

General Certificate of Secondary Education

English Literature 3712 Specification A

3712/H Higher Tier

Mark Scheme

2005 examination - June series

Mark schemes are prepared by the Principal Examiner and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation meeting attended by all examiners and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation meeting ensures that the mark scheme covers the candidates' responses to questions and that every examiner understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for the standardisation meeting each examiner analyses a number of candidates' scripts: alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed at the meeting and legislated for. If, after this meeting, examiners encounter unusual answers which have not been discussed at the meeting they are required to refer these to the Principal Examiner.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of candidates' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

GCSE English Literature 2005

Tier H Mark Scheme

INTRODUCTION

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

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

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

TIER F

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

DECIDING ON A MARK

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

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

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

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

ANNOTATION OF SCRIPTS

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

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

PROBLEMS

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

RUBRIC INFRINGEMENTS

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

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

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

RECORDING

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

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

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

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

MARKING CRITERIA FOR QUALITY OF WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

3 marks The candidate presents relevant information coherently, employing

structure and style to render meaning clear. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently

accurate to render meaning clear.

2 marks The candidate presents relevant information in a way which assists

with communication of meaning. The text produced is legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are sufficiently accurate not to

obscure meaning,

1 mark The candidate presents some relevant information in a simple form.

The text produced is usually legible. Spelling, punctuation and grammar allow meaning to be derived, although errors are

sometimes obstructive.

0 marks The candidate's presentation, spelling, punctuation and grammar

seriously obstruct understanding.

GCSE English Literature Tier H (Higher) 2005

Mark Scheme

Section A: Post-1914 Prose

Assessment Objectives

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

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

The Higher Tier targets Grades D to A*, but candidates may gain any mark on a particular component or question.

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

The range of marks targeted by the Section (notional D to A*) is 13-27. Each of the questions is marked out of 27.

GCSE English Literature Mark Scheme: General Template for Section A

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

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

Question 1H (AQA Anthology)

Readers respond differently to different stories. Compare your responses to Superman and Paula Brown's New Snowsuit and Your Shoes.

Compare:

- your responses to the events and characters in the stories
- your responses to the ways the stories are written.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of story or stories, e.g. what they are about, characters, situations, events, relationships simple statement(s) about responses to events and characters	
(notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		in one or more story simple comment(s) about events and characters e.g. comment on what happens, what characters do, what characters are like	
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about events and characters in two stories e.g. significant events, characters, relationships, tensions simple comment on details of events and characters in the stories with clear responses to them some awareness of writer's methods of writing the stories e.g.	
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comment on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		description, narration, first or third person, uses of language, creation of settings • some linkage between stories in terms of e.g. characters, relationships, events, own responses	

Question 1H

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include: • focus on own response to characters and events in two stories e.g. what candidate thinks and feels in relation to what happens and how it is expressed • explained/sustained response to details of characters and events in two stories e.g. growing up, tensions between children and adults, idealisation, shattering of illusions • identification/explanation of writers' methods of writing stories	
16-18 marks (notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		e.g. uses of language and/or structure, description, point of view, first or third person narrative, contrast, speech, and own responses to these structured/sustained comparison/contrast of own response to characters and events and to ways stories are written	
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's use of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	19-27 marks	 Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of own responses to a range of characters, events, situations, relationships sensitive/critical response to characters, situations, events, their genesis and outcomes developed/analytical comment on/response to ways stories are written e.g. language, structure, point of view, first or third person, narrative, contrast, speech, pathetic fallacy, symbolism 	
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		evaluative comparison/contrast of stories in terms of character, events and ways stories are written, with a range of precise points of similarity and difference	
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support or argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 			

Question 2H (AQA Anthology)

Look again at *Snowdrops* and **one** other story in the selection. Compare how the writers use detail in the openings of their stories to prepare the reader for what comes later.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks (notional U)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details relevant to opening(s), e.g. what happens simple statement(s) about opening(s) e.g. set plot, character in	
4-6 marks (notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 	motion, set a mood, place • simple comment(s) about opening(s) and/or and/or preparing reader for what follows	simple comment(s) about opening(s) and/or use of details	
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about openings and/or preparing the reader for what happens e.g. characters, situation, relationship, and how it relates to what happens later simple comment on details of openings and what they set in motion e.g. description of places, state of mind, introduction of characters	
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 some awareness of writer's creation of openings, using details to link to what happens later in terms of characters, events, settings, atmosphere, mood some linkage between openings and the ways they prepare the reader e.g. child's point of view, school, snowdrops, weather, Miss Webster 	

Question 2H

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include: • focus on openings and how reader is prepared for what follows e.g. what is introduced of significance and how • explained/sustained response to details of openings, showing what is significant in rest of stories e.g. snowdrops, characters, school, age of main character • identification/explanation of writers' use of details e.g. as prefigurement, setting tone, atmosphere, characters, point of	
16-18 marks (notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		view, home life, relationship with mother, maybe father • structured/sustained comparison/contrast of openings and their effects on the reader in establishing significant characters, events, situations, ideas, moods, point of view	
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's use of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of range of aspects of openings which prepare reader for what happens later sensitive/critical response to details of openings and ways they link precisely with what happens later in the stories developed/analytical comment on/response to how the writers use their openings to prepare the reader for what follows evaluative comparison/contrast of openings, their details and	
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		the extent to which they prepare the reader, with a range of precise points of similarity and difference	
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 			

