and against it. Writes <u>relevantly throughout</u>. Focuses on <u>specific, smaller areas</u> of the passages chosen to support arguments, using some <u>quotation and echoes</u> of the poetry. Will consider either language or imagery or form. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Has a thorough grasp of the criticism and its implications. Argues cogently. Has a detailed knowledge of the passages chosen with frequent quotations used either for analysis or to weave into the fabric of the answer. 	Band 4 16-20



Songs of Innocence and of Experience - William Blake

Question 17

A French Romantic poet stated: "Romantic poetry springs from our agony and our despair."

Referring to relevant *Songs*, show how far this is true of Blake's poetry.

Context: The Romantic agony and despair

AO1, AO2ii, AO3	AO5ii	
Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding.	Evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences	
Considers form, structure and language.	on literary texts and study.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Tends after a short time to ignore the French poet's statement. Will narrate the theme of <i>Songs</i> sometimes not well-chosen. Assertive often with little or no evidence. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Has a <u>fair grasp</u> of 'agony' and 'despair' and can usually apply these descriptions to <i>Songs</i>. Sometimes assertive, but realising the need for evidence. Will <u>usually choose</u> appropriate poems. Will have a <u>general</u> knowledge of the poems chosen usually at the level of paraphrase. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 Will <u>understand</u> 'agony' and 'despair'. Explores alternative views of the <i>Songs</i>. Poems will be <u>well-chosen</u>. Can focus on <u>more specific</u> areas of a <i>Song</i>, using some quotation. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Will confidently discuss the French critic's statement. Will have a detailed knowledge of the poems chosen to support argument and the ability to weave frequent quotations into the fabric of the answer. Will explore alternative views with reference to the language and imagery of Blake. 	Band 4 16-20



Songs of Innocence and of Experience - William Blake

Question 18

To what extent is it true that Blake's revolutionary vision dominates his Songs?

Context: Blake as revolutionary

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language.	AO5ii Evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences on literary texts and study.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 Has <u>trouble</u> understanding 'revolutionary vision'. Tends to <u>paraphrase</u> Songs often irrelevant to the question. Asserts often with inadequate evidence. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Begins to understand 'revolutionary vision'. Will usually choose appropriate Songs. Will have a general knowledge and understanding of the Songs chosen, usually at the level of paraphrase. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 Understands 'revolutionary vision'. Songs will be well-chosen. Focuses on more specific areas of a Song, using some quotation. Will start to use the evidence of language and imagery to argue 'revolutionary vision'. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Will confidently discuss the issue raised. Will have a detailed knowledge and understanding of the Songs chosen. Will set up a cogent argument, using the evidence of language and imagery to support ideas. 	Band 4 16-20



Selected Poems - John Keats

Question 19

How far do you agree that Keats' poems are influenced by paganism rather than by Christianity?

You may illustrate your arguments by referring to **one** or **two** longer poems **or** by ranging widely through the selection.

Context: Greater influence on Keats? Paganism or Christianity?

AO1, AO2ii, AO3	AO5ii	
Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding.	Evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences	
Considers form, structure and language.	on literary texts and study.	
 Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment. 	 <u>Finds difficulty</u> in understanding the terms of the question. Will tend to do a <u>jog-trot</u> through a randomly chosen set of poems. Unloads irrelevant context. 	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Begins to be <u>aware</u> of the differences between pagan and Christian. Will choose <u>some</u> appropriate poems for consideration. Will have a <u>general</u> knowledge and understanding of the poems chosen, using paraphrase as the means to write about the poems. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 Will have a fair grasp of the differences between pagan and Christian influences. Poems for illustration will be well-chosen. Will make more specific reference to the poems chosen, using some quotation. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Will <u>understand</u> the significance of the differences between pagan and Christian. Will have a <u>detailed</u> knowledge and understanding of the poems chosen, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. Will <u>set up a cogent argument</u> 	Band 4 16-20



Selected Poems - John Keats

Question 20

A Romantic poet claimed that a poem is 'a lamp that throws out images originating in the imagination of the poet.'

How far is this true of Keats' poems? In your answer, you may concentrate on **one** or **two** longer poems **or** range widely through the selection.

Context: the supremacy of the poet's imagination

AO1, AO2ii, AO3 Communicates clearly and appropriately. Responds with knowledge and understanding. Considers form, structure and language. Difficulties with spelling, grammar, punctuation and expression. Attention needs to be paid to the setting out of logical argument. Answers in narrative form. Simple assertions made on flimsy evidence or on a misreading of the text. May identify features of language, form and structure without comment.	AO5ii Evaluate the significance of cultural, historical and other contextual influences on literary texts and study. Tends to ignore the context set. May not choose suitable poems. A skimpy jog-trot through the poems is likely. Unloads irrelevant context.	Band 1 1-6
 Tolerable accuracy of spelling, grammar and punctuation. Expression adequate for the ideas expressed. Some logical development of argument. Key areas of context identified and understood. A general rather than competent knowledge of the poems chosen. Some awareness of the influence of form, structure and language. 	 Some understanding of the poet's claim. Chooses some suitable poems to support arguments presented. Will have a general knowledge of the poems chosen, often shown in the frequency of paraphrase. Will be aware of images of the imagination as shown in the poems chosen. 	Band 2 7-10
 Well-controlled and accurate expression. Uses an appropriate critical vocabulary if needed. Clear lines of argument. Increasingly detailed understanding of the poems and their contexts. Recognition of form, structure and language and commentary on their effects. 	 Will <u>understand</u> the poet's claim. Poems will be <u>well-chosen</u> to support arguments presented. Will have a <u>more specific knowledge</u> and <u>understanding</u> of the poems chosen. Will <u>understand</u> images of the imagination. 	Band 3 11-15
 Technically accurate. Sophisticated style. Fluent and telling use of apt and varied vocabulary. Cogent, well-structured argument. Sound knowledge and understanding of the poems and their contexts. Mature skills of analysis and synthesis. Secure conceptual grasp. 	 Will confidently discuss the claim of the poet. Will have a detailed knowledge of the poems cleverly chosen, using frequent quotations woven into the fabric of the answer. Will show a confident grasp of Keats' use of the images of the imagination. 	Band 4 16-20

