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Introduction

Purpose of the paper

This paper is designed to test candidates' ability to write accurately in Russian, structure their responses and demonstrate their knowledge of the target language culture and / or society through the study and critical and analytical response to two literary texts or a literary text and a film.

This was the fourth year of the A Level specification, but only the second year in which the examination has been conducted with a full cohort of candidates. As previously, many candidates had been well prepared for this paper, clearly having referenced the specification, sample materials, previous examiners' reports, and studied their chosen texts or films in detail over the two-year A Level course. There were examples of both heritage / native speaker candidates and learner candidates whose lessons had clearly focused on how to translate accurately from English and how to write a structured essay which makes critical and analytical points about the chosen works. This was pleasing for the examining team.

As in previous years, there were also some examples of candidates who simply retold the story of their chosen work or were not able to offer any coherent essay. Centres must be reminded that it is not possible for a candidate to be entered for this examination without having studied two of the texts from the specification in detail. Simply having read the texts or seen the films is not enough for candidates to perform well.

Structure of the examination

The paper requires candidates to complete a translation into Russian and then write two essays. Their essays must either be on two literary texts or on one literary text and one film. The two texts or text and film offered for examination must be from the list set out on page 51 of the specification.

The translation (section A) is worth 20 of the available 120 marks, and the two essays (section B for texts and section C for films) are worth the remaining 100 marks, with 50 marks for each essay. The essay marks consist of 20 marks for Critical and Analytical Response (AO4), 20 marks for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary (AO3) and 10 marks for Accuracy (AO3).

The time allowed for the examination is 2 hours and 40 minutes. An appropriate division of time would be for candidates to spend about 30 minutes on the translation and about an hour on each of the essays, including spending time planning their response carefully.

Question 1

Section A: Translation

Section A of this paper required candidates to translate a short passage of English into Russian. The passage will always be based on one of the sub-themes from Theme 1, 2, 3 or 4 from pages 8-9 of the specification. The translation is split into 20 'assessable elements' (see the mark scheme) and 1 mark is awarded for each correct element. For an element to be considered correct, it must have all the details contained in the English original (ie no word omitted) and the grammatical endings must all be completely correct (including noun, verb and adjective endings). Spelling errors are tolerated, provided they are not part of the grammatical ending.

Overall, the majority of candidates performed well in this task. As they had studied the topic of the translation, they knew the relevant vocabulary and were able to deploy their knowledge of grammar. Many learner candidates were able to score at least 12-15 marks out of 20, with some scoring 19-20. Some native speaker candidates lost marks due to omission of parts of elements, or due to confusion over the use of tenses. Native speakers also sometimes failed to offer correct specialist vocabulary, such as not knowing the word for 'exhaust gases'. Those with little ability to manipulate the grammar of the language scored very low marks in this task, even when they knew every word of the required vocabulary. Some candidates scored only 1 or 2 marks for this reason, although they had translated every word of the English.

Candidates faced the most difficulty with the following elements:

- 'St Petersburg is considered' was sometimes incorrectly translated using a different verb which did not express the same meaning, eg 'является'.
- 'one of the most polluted cities in the world' was often translated without the instrumental 'одним' which caused candidates to lose marks. This was perhaps the most common mistake in the whole translation. The correct genitive endings after 'из' were sometimes missing.
- 'In a survey, 77% of residents' was usually translated correctly, but the genitive plural 'жителей' provided some difficulties for some candidates. Not all candidates knew the word for 'survey', although a wide range of alternatives was accepted, eg 'исследование'.
- Many candidates, both learner and heritage, made mistakes with the ending of 'беспокоятся'. The omission of 'очень' or appropriate intensifier sometimes caused others to lose a mark here.
- 'about the effect of dirty air' caused some learner candidates to make mistakes with the genitive case, and others to incorrectly write 'o эффекте' rather than 'oб эффекте'. Where 'влияние' was used to translate 'effect', the prepositional ending after 'o' was sometimes wrong.