Question 3H (AQA Anthology)

Compare how people are shown growing up in *Growing Up* and **one** other story in the selection.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of growing up in one or more stories e.g. main character, what is done at different stages of the story simple statement(s) about ways in which people are shown	
(notional G)	 familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		growing up e.g. what they do, what they say, how they relate to others • simple comment(s) about growing up with reference to what happens at more than one stage of the story/stories	
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: • selection of appropriate material about growing up in two stories e.g. what they do, what they say, how they change, what they learn, how their attitudes change • simple comment on details of characters who are growing up e.g. effects of actions, utterances on the reader and on other characters	
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 some awareness of writer's methods of presenting people growing up e.g. what is said, how it is said, what is done, significant details, symbolism, pathetic fallacy, development, change in first person narration some linkage between stories in terms of people growing up or how this is shown 	

Question 3H

	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include: • focus on characters growing up e.g. how they change or develop, their ideas, attitudes, methods of relating to others • explained/sustained response to details of several ways in which people are shown to be growing up • identification/explanation of writers' methods of showing growing up e.g. parallel situations, use of point of view, use of language and/or structure, contrast, descriptions, speech,
16-18 marks (notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		presentation of attitudes, relationships • structured/sustained comparison/contrast of people growing up and how this is shown
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of range of aspects of growing up, covering appropriate characters in the stories sensitive/critical response to growing up e.g. where they start from and where they end up e.g. innocence and experience, idealisation and disillusionment, happiness and unhappiness developed/analytical comment on/response to methods of showing people growing up e.g. use of language, structure, point
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		of view, narrative, description, speech, suggestion, inference, symbolism, pathetic fallacy • evaluative comparison/contrast of growing up and methods of presenting it, with a range of precise points of similarity and difference
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

Question 4H (Lord of the Flies)

What do you think makes *Lord of the Flies* a suitable title for this novel?

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 Marks (Notional U) 4-6 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of novel, perhaps making mention of beast, forest, characters, fears simple statement(s) about the novel's title e.g. referring to what	
(notional G)	 familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 was found, the forest, fears simple comment(s) about the title and what it might mean in relation to the novel as a whole 	
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material with some relevance to title e.g. the importance of the beast, irrational fears, being in charge, Beelzebub simple comment(s) on details of the novel with regard to the	
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 title e.g. relates to savagery, degeneration, loss of civilised v some awareness of writer's purposes in entitling the novel use of symbolism, externalisation of fears, anxieties, belief systems, scapegoating 	

Question 4H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D) 16-18 marks (notional C)	 some focus on task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer 	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include: • focus on title and its significance, suggestions e.g. power, authority, fears, belief in something outside, the importance of the world outside the island • explained/sustained response to details of the novel in relation to the title in order to support Golding's choice of title • identification/explanation of writer's purposes in entitling the novel, e.g. focal point, significance of regression, anxiety, fears
	 appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of range of aspects of title's significance e.g. belief systems, Golding's ideas about religion, savagery, darkness, regression, loss of civilisation, focus for persecution
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 sensitive/critical response to suggestions of 'lord' and 'flies' e.g. power, authority, belief, contamination, disease, decay developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's purposes and concerns e.g. on image of Beelzebub, how a child's mind works, voodoo, focal point for novel other than character
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 5H (Lord of the Flies)

How does Golding present Piggy and Simon in the novel?

Write about:

- how these characters are important
 how what happens to them reflects Golding's ideas in the novel as a whole.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of Piggy and/or Simon e.g. what they do, what they say simple statement(s) about what happens to them, their deaths, the meaning of the deaths, their roles in the novel simple comment(s) about how characters are important and/or
7-9 marks (notional F)	 reference to language and/or method some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 ideas in the novel Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about Piggy and Simon, e.g. what they do, say, signify simple comment(s) on details of Piggy and Simon some awareness of writer's methods of presenting Piggy and
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		Simon, e.g. by description, interactions with other boys, their significance and how they relate to Golding's ideas such as savagery, civilisation

Question 5H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task 	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on Piggy and Simon, covering several aspects of what they do/say, with detail and support explained/sustained response to details of Piggy and Simon's roles in the novel, how they interact with others, how they are treated, what happens to them
(notional C)	 sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		identification/explanation of writer's ideas with regard to Piggy and Simon e.g. class, status, roles, beliefs, civilisation, the underdog, the contemplation, introversion, victims
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of presentation of Piggy and Simon e.g. what they are like, contrasts with others, place in moral patterning of novel, relationship to ideas about democracy, power, status
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 sensitive/critical response to to Piggy and Simon in relation to Golding's ideas e.g. their past in the patterning of the novel developed/analytical comment on/response to significance of Piggy and Simon in the pattern of the novel as a whole e.g. Golding's wider social, political, moral concerns
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 6H (Of Mice and Men)

How does Steinbeck present loneliness and isolation in the novel?