- 'the cause of the problem' was an issue where candidates did not know that they could use 'причина' to translate 'cause', instead trying to create a noun from 'вызывать', and getting mixed up.
- 'exhaust gases from the cars' presented some vocabulary difficulties. Where candidates did not know 'выхлопные газы', they were sometimes able to get around this by using alternatives such as 'выбросы'. The genitive plural 'из машин' was not always correct.
- 'that are everywhere on the city's streets' caused some difficulties where candidates did not know 'everywhere', or made mistakes with endings when trying to translate 'city's' with an adjective.
- 'The good news is that' provided a large range of alternative translations, most of which were accepted, including both singular and plurals. Some candidates did not know the word for 'news'.
- Some learner candidates provided verbs for 'proposed' from 'the President has proposed new measures' which were too far from the original meaning. However, translations such as 'объявил' were accepted. Some learner candidates did not know the word for 'measure'.
- 'that do not cause much pollution' caused problems for some candidates where they did not know the word for 'cause', or how to translate 'pollution'. Occasionally, the use of 'что' rather than 'которые' followed by a plural verb, lost candidates marks.
- 'will be allowed' usually caused an issue only if candidates mixed up plural and singular endings within their passive constructions. Sometimes candidates did not know how to translate 'allowed'.
- Some learner and heritage candidates struggled with the correct accusative endings on 'окружающую среду' in translating 'however, in order to improve the environment'.
- 'better public transport systems' sometimes created problems where candidates did not know how to translate 'public', or how to use 'лучший' correctly as a long-form comparative adjective.
- 'will also be needed' provided a wide range of translations, with the most errors occurring where candidates used 'нужен' rather than 'нужны' where they were referring to a plural subject.

Переведите этот текст на русский язык.

St Petersburg is considered one of the most polluted cities in the world. In a survey, 77% of residents said that they are very worried about the effect of dirty air on their health. The cause of the problem is obvious: exhaust gases from the cars that are everywhere on the city's streets.

The good news is that the President has proposed new measures, such as a small part of the city centre where only cars that do not cause much pollution will be allowed.

However, in order to improve the environment, better public transport systems will also be needed.

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This candidate has produced a very good translation. This answer scores 18 out of 20. There are a very small number of errors, but the candidate shows an excellent command of the grammar and vocabulary required for the task.



It can be a good idea to go through the translation and annotate it with the case endings or particularly difficult structures you are going to use. This can help you make the right decisions.

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This candidate has a sound knowledge of the vocabulary required, but has lost marks for many of the reasons outlined before. This answer scores 13 out of 20 marks. The candidate would benefit from paying close attention to verb, noun and adjective endings.



Candidates should examine the required grammar appendix in the specification and ensure they know the most difficult structures. It is likely that the translation will test a range of the grammar in this appendix.

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Sections B and C: Written Response to Works or Films

In Section B or C candidates were required to write an essay on two of the texts or one text and one film that they have studied. They had to present a critical and analytical response to access the highest mark bands.

Critical and Analytical Response (AO4)

A critical and analytical response is defined in the specification as selecting relevant material from the works, presenting and justifying points of view, developing arguments, drawing conclusions based on understanding, and evaluating issues, themes and cultural and social contexts related to the works studied. In order to access the highest mark bands (9-12, 13-16 and 17-20) for 'Critical and Analytical Response' (AO4), essays must partly or wholly address this requirement for a critical and analytical response.

Accordingly, essays that simply re-presented the story from the text or film scored very low marks, usually in the 5-8 mark band unless there are some elements of critical or analytical response, where they may be placed on the 9-12 mark band. A critical and analytical response always involves the candidate using the essay to make points about the question being asked and using evidence to back up these points. Some candidates did not reach the top half of the 13-16 mark band because they had not considered how to structure their essay coherently, or planned its content before starting.

Essays that scored the highest marks (17-20) in the 'Critical and Analytical Response' (AO4) mark grid were relevant, succinct, carefully planned and focused on giving a critical response throughout. Examples (usually in the form of targeted quotations or short descriptions of events or actions) were used consistently to back up the points being made, and the points were linked to an overall argument. Structure was fully coherent and the examiner could follow the sophisticated points being made throughout. In most cases, every paragraph took a 'point-evidence-explain-link' approach, with links being made to the wider thread of the essay and leading to the overall conclusion. There was no retelling of the story or lack of focus on the specific question being asked. There was invariably a very detailed knowledge of the text amongst those candidates scoring the highest marks for AO4.

Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary (AO3)

Essays that scored the highest marks (17-20) in the 'Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary' (AO3) mark grid had a range of complex structures, such as passives, conditionals, relative pronouns in cases other than the nominative, extended sentences to express abstract ideas (eg sentences requiring conjunctions and pronouns), synonyms for more common vocabulary, correct use of verbal aspects, correct use of verbs of motion, use of the subjunctive with verbs of commanding, etc. The highest scoring essays also contained regular use of terminology and structures appropriate for literary and cinematic analysis, with a good command of specialist vocabulary such as 'director', 'character', 'plot', and also frequent structures allowing for appropriate critical and analytical response (such as 'the reader can see that...', 'from this it can be concluded that...' or 'this quotation shows that...'). Learner candidates often scored in the 13-16 band due to their ability to use essay phrases and specialist literary vocabulary. Weaker non-learner candidates often scored in the 13-16 mark band because the register of their essay was not appropriate, even though their language was completely accurate and they made relevant points. Addition of literary terms and more formal essay structures would have enabled these candidates to access the 17-20 mark band for 'Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary'.

Accuracy of Language (AO3)

For 'Accuracy of Language' (AO3), most native speaker candidates scored 10. To score the highest marks, writing does not have to be error free, but the general impression does have to be of accurate language with errors likely to be in more unusual or irregular forms. Learner candidates whose communication was clear and where the reader can always understand what is being said, even if not entirely accurate, can score in the 7-8 band. For the highest band, 9-10, learner candidates had to demonstrate that they were able to apply their knowledge of case and verb endings consistently, with errors not occurring from a lack of understanding but instead from lack of knowledge of a more complex situation or from how to apply their understanding in a particular context. The overall impression is of a candidate who has been taught their grammar and knows it well.

Popularity of Questions

Around 65% of candidates answered on one text and one film, and the remaining 35% answered on two texts.

As in previous years, just short of 70% of the candidates chose Пиковая дама as their literary text, including the majority of learner candidates entered for the examination. About 40% of candidates chose Утомлённые солнцем as their other work although Левиафан is much more popular this year than in 2019, with at least one major centre switching to this film. The works are given below in order of popularity:

Пиковая дама

Утомлённые солнцем

Ревизор

Левиафан

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There are individual comments set out below on the different texts and films.

Question 2 (a)(x)

Question 2(a) – Пиковая дама (Pushkin)

There were many successful answers to question 2(a), which was a popular question overall. The best essays identified three or four specific scenes from the text which tell us something specific about Germann's character and used quotations from the text to support this, eg when Germann watches Tomskii and the others play cards at the very beginning, when Germann threatens the Countess, when she visits Germann in his dream, or his final gambling scene. Where quotations were used most successfully, they were incorporated into the text of the essay. Many essays where able to offer a convincing thread of an argument about what we learn about Germann throughout the novella, neatly summing this up at the end, although others simply told the story from beginning to end, describing each scene. Where candidates had a good grasp of how to write a critical and analytical essay, including phrases such as 'this shows us that' or 'the reader can see that', they achieved far higher marks overall. In the very best essays, candidates referred to the degradation of Germann from a young man with principles to a mad man in an asylum, with detailed explanations of each step along the way. Many candidates also brought in the secondary characters (Liza and Countess) to support their evidence of Germann's destructive nature, and some outstanding examples commented on Pushkin's clever use of a circular narrative structure to bring Germann's character to life.

The following essay is an example of where the candidate has been taught to construct an essay, even though the language sometimes prevents perfect communication.

В повести Лушина «Ликовая Дана» опубликованна в 1843, геров Зернан германн - один из главных Кара жарактер. Характер герианно « сильные силные »

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This essay scores 16 marks for Critical and Analytical Response. It is predominantly relevant to the question, and the candidate clearly knows the text well. There is some critical analysis and use of evidence to support the points being made, although sometimes these are a little confused. Logical arguments are set out, with a clear conclusion. The score for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary is 14. The candidate has a reasonable command of the range of structures required at this level, although there are often mistakes in more complex structures. The writing is readable. There is a range of appropriate vocabulary, and frequent use of essay phrases. The score for Accuracy is 7. The writing is mostly coherent and although there are frequent errors, there are also passages of correct language.



Make sure you always construct your essay in paragraphs, using clear evidence for the points that you make. Your evidence will usually be quotes from the text or film, but could be a description of what happens in a particular scene. Use phrases like 'this shows us that' or 'from this we can see that' to help you take an analytical approach. This essay is a very strong example which could serve as a model answer for this question.

В повести "Пиновая Дана" ниписанной в 1833 году Аленсандрон Пунишин - одник из вешкайних писопенси всех времен, оринурирурон тание валине перихихси нап лизавета Швиновни Анни Редотовка под низвания "Градочник", и германи Лизавета Швиновни периопания и я буду общухадат пание спени нам помогают муше всем понят но хирантер. »

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This essay scores 20 marks for Critical and Analytical Response. It is a relevant, carefully constructed essay which makes convincing points justified by evidence from the text. The arguments are detailed and logical and link well together, with a conclusion that makes it clear which are the key scenes which tell us about Germann. The score for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary is 20. The candidate uses a wide range of varied grammatical structures, including more complex language. The range of essay phrases and literary terminology is appropriate and consistent. The score for Accuracy is 10. The candidate uses accurate language throughout, resulting in consistently coherent writing. Errors do not hinder the clarity of communication.



In your conclusion, make sure you answer the question, referring back to it specifically. It can help to use the language of the question in your conclusion, and offer a clear opinion.

Question 2 (b)(x)

Question 2(b) – Пиковая дама (Pushkin)

This question was just as popular as Q02(a), with many candidates choosing the opportunity to talk about the central theme of madness in Pushkin's novella. The most successful essays structured the argument well, choosing other themes that could perhaps be considered the most important (such as greed or supernatural forces) to weigh up against the theme of madness. Where this worked best, candidates did not state whether they considered madness to be the most important theme at the outset, but rather discussed different options and then came to a conclusion at the end. Candidates often proved, in the view of the examiners, that the other themes are more important because it is them that lead Germann to madness. Impressively, a significant number of candidates used difficult phrasing in this context eg 'npивели к потере разума', 'деградация личности', etc. Some candidates have made impressive philosophical conclusions about the value of one's soul and integrity. Less successful essays often focused only on the theme of madness or simply described Germann's story, failing to weigh up evidence or take an analytical approach.

This is an example of a very strong essay that weighs up the different themes and comes to the conclusion that madness is not the most important.



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This essay scores 19 marks for Critical and Analytical Response. It is precise and targeted, with the quotations and evidence used to back up the points made. The argument is logical and clear, although could be improved with a clearer thread running through the essay and referring to the specifics of the question. The score for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary is 20. There is a consistent use of varied vocabulary, structures and a range of terms suitable for literary analysis. The mark for Accuracy is 10, with accurate language throughout.



Ensure that you plan your essay carefully before begining, working out how you will structure your argument. This is a further example of an excellent essay which has a very neat thread of argument running through it.

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This essay scores 19 marks for Critical and Analytical Response, 20 marks for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary and 10 marks for Accuracy. It would be worth candidates studying this essay for some additional phrases and structures that can be used for literary analysis.



Learn a range of essay phrases to use in your essay, and ensure that you vary them throughout. It can be helpful to look at others' essays for ideas.

Question 3 (a)(x)

Question 3(a) – *Peeusop* (Gogol)

Most of the essays written in answer to this question on Gogol's use of language in the play were written by native speakers, with many of them showing a clear insight into this aspect of the work. Most candidates chose to focus on Gogol's use of names and surnames and the characters' use of language themselves, with the best ones able to offer precise quotations and examples to back up their points. Many strong essays pointed out how cleverly Gogol uses speech in the play, how he makes the audience even more aware of its importance in building character when he takes it away from them in the final 'dumb scene', and how the ongoing conversation of the characters with the audience serves his purpose well. Some pointed out the clear contrast in the use of language by, for example, the corrupt officials to that used by Anna Andreevna when telling off her daughters.

Question 3 (a)(y)

This essay is a good example of how the question about Gogol's use of language can be used to investigate some wider points about the play.

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This essay scores in the top band for all three traits (Critical and Analytical Response, Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary and Accuracy). While not perfect, it is a strong example of a carefully considered response.

Critical and analytical response: 19 marks

Range of grammatical structures and vocabulary: 18 marks

Accuracy of language: 10 marks

Question 3 (b)(x)

Question 3(b) – Ревизор (Gogol)

Q03(b) was a less popular choice than Q03(a). Whilst there were some excellent examples, very many essays were not particularly successful in explaining how Gogol draws a comparison between the two towns, 'N' and St Petersburg, with some making little reference to the actual text. Candidates were usually able to give a good analysis of references to 'N', referring to corruption and the desire of the Mayor's daughter to move up in the world and move out, but could find little evidence for an analytical comparison with St Petersburg. In successful essays, candidates were able to use the image, appearance, and speech of Khlestakov to make the point that the chaos and corruption we see in 'N' are similar all over 19th Century Russia, even in St Petersburg, although the residents of 'N' do not seem to see this themselves.