Write about:

- characters who are lonely or isolated
- why they are lonely and isolated how Steinbeck's settings are used to reflect the characters' loneliness and isolation.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of characters who are lonely or isolated e.g. all of them in some way simple statement(s) about loneliness and isolation e.g. why they are lonely, social situation, migrant workers simple comment(s) about how loneliness and isolation are shown e.g. events, situations, setting, atmosphere
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about loneliness and isolation e.g. discussion of one or more characters, isolation of the ranch, impermanence, distrust, fears, instability simple comment(s) on details of loneliness and isolation, perhaps reasons and effects e.g. Candy and his dog, Crooks and
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 pernaps reasons and effects e.g. Cardy and his dog, Crooks and his retreat, Curley's wife and her flirting some awareness of writer's presentation e.g. events, situations, descriptions, pathetic fallacy, symbolism, parallels

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Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include: • focus on characters who are lonely and isolated e.g. what they say and do, how they interact, reasons for their isolation and loneliness • explained/sustained response to details of lonely and isolated
16-18 marks (notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 characters, their behaviour, environments, lack of trust, the socio-economic depression identification/explanation of writer's presentation e.g. characters, settings, descriptive details, symbolism, allegory, pathetic fallacy
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of presentation of loneliness and isolation e.g. critique of society, values, belief systems, lack of communal aims and enterprises sensitive/critical response to loneliness and isolation as state
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		of being in novel e.g. leading to depression, tragedy, dreams, hopes for better things • developed/analytical comment on/response to writer presenting states of loneliness and isolation through verbal and plot patterning, parallel characters, irony of isolation through companionship, marriage
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 7H (Of Mice and Men)

How does Steinbeck prepare you for the idea that the death of Curley's wife is inevitable?

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks (notional U)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of Curley's wife and Lennie e.g. knowledge of what happens to her	
4-6 marks (notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement(s) about death of Curley's wife, what happens simple comment(s) about death of Curley's wife, perhaps about other deaths beforehand 	
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	 selection of appropriate material about death of Cole.g. what happens, Lennie's behaviour, previous death animals simple comment(s) of details of deaths in the novel 	 selection of appropriate material about death of Curley's wife, e.g. what happens, Lennie's behaviour, previous deaths of animals simple comment(s) of details of deaths in the novel, perhaps
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 mentioning that they prefigure Curley's wife's death e.g. girl in Weed, mouse, pups some awareness of writer's presentation of Curley's wife's death, and by previous deaths showing Lennie's character and behaviour e.g. furry things, strength, size, fear, panic, influence of George 	

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	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effect(s) of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task 	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on inevitability of Curley's wife's death e.g. character of Lennie, relationship with George, previous behaviour, liking for soft things, fear, instant panic reactions explained/sustained response to details of Curley's wife's death e.g. description, situation, links with other events and	
(notional C)	sustained response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved		 situations identification/explanation of writer's methods of showing her death as inevitable e.g. echoes, repetition, pathetic fallacy, animals, presentation of females, Lennie's repeated actions and character traits 	
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of inevitability of her death e.g. fatalism, depression, socio-economic situation, position of the vulnerable, patterning of animal and human deaths sensitive/critical response to death, inevitability and its	
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 presentation in the novel e.g. through size increase, relationship of George and Lennie, social situation developed/analytical comment on/response to Steinbeck's methods of presenting inevitability e.g. tragic tones, sympathetic background, repeated deaths, Lennie's pattern of reactions, Curley's behaviour 	
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 			

Question 8H (I'm the King of the Castle)

How does Susan Hill present bullies and bullying in *I'm the King of the Castle*?

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of bullies and bullying e.g. Hooper bullying Kingshaw, Mr Hooper, Mrs Kingshaw simple statement(s) about bullies and bullying e.g. leading to isolation, unhappiness, dysfunctional families, even death simple comment(s) about specific situations involving bullies and/or bullying e.g. leading to tragedy, unhappiness, isolation, what the bullies say and do	
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about bullies and bullying e.g. moths, red room, Hooper's tactics simple comment(s) on details of bullies and bullying e.g. what is said and done, how people react, effect on Kingshaw	
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		some awareness of writer's presentation of bullies and bullying e.g. selected details of situations, creation of tone, mood, atmosphere, descriptions, effects	

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	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
13-15 marks (notional D)	some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on bullies and bullying e.g. details of several situations, their intentions and effects, cumulative effect on Kingshaw leading to depression, isolation, despair explained/sustained response to details of appropriate situations e.g. creatures, atmosphere, enclosure, paranoia, mixed	
(notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 intentions of bullies such as Mr Hooper identification/explanation of writer's presentation of bullying characters and phenomenon of bullying e.g. patterning of events, positioned episodes, physical description, pathetic fallacy, symbolism 	
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of bullying culture in the novel e.g. related to inadequacy, arrogance, individualism, power and control, purposes and effects sensitive/critical response to details of the bullies and episodes	
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		of bullying e.g. how preoccupations are revealed through thoughts, feelings, what is said, attitudes • developed/analytical comment on/response to presentation of bullying in the novel e.g. how it relates to the novel's world view, ideas, values	
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's uses of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 			

Question 9H (I'm the King of the Castle)

Write about the significance of Fielding in the novel and how he is presented.