Question 4(a)(x)

Question 4(a) – Вишнёвый сад (Chekhov)

There were some excellent answers to this question which required candidates to consider the scenes in Chekhov's play which help us to understand the differences between the different social classes. Candidates mostly looked this through the lens of an analysis of various characters, occasionally falling into the trap of not referring to specific scenes which tell us something about the social class that the different characters represent. Where these essays worked well, candidates discussed the specific scenes in which we find out about Ranevskaya, Lopakhin and perhaps one or the other characters, referring to their background, level of education and form of speech. Lopakhin, as a member of the emerging middle class, was often discussed at length, and sometimes too much so that candidates would perhaps have been better off answering Q04(b).

This essay represents a strong example of the use of characters to explain the difference between the social classes in the play, with clear reference to specific scenes.

Write your answer on the next page.

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This essay scores 20 marks for Critical and Analytical Response, 17 marks for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary and 9 marks for Accuracy. The candidate has offered a thoroughly relevant critical analysis, justified by evidence with clear reference to the text. The language is not flawless and is occasionally repetitive, but there is no confusion or loss of communication.



Make sure your essay has a clear introduction and conclusion. In your conclusion, refer to the specific words in the question.

Question 4 (b)(x)

Question 4(b) – Вишнёвый сад (Chekhov)

This question requiring candidates to discuss how realistically Chekhov depicts Lopakhin in the play was very well answered by many candidates, who had been prepared well for this type of character analysis question. The best essays were able to use specific, targeted quotations and references to the text to demonstrate how Chekhov tells us more and more about the character as the play unfolds, and then come to a conclusion at the end about how realistically he is portrayed. Less successful essays failed to offer some balance to their argument, with very little or no suggestion of how the portrayal might be considered less than realistic.

The following is an excellent example of an essay at this level – well planned and well executed.

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Although a little on the long side, this essay scores full marks in all traits. The candidate successfully uses detailed analysis to make sophisticated points, and is able to back these up with evidence from the text. The language is accurate and varied, and appropriate for literary analysis.



You should try to write 215-250 words for your essay if you can, but do not stop abruptly at 250 words and in doing so fail to conclude your essay appropriately. It is better to complete your argument than cut it short. All work presented for examination will be marked by the examiners.

Question 5 (a)(x)

Question 5(а) – Один день Ивана Денисовича (Solzhenitsyn)

This question on how the hardships of the GULAGs are depicted was the more popular of the two questions on Solzhenitsyn's novella, but this text overall remains one of the least popular choices for candidates. There were very few, if any, answers from candidates, perhaps due to the complexity of Solzhenitsyn's prose. Where this question was attempted, candidates were able to discuss aspects of the hardships such as the cold, lack of food and lack of personal space. In most successful essays candidates quoted the characters and gave their names. In the least successful essays, candidates talked about the Soviet GULAG system in general, with little or no reference to the text.

Question 5 (a)(y)

This essay demonstrates a strong approach to this question, making specific reference to the text.

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Critical and analytical response: 20 marks

Range of grammatical structures and vocabulary: 20 marks

Accuracy of language: 10 marks

Question 5 (b)(x)

Question 5(b) – Один день Ивана Денисовича (Solzhenitsyn)

There very few answers to this question on the theme of power in Solzhenitsyn's novella. The few candidates who chose this question were able to describe a clear power structure operating within the camps, from Stalin's regime down to the prisoner brigades successfully. In the best essays the names and the quotes of Shukhov's guards, etc. were mentioned and analysed.

Question 6 (a)(x)

Question 6(a) – Неделя как недкля (Baranskaya)

This question on Baranskaya's depiction of Soviet workers in the 1960s was well answered by candidates. Most began their essays with the famous quotation 'я бегу', бегу', and then explored and analysed various aspects of her and her husband's life as Soviet workers. A few candidates cleverly made reference to the main character's name (Olga Voronkova), referring to it as a ' гов о рящая фамилия'. In very successful essays candidates showed a deep knowledge of the Soviet society of 1960s. Conclusions were varied with some referring to the endless circle of unfinished and unfulfilled deeds through the character's week, reflecting the life of Soviet workers more widely, and some referring to emerging sense of approaching change in the society.

This essay is a good example of a thematic approach to this question, drawing a variety of themes and mentioning how they intersect with the theme of the lives of Soviet workers.