Write about:

- what Fielding is like
- how Susan Hill presents him how and why he is significant.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: • some features/details about Fielding e.g. what he says and does, how he relates to Kingshaw • simple statement(s) about Fielding in the novel e.g. as a real friend, as a contrast to Hooper, as intimately related to nature • simple comment(s) about Fielding and his role e.g. his relationship with Kingshaw, his attitudes, what he does, as a contrast to Hooper
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about Fielding e.g. what he is like, what he does, how he is different from Hooper, how his family contrasts with what Kingshaw experiences simple comment(s) on details of Fielding's behaviour e.g. what
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		he is like, how he behaves, what he does, how he relates to others, how he provides a contrast to Hooper • some awareness of writer's presentation of Fielding e.g. related to the countryside, balanced, "natural", undevious, unhypocritical

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Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D) 16-18 marks (notional C)	 explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas 	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on Fielding e.g. why what he says and does is important in the patterning of the novel explained/sustained response to details of presentation of Fielding e.g. when he appears, what he does, how he relates to others, what his ideas, interests, values are identification/explanation of writer's presentation of Fielding e.g. as contrast, as a minor character, as powerless to affect the
	 effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		novel's fundamental dynamics
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of Fielding and his significance e.g. in novel's patterning of events, relationships, locations, ideas of nurture, naturalness, ultimate passivity sensitive/critical response to Fielding and how he is presented
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 in the novel e.g. with reference to his appearances, marginalisation developed/analytical comment on/response to Fielding, his significance in the patterning of the novel and his presentation
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 10H (A Kestrel for a Knave)

Write about Billy's relationships with the members of his family, and how the writer shows the relationships.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content or text 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of Billy with reference to family, e.g. his mother, Jud, perhaps his father
4-6 marks (notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement(s) about Billy's relationship e.g. unhappy, unsatisfactory, dysfunctional, leading to isolation and loneliness simple comment(s) about Billy's relationships with members of his family e.g. unhappy, isolated, and how these are shown e.g. by what is said and done
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about Billy and his relationships with family members e.g. at home with his mother, in bed with Jud, the betting shop, maybe the cinema memory simple comment(s) on details of his relationship with family
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		members e.g. their neglect, abuse and/or abandonment of him, leading to unhappiness, isolation, loneliness, lack of confidence • some awareness of writer's presentation of the relationship e.g. by what is said, how it is said, what is done, contrast to his life with Kes

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Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s). feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task 	mother and Jud treat him, how he responds makes him feel explained/sustained response to details of Billy with his mother, Jud, (his father), how the sustained response to details of Billy with his mother, Jud, (his father).	focus on Billy's relationship with family members, how his mother and Jud treat him, how he responds to them, how this all makes him feel
(notional C)	 sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		identification/explanation of writer's presentation of the relationship e.g. as impoverished, relating to class and financial situation, without hope and aspiration
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of Billy's relationships with family members e.g. what he gets, what he would like, how he feels, what this leads to, how his aspirations are unheard and unappreciated
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 sensitive/critical response to Billy's relationship with family members e.g. as part of what Hines has to say about family, society, class, aspiration developed/analytical comment on/response to how the family members are shown not to have or want creative relationships, e.g. how Billy feels, how Kes forms an alternative, nature and nurture, neglect and imagination, hope and hopelessness
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		nuture, neglect and imagination, nope and nopelessiless

Question 11H (A Kestrel for a Knave)

How far do you think A Kestrel for A Knave is a depressing novel?

Write about:

- aspects of the novel which might be considered depressing, or not
- the effects of the writing
- the thoughts and feelings you are left with at the end of the novel.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of events/situations in the novel simple statement(s) about whether novel is depressing e.g. Billy's unhappiness, situations at home and at school simple comment(s) about own response to novel and effects of the writing e.g. sad, little hope, situations of deprivation, bullying
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about novel which might be depressing e.g. school, teachers, mother, Jud, events and relationships being unhappy simple comment(s) on details of the novel and its
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		 events/situations some awareness of writer's methods of writing the novel e.g. methods and purposes of presenting Billy's home, school, relationships

Question 11H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D) 16-18 marks (notional C)	 explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings 	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on specific aspects of novel appropriate to an argument about whether or not it is depressing e.g. relationships, atmosphere explained/sustained response to details of situations, events, characters and their impact on the reader identification/explanation of writer's methods and purposes in presenting the novel e.g. picture of working class life, lack of future, vignettes, contrast of town and country, Jud and Kes
19-21 marks (notional B) 22-24 marks (notional A)	 explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of aspects of the novel which are or are not depressing, leading to argument about authorial viewpoint and purposes sensitive/critical response to effects of the writing on reader's attitudes, values, moods, ideas e.g. balancing Billy's relationship with Kes and his imagination with poverty and lack of hope developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods e.g. contrasts, vignettes, parallel episodes, institutions, society
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 12H (To Kill a Mockingbird)

Write about the importance of some of the families in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.