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This essay just gets into the top band for each of Critical and Analytical Response, Range of Structures and Vocabulary and Accuracy. It shows a strong knowledge of the text, uses quotes and evidence to make points, and has a range of appropriate vocabulary.

Critical and analytical response: 17 marks

Range of grammatical structures and vocabulary: 18 marks

Accuracy of language: 10 marks



For the literature or film option, detailed knowledge of the text is required. You do not need to have studied secondary literature to access the highest mark bands, although this can always give further insight and might represent an opportunity for stretch and challenge.

Question 6 (b)(x)

Question 6(b) – Неделя как недкля (Baranskaya)

This question required candidates to discuss the extent to which Dima could be considered a typical Soviet man of the 1960s. Most candidates came to the view that he is not, in fact, typical, due to the fact that he does undertake some work around the house and support Olga with some of her duties, with many comparing him favourably with the other men mentioned in the text. The best essays were able to draw out clear points using evidence, referring to the wider societal position of men in comparison with women, the 'double burden' facing women in Soviet society of the time, and the differences in the view of the other women about the role of men.

Question 7 (a)(x)

Question 7(a) – Сонечка (Ulitskaya)

There were very few essays on Ulitskaya's novella this year, with these being exclusively written by native speakers. In this first question on the extent to which we can respect Sonechka, there were some excellent examples of literary analysis, with a clear understanding of the subtleties of the text. Most candidates used descriptions of events in the work, as opposed to quotes, but this did not make the essays on this text less successful. Candidates usually decided that we can, and should, respect Sonechka for the extent of her personal sacrifice. On occasion, candidates instead suggested that we might perhaps not respect her as she does not always seem to stand up for her own personal rights in the face of the betrayal by her husband and rejection by her daughter, and this might demonstrate a lack of self-esteem.

Question 7 (b)(x)

Question 7(b) – Сонечка (Ulitskaya)

There were very few essays on this question which asked candidates to consider the scenes which best help us to understand the character of Robert Viktorovich. The best answers were able to make reference to specific scenes from the text in which he features, and set them in the context of the overall narrative structure, whereas weaker essays tended to present a character description without evidence. Overall the view was of Robert as selfish and sentimental, and not worthy of Sonechka's love.

Question 8 (a)

Question 8(a) – Крыля (Shepitko)

Shepitko's film proved to be the least popular choice of work this year, with nearly all the essays presented having been written by native speakers. Those who did choose to write about the film invariably produced excellent essays, with this question on the cinematic techniques used to depict the character of Nadezhda Stepanovna producing some of them. The very best essays analysed the cinematography expertly, mentioning the use of close-ups, the flashbacks, the occasional use of classical music and, most obviously, the filming in black and white. Some candidates observed that the whole film is like a Shakespearian monologue, seen entirely from her Nadezhda's point.

This is a very good essay on the use of cinematographic techniques by Shepitko, which could provide some good vocabulary and structures for candidates to use in their own essays.

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This essay scores full marks. It is a good example of specific evidence from the work being combined with excellent vocabulary for cinematic analysis.



Make sure you have the vocabulary and structures that you need to make sophisticated points about your chosen texts. Study the example essays in this report and produce a list of phrases that are used.

Question 8 (b)

Question 8(b) – Крыля (Shepitko)

This question on the relationship between Nadezhda Stepanovna and her daughter Tanya also produced some very good responses. Many showed real understanding, quoting from the dialogue in key scenes of them together, and mentioning the difficulties in their relationship, their different attitudes to duty, love and marriage, and usually deciding that their relationship is not entirely positive.

Question 9 (a)

Question 9(a) – Утомлённые солнцем (Mikhalkov)

This question, requiring candidates to analyse the extent to which the relationship between Kotov and Nadia in the film can be considered realistic, was a very popular choice. Most candidates were able to analyse the relationship in detail, supporting their analysis using quotes from the key scenes featuring the father and daughter, such as the initial *banya* scene, and the scene on the boat. The best analysis quoted the father-daughter conversations about the love for the Soviet *Родина*, and mentioned the natural interaction between the two characters. Kotov was overwhelmingly perceived to be presented as a positive father-figure by candidates, and many referred to the fact that Mikhalkov and Nadia are real-life father and daughter, which they suggested helped them to portray their relationship much more realistically. The very best essays broadened the perspective, and considered the wider metaphorical interpretations of the relationship between the two characters, perhaps suggesting Nadia's *chenan bepa* in her father could represent a wider blind belief in the Soviet regime. The least successful essays were often characterised by either a weaker knowledge of the film, a lack of vocabulary to present ideas in a sophisticated way, or a tendency to retell the story rather than discuss the relationship. Where essays had a strong structure, consisting of an introduction with a brief comment on the background of the film and reference to the questions, five or six clearly structured paragraphs, and a final conclusion referring back to the question, they were invariably more successful.

This essay is an outstanding example which considers the different scenes which tell us something about the relationship between Kotov and Nadia, and considers wider interpretations alongside this.

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This essay scores in the top band for Critical and Analytical Response, Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary and Accuracy. It shows a detailed knowledge of the film, and ability to draw out points of view and support them with evidence, and an ability to construct a logical argument. The vocabulary and structures are varied and fit for purpose. The conclusion is logical and clear.

Critical and analytical response: 20 marks

Range of grammatical structures and vocabulary: 20 marks

Accuracy of language: 9 marks



Make sure you write your essay clearly and neatly. Essays set out in planned paragraphs will help the examiner follow your points.
Question 9 (b)

Question 9(b) – Утомлённые солнцем (Mikhalkov)

There were some very strong essays on this question which asked candidates to discuss the scenes which best help us to understand the character of Mitia in the film. The most successful answers had a chronological structure, choosing specific scenes and telling us how they enlighten us as to Mitia's character and motivation. Scenes such as Mitia's arrival disguised as a blind man, the symbolism of his mask wearing, and the telling of the fairy tale, were used to tell us something of his past experiences and how they have shaped his current motivations. Many candidates also referred to the scene in the forest with Kotov, where we learn much more about their attitude to each other, as well as Mitia's behaviour when Kotov is arrested and the killing of the truck driver, amongst others. The very best essays were able to deepen the analysis and draw on wider knowledge of the social, cultural and historical context to the film, such as a clear understanding of Mitia's position as a member of the intelligentsia, his betrayal of the White Army Generals in Paris, and role as an NKVD officer conscripted by Kotov, and what this ultimately means for his and Kotov's relationship. Most successful candidates also referred to circular structure of the Mitia's story arc, with the first and last scenes both involving him in his flat with a view of the Kremlin representing its power over him, and of course his final suicide.

This is a very good essay which focuses on all the key scenes involving Mitia. The conclusion is clear and there is evidence to back up the points made.

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This essay scores 16 marks for Critical and Analytical Response. It is predominantly relevant, with the points made justified with clear evidence from the film. The structure is logical, although it would benefit from a clearer overall argument. Some points made are not developed fully enough to score within the top band. The essay scores 18 marks for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary, with a good set of phrases for cinematic analysis, and more general essay phrases, at the candidate's disposal. The Accuracy score is 9 marks, as the writing, although it contains errors, is generally coherent and the errors do not hinder communication. This is another excellent example of an essay on this film.

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This essay scores in the top band for all traits. The range of vocabulary and structures is impressive, as is the logical and structured argument.

Critical and analytical response: 18 marks

Range of grammatical structures and vocabulary: 18 marks

Accuracy of language: 9 marks

Question 10 (a)

Question 10(а) – Кавказский пленник (Бодров)

There were fewer answers to this question than to 10(b). Those who answered on the extent to which Sasha can be considered a positive hero in the film were usually able to draw on some specific evidence to back up their points. Sasha was generally considered to be a complex character, but candidates tended to argue that ultimately his actions in the film, and his eventual support of and friendship towards Vanya, make him a positive hero. Weaker essays here seemed not to know the film very well, and sometimes confused the characters.

Question 10 (b)

Question 10(b) – Кавказский пленник (Бодров)

This was the more popular of the two questions on Bodrov's film, with most candidates focusing on the relationship between Vanya and Sasha, or between Vanya and Dina. The best essays used evidence and quotations from the film to back up the points being made about the complexity of relationships in times of conflict. More original approaches looked at the relationships between the Russian soldiers and their Chechen captors, and distilled this down into a comment on the futility of the conflict, or discussed how the conflict strengthens some and weakens other relationships.

This is an excellent example of an essay with a strong structure and wide range of vocabulary, and a sophisticated treatment of the question.

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This essay scores 18 marks for Critical and Analytical Response, 19 marks for Range of Grammatical Structures and Vocabulary and 10 marks for Accuracy. It is logical and sophisticated, shows a detailed knowledge of the film and offers a clear, logical conclusion.