Write about:

- how different characters in the novel are affected by their families
- how the writer presents different families and their importance.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of families e.g. Finches, Ewells simple statement(s) about reactions of characters to their families, e.g. Jem, Scout, Mayella, Tom simple comment(s) about presentation of families e.g. regarding social situations, race, class, moral worth
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material to show impact of families of some of their members e.g. Finches, Ewells, Robinsons simple comment(s) on details of characters being affected by their families
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		some awareness of writer's presentation of families, e.g. environment, description, houses, surroundings and influence of these on families and individuals in them

Question 12H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D) 16-18 marks (notional C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s), attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings 	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on families and how individual members are affected by their families e.g. behaviour, attitudes, values, ideas, words, actions explained/sustained response to details of families and how individual family members are affected by families e.g. some response to importance of families in determining/influencing behaviour and attitudes identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting
	explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved		different families e.g. by attitudes, values, things said, tone of voice, description, contrast
19-21 marks (notional B) 22-24 marks (notional A)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of families in the novel and their influence on individuals sensitive/critical response to how Harper Lee presents families and family members e.g. by contrasting, juxtaposing, presenting interactions, conflicts developed/analytical comment on/response to means of presenting influence of families on particular family members
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 13H (To Kill a Mockingbird)

Who do you think is being educated in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and how?

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: • some features/details of one or more characters being educated e.g. Jem, Scout, Dill • simple statement(s) about what chosen character(s) learn • simple comment(s) about character(s) being educated during course of the novel
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about characters learning and being educated e.g. at home, at school, by example, by experience simple comment(s) on details of what characters learn e.g. racism, tolerance, unfairness, walking in other people's shoes some awareness of writer's methods of showing characters being educated e.g. situations, events, climaxes, what they say and do, change and development
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		

Question 13H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	experience, through conflict, learning by example maturity explained/sustained response to details of learning by example maturity	 focus on characters being educated e.g. deliberately, through experience, through conflict, learning by example, gradual
16-18 marks (notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		antics, the Missionary Circle identification/explanation of writer's methods of showing education e.g. through change, maturation, gradual awareness of other views, attitudes
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of education in the novel e.g. society of the American South, the reader, specific characters sensitive/critical response to Harper Lee's methods of showing education e.g. knowledge, attitudes, values, organisation of
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 developed/analytical comment on/response to education, Lee's methods of presenting education, pinpointing key momen in the education process, whether for characters, the reader, society
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 14H (The Catcher in the Rye)

How does Salinger present Holden's "separateness" from other people in Catcher in the Rye?

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band 0 marks	Statements • nothing written	Mark Band	Statements
1-3 marks (notional U)	 nothing written some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details about what Holden says and does e.g. what he says to and/or about other people
4-6 marks (notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement(s) about Holden being separate from other people e.g. difficult relationships simple comment(s) about Holden's separateness and/or Salinger's presentation of it e.g. by means of what he says, situations, relationships
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about Holden and how he relates to others e.g. difficulties with relationships simple comment(s) on details of episodes relevant to Holden's separateness e.g. family, friends, women, school some awareness of writer's methods of showing Holden's separateness e.g. first person narrative, situations, interactions, language revealing attitudes
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		

Question 14H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D) 16-18 marks (notional C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings 	13-18 marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on Holden's separateness from other people e.g. conflicts, relationships with family, teachers, other adults, women explained/sustained response to details of Holden's attitudes and relationships in appropriately chosen situations identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting Holden's separateness e.g. characteristic phrases, significant utterances, physical location
19-21 marks (notional B) 22-24 marks (notional A)	 explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of Holden's separateness from other people e.g. nature of his disturbance, his barriers, his difference from others, his needs, desires, aspirations sensitive/critical response to details of situations, relationships relevant to his separateness developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's presentation of his separateness e.g. what he represents, his language, nature of his response, nature of other people's responses to him
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 15H (The Catcher in the Rye)

Remind yourself of the first chapter of the novel.

In what ways and to what extent does it prepare you for the rest of the novel?

Write about:

- the characters you meet
- the ideas Salinger introduces
- Salinger's style of writing.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks	some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of opening chapter, relevant to characters/ideas/style simple statement(s) about characters and/or ideas in the chapter
(notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		simple comment(s) about Steinbeck's style or the extent to which the chapter prepares the reader for what is to follow
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from first chapter to comment on characters, ideas, style simple comment(s) on details of chapter relevant to what happens later in the novel
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		some awareness of writer's style e.g. first person narrative, language of narrator, informality of address

Question 15H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task 	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on first chapter preparing reader e.g. introduction of narrator, main character, school, attitudes to others, relationship with Spencer explained/sustained response to details of first chapter with regard to characters and ideas, attitudes to females, failure
(notional C)	 sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		identification/explanation of writer's style e.g. first person, informal, vernacular, way he speaks to Mrs Spencer, variety of sentence structure
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of how far reader is prepared e.g. by linking characters, ideas, style in first chapter to what comes later in the novel sensitive/critical response to content of first chapter, noting what
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 does and what does not prepare the reader developed/analytical comment on/response to Salinger's style e.g. pronouns, short sentences, informality, tell-tale words and phrases, overall impact of opening and novel as a whole
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 16H (Green Days by the River)

How does Michael Anthony show Shell learning from his experiences in *Green Days by the River*?

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-3 marks (notional U)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of Shell e.g. what he says and does, what happens to him	
4-6 marks (notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple statement(s) about ways Shell learns from his experiences simple comment(s) about Shell's learning from experiences e.g. about maturity, girls, responsibility 	
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	• sele chan • simp Mr G • som his e	 Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about Shell and his learning e.g. changes he undergoes, growing up, relationships, difficulties simple comment(s) on details significant experiences e.g. Mr Gidharee, Rosalie, Joan, his father, his friends some awareness of writer's methods of showing Shell learning from his experiences e.g. changing his mind, trips to Cedar Grove, how his words reflect what he feels 	
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 			

Question 16H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on Shell learning from his experiences e.g. understanding how he feels about his father, Mr Gidharee, Rosalie, Joan, his friends explained/sustained response to details of Shell's learning from experiences e.g. range of different experiences, Shell's reflections,
16-18 marks (notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		 what others say and do to him identification/explanation of writer's methods of showing Shell learn from his experiences e.g. by reflection, doing things differently, making choices, changing his ideas and responses
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of Shell's learning from his experiences e.g. education, love, marriage, family, survival, responsibility sensitive/critical response to Shell's learning e.g. to his father's wishes, pragmatism, his own aspirations, love, desire
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		developed/analytical comment on/response to methods of presenting Shell's learning e.g. patterning, double and triple scenes, uses of language, metaphor, symbolism
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 17H (Green Days by the River)

How does Michael Anthony use different settings in *Green Days by the River*?

Write about:

- some of the different settings
- how Michael Anthony presents them
 their significance in the novel.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of settings e.g. home, town, Cedar Grove simple statement(s) about what happens in the settings which makes them significant simple comment(s) about how Anthony presents the settings e.g. by significant features, description, telling details
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about settings e.g. home, Cedar Grove, Sangre Grande, the school on Discovery Day simple comment(s) on details of settings and why they are significant in the novel
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		some awareness of writer's methods of presenting the settings e.g. descriptive detail, atmosphere, telling objects

Question 17H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D) 16-18 marks (notional C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas 	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on several settings, what happens in them and why they are significant in the novel explained/sustained response to details of different settings e.g. how the hospital is described, how the landscape of Cedar Grove affects how he feels about Mr Gidharee identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting
	 effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		settings and their significance
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of different settings, their atmosphere and significance e.g. contrasts between interiors, noise and quiet, home and hospital, Shell's house and Joan's, town and country sensitive/critical response to details of different settings and
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 how these accrue significance e.g. Shell's father's bed, the hospital bed, the trees developed/analytical comment on/response to Anthony's presentation of a variety of settings and their significance in charting Shell's development of ideas, attitudes, feelings, values, hopes
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 18H (Heroes)

What is the importance of war in *Heroes*, do you think?

Write about:

- the effects of war on characters in the novel
- the ways in which the writer presents 'war'.

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of war in the novel and what happens in it simple statement(s) about what happens to Francis and Larry in the
4-6 marks (notional G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 		 simple comment(s) about the reactions of Francis and Larry to having been in the war
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material about war e.g. the nature of heroism in Francis and Larry, what we learn about the war and what happened in it simple comment(s) on details of the effects of war on Larry and
10-12 marks (notional E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		Francis e.g. physical, mental, spiritual, ideological, moral some awareness of writer's methods of presenting war e.g. as having bad effects on Larry and Francis

Question 18H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D) 16-18 marks (notional C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer 	13-18 marks	 Answers are likely to include: focus on the effects of war on Larry and Francis e.g. mental, physical, moral explained/sustained response to details of the effects of war e.g. bringing out aspects of character, contrasting Larry and Francis, different kinds of hardship, alienation identification/explanation of writer's methods of presenting war e.g. as highly significant, of showing effects not the war itself, as causing
40.04	appropriate comment on meaningsexplanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved	40.07	demoralisation, fragmentation, loss of moral values
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of the effects of war or people's attitudes, values, behaviour and belief systems sensitive/critical response to details of responses to and effects of war on Larry, Francis, other fighters and those left at home
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		developed/analytical comment on/response to writer's methods of presenting war and the effect of this on attitudes to heroism e.g. non chronological structure, guest narrative, character determinant
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Question 19H (Heroes)

Robert Cormier chose the title *Heroes*. What do you think he has to say about heroes in the novel how does he say it?