Question 11 (a)

Question 11(a) – Левиафан (Zvyagintsev)

This question on how realistically Zvyagintsev portrays the Russian provincial town was well answered by many candidates. The strongest essays were able to use specific scenes from the film to make points about modern life in provincial Russia, sometimes drawing on wider knowledge to explain how this represents a realistic portrayal. The most common elements discussed were the corruption of the town's Mayor, the involvement of the Church in this corruption, the poverty experienced by the town's residents, an undercurrent of violence in the town, and the frequent use of alcohol by many of the characters. Overall, candidates tended to suggest that this is a realistic portrayal, but also suggested that the film could be seen by some as an overly negative depiction of Russian small-town life. This candidate has written a very good essay which discusses the main aspects of the portrayal of the provincial town in the film.

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This essay just scores in the top band for all traits. It is a good example of a well-structured essay which uses evidence to back up the points being made.

Critical and analytical response: 17 marks

Range of grammatical structures and vocabulary: 17 marks

Accuracy of language: 10 marks

Question 11 (b)

Question 11(b) – Левиафан (Zvyagintsev)

This question was a popular choice, with many candidates choosing to discuss the extent to which Lilia can be considered a victim in the film. Many considered that she is portrayed as a victim, and they tried to provide evidence for this by describing her life: her abusive husband Kolia, the behaviour of her stepson Roma towards her, her awful job at the fish factory, her affair with Dima, and her (it seems) suicide. However, some tried to present a more balanced argument and mentioned that perhaps Lilia does not fight to change her situation and should have done, or blamed her for her affair with Dima. Overall, candidates tended to use a range of evidence to support their points here and there were some excellent essays.

Paper Summary

Advice to centres

All centres and candidates are reminded that there is no penalty applied for essays that are overlong. Although teachers and candidates are encouraged to produce essays that fall within the suggested 250-word limit, candidates should not stop abruptly at 250 words and therefore perhaps fail to offer a conclusion or answer to the chosen essay question. Part of the skill at this level is to marshal material appropriately and be selective about what to include and what not to include, and to reach approximately 250 words. Quotations from texts or films are not counted as part of any word count.

Centres are advised to ensure that they choose works for examination carefully. Candidates should be well prepared for both their chosen works. This includes studying features such as characterisation, the form and the technique of presentation, key concepts and issues, and the social and cultural context, as appropriate to the work studied. Candidates must have a critical and analytical appreciation of the works. This means they must be able to offer points of view and support them with evidence from the text or film. Knowing the plot and retelling it will not score highly, and neither will irrelevant information or points of view offered without evidence.

Based on their performance in this paper, candidates are offered the following advice:

- ensure that you prepare thoroughly for the translation task by studying the prescribed grammar list on page 52 of the specification, and learn your grammatical endings thoroughly, focusing on the cases required after prepositions and some common verbs;
- divide your time carefully and do not spend too much time on the translation task, but check you have not omitted anything before moving on;
- ensure you know a range of essay phrases, words and structures that are considered terminology appropriate for literary or cinematic analysis, such as 'plot', 'metaphor', 'first person narrative', 'the reader is given the impression that' or 'the audience can see that'. This will help you to write a critical and analytical response to the work you have studied;
- seek to use more complex grammatical structures in your essay, such as passives, conditionals, relative pronouns in cases other than the nominative, extended sentences to express abstract ideas (eg sentences requiring conjunctions and pronouns), synonyms for more common vocabulary, correct use of verbal aspects, correct use of verbs of motion, use of the subjunctive with verbs of commanding, etc.;
- ensure that you know your text or film well and have a good range of quotations or evidence to back up your points, and ensure you do not make points without reference to the text or film;

- plan your essay carefully, thinking about what your conclusion will be and ensuring that your points lead up to it. Decide what you want to say before you say it, and use a 'Point, Evidence, Explain, Link' approach to writing your essay, ensuring that you make a critical point and then back it up using evidence, explain your point in more depth and then link it to your overall argument;
- write your essay in paragraphs with a logical structure so that the examiner can follow your points, keeping to the suggested word limit as far as possible and ensuring that your handwriting is legible.

The examining team would like to take this opportunity to thank those teachers of Russian in schools who present excellent candidates and have prepared them thoroughly for this examination. Overall, candidates have performed excellently given the disruption that they have faced in recent years. This is down to the hard work and dedication of them and their teachers.

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