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-3 marks (notional U) 4-6 marks (notional G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method 	1-6 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details of possible heroes e.g. Larry, Francis simple statement(s) about heroes and who they might be e.g. whether Larry and Francis can be considered to be heroes simple comment(s) about heroes in the novel e.g. bravery and heroism, military and moral heroism
7-9 marks (notional F)	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language supported response to characters/situations/ideas 	7-12 marks	Answers are likely to include: • selection of appropriate material about heroes e.g. Larry and Francis and their awards, the reality of war and the reality of their personalities and positions • simple comment(s) on details of heroic (and unheroic) actions e.g. what they do and say which could be considered heroic
(notional E)	 support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language 		some awareness of writer's methods of presenting heroes e.g. military decorations, leadership, characters' responses and behaviour

Question 19H

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
13-15 marks (notional D)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved 	13-18 Marks	Answers are likely to include: focus on possible heroes e.g. Francis, Larry and whether what they do is heroic explained/sustained response to details of Francis and Larry and the extent to which they could be considered heroic
16-18 marks (notional C)	 structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved 		identification/explanation of writer's purposes in entitling the novel e.g. to challenge orthodoxies, to point out paradoxes, anti- war
19-21 marks (notional B)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form 	19-27 Marks	Answers are likely to include: exploration/development of heroes in the novel e.g. what is and is not heroic, Larry, Francis, the unnamed dead sensitive/critical response to range of aspects and details which could be considered heroic, or not
22-24 marks (notional A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		developed/analytical comment on/response to Cormier's choice of title e.g. how it relates to the whole novel, possible ironies, paradoxes
25-27 marks (notional A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		

Section B: Pre-1914 and Post-1914 Poetry

Assessment Objectives

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

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

The Higher Tier targets are D-A*, but candidates may gain any mark on a particular component or question.

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

The range of marks targeted by the paper (notional D to A*) is 17 - 36. Each of the questions is marked out of 36.

GCSE English Literature Mark Scheme: General Template for Section B

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

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

Question 20H (Seamus Heaney and Gillian Clarke)

Answer both parts (a) and (b)

(a) Compare how the poets use and present places in Sonnet (I love to see the summer) by John Clare and **one** poem by Seamus Heaney.

and then

(b) Compare how the poets use and present places in Cold Knap Lake by Gillian Clarke and **one** more poem from the Pre -1914 Poetry Bank.

In both parts (a) and (b), remember to compare:

- how the writers use the places
- how the writers use form, structure and language to present the places.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks (Notional Grade U) 5-8 marks (notional Grade G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 	1-8 marks	Some features/details from one or more poems e.g. simple details of how poets present places, what places are like, what their features are, why they are significant simple statement(s) about meanings in poems related to places e.g. comfortable, uncomfortable, threatening, cold, dangerous simple comment(s) about specific words used and their meanings and/or effects e.g. how nature, countryside is described, any images, particular words or phrases used
9-12 marks (notional Grade F) 13-16 marks (notional Grade E)	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems e.g. details of places, meanings in poems related to places, uses of form, structure, language simple comment on places and meanings e.g. peace, harmony, threat, danger, enclosure some awareness of writers' uses of form, structure, language, e.g. particular words and phrases, colour, rhyme, verbs, adjectives some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, showing what places are like and how language/form/structure are used to present the places

Question 20H

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
17-20 marks (notional Grade D) 21-24 marks (notional Grade C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of 	17-24 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on appropriate places and how they are used to make meanings by the poets' uses of form, structure and language explained/sustained response to details of places in the poems and poets' use of the places e.g. to create mood, ideas, show nature's power, present man's insignificance identification/explanation of significant aspects of the places in the poems and how they are used to create meanings e.g. wonder, mystery, danger, excitement, power, turbulence structured/sustained comparison/contrast of poems in terms of presentation of places, poets' use of places, uses of form, structure and language to present the places
25-28 marks (notional Grade B) 29-32 marks (notional Grade A) 33-36 marks (notional Grade A*)	 sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task 	25-36 marks	Answers are likely to include: • treatment of at least four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 • detailed and wide-ranging exploration/development of poets' uses of places to create meanings, covering a range of details • sensitive/critical response to details of places and poets' uses of them to create meanings e.g. power, pantheism, prettiness, confinement, inferiority of mankind • developed/analytical comment on/response to poets' uses of form, structure and language to present the places e.g. metaphor, symbolism, contrasts, imagery • evaluative comparison of poets' methods of presenting and using places, with a range of clear points of similarity and difference

Question 21H (Seamus Heaney and Gillian Clarke)

Compare how the poets have used structure to contribute to the meanings of *At a Potato Digging* by Seamus Heaney, **one** poem by Gillian Clarke and **two** poems from the Pre-1914 Poetry Bank. (36 marks)

Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks (Notional Grade U) 5-8 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details from one or more poems e.g. what the poem(s) are about, where they are set, what they contain, identification of situations, atmosphere
(notional Grade G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		 simple statement(s) about structure e.g. consideration of what happens at beginning and end, stages in between simple comment(s) about organisation of poem(s) e.g. stanzas, rhymes, free verse, iambic pentameter and how ideas are arranged
9-12 marks (notional Grade F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection or appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems with a generally accurate account of the content of the poems, making some reference to structure simple comment on structure, noting beginning and ending and how poems move from one to the other
13-16 marks (notional Grade E)	 supported response to characters/situation/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meaning of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 some awareness of writer's uses of structure to make meanings e.g. placement of key ideas, attitudes, feelings, moods, rhymes, free verse some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, showing how structure is similar or different in the chosen poems perhaps with reference to content, organisation of ideas

Question 21H

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
17-20 marks (notional Grade D) 21-24 marks (notional Grade C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on structure of the poems, showing how it contributes to meanings explained/sustained response to details of poems, showing how they progress and develop e.g. ways ideas are organised, sequence of ideas, pace of development identification/explanation of meanings in poems and how these are conveyed by structure e.g. cumulative effect of piled-on details, beginnings related to endings, effect of stanza forms, sequencing structured/sustained comparison/contrast of poems in terms of organisation, structure, sequencing and how the structures reveal meanings in the poems
25-28 marks (notional Grade B) 29-32 marks (notional	 ideas/meanings/techniques sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes 	25-36 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 detailed and wide-ranging exploration/development of aspects of structure which relate to meanings e.g. repetitions, resonances, image patterns sensitive/critical response to details of ideas and ways these are organised e.g. begun, developed, concluded developed/analytical comment on/response to structure and
Grade A) 33-36 marks (notional Grade A*)	 analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers 		 how it is used e.g. effect of rhyme, metre, stanzas, patterning evaluative comparison of poets' methods of using structure to contribute to meanings, with a range of clear points of similarity and difference
	 evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

Question 22H (Seamus Heaney and Gillian Clarke)

Answer both parts (a) and (b)

(a) Compare how weather is presented in *Patrolling Barnegat* by Walt Whitman and *Storm on the Island* by Seamus Heaney.

and then

(b) Compare the presentation of summer in *The Field-Mouse* by Gillian Clarke and *Sonnet* (*I love to see the summer*) by John Clare.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-4 marks (Notional Grade U) 5-8 marks (notional Grade G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 	1-8 marks	Some features/details from one or more poems details of weather e.g. storm, harshness, strength, power, rain, battering and/or presentation of summer e.g. bright, hot, pretty, dangerous simple statement(s) about weather and/or summer e.g. threatening, beautiful, frightening, tranquil simple comment(s) about weather and/or summer e.g. features of landscape, atmosphere, mood, nature, presence or absence of people	
9-12 marks (notional Grade F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques supported response to characters/situations/ideas 	9-16 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems revealing what summer and weather are like simple comment on details of weather and summer, showing what picture is created, how details contribute to the picture, atmosphere, mood some awareness of writers' methods of presentation e.g.	
(notional Grade E)	 support response to characters/statations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		rhyme, rhythm, metre, imagery, metaphor, connotation, alliteration, assonance • some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, by means of weather, summer and/or how these are presented	

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	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
17-20 marks (notional Grade D) 21-24 marks (notional Grade C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of 	17-24 marks	 Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post- 1914 focus on weather and summer and poets' presentation of them explained/structured response to details of weather and summer e.g. range of description, what has been chosen, reasons for choices of detail, atmosphere created, mood, power and role of nature identification/explanation of presentation of weather and summer e.g. metaphor, simple, alliteration, assonance, rhyme, rhythm, metre and their effects and relationship to meanings structured/sustained comparison/contrast of weather and summer in terms of presentation, content, ideas
25-28 marks (notional Grade B)	 ideas/meanings/techniques sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of four poems inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 detailed and wide-ranging exploration/development of presentation of weather and summer e.g. atmosphere, ideas, purposes sensitive/critical response to details of weather and summer, showing appreciation of possible meanings and nuances, awareness of implications, resonances, how meanings are
29-32 marks (notional Grade A) 33-36 marks (notional	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes 		derived from words and phrases and contexts developed/analytical comment on/response to details of methods of presenting weather and summer, showing grasp of effects of techniques evaluative comparison of poets' methods of presenting weather and summer, with a range of points of similarity and difference
Grade A*)	 Insignitul exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

Question 23H (Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage)

(a) Compare the ways the relationships between the speaker of the poem and other people are shown in **two** poems from List A and **two** poems from List B.

List A List B

Before You Were Mine (Duffy) Education for Leisure (Duffy) Mother, any distance (Armitage) On my first Sonne (Jonson)
The Laboratory (Browning)
My Last Duchess (Browning)

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-4 marks (Notional Grade U) 5-8 marks (notional Grade G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 	1-8 marks	Some features/details from one or more poems e.g. identification of speakers, simple account of poem(s), mentioning what happens, events simple statement(s) about speaker and what he/she says or does, what the situation(s) are, what the speaker is like simple comment(s) about speaker and relationship with other people in the poem(s) e.g. loving father, predatory driver, psychopathic predator	
9-12 marks (notional Grade F)	some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques	9-16 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems which deals with speaker and speaker's relationships with other people simple comment on speaker and relationships e.g. gender, character, attitudes, values, intentions some awareness of writer's methods of presenting relationships	
(notional Grade E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of text some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		e.g. first person, interactions, words and phrases, structure, metre, rhyme some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, suggesting some similarities/differences in relationships and/or methods by which they are presented	

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	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
17-20 marks (notional Grade D) 21-24 marks (notional Grade C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of 	17-24 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on speakers of poems and their relationships with other people explained/structured response to details of speakers, other people and relationships, commenting on personalities, attitudes, values, intentions, purposes in relationships identification/explanation of presentation of relationships e.g. first person, narrative, structure, language, tone, nuance, implication, rhythm, rhyme structured/sustained comparison/contrast of presentation of relationships, looking at behaviour/motivations and how these are conveyed
25-28 marks (notional Grade B)	 ideas/meanings/techniques sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of four poems inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 detailed and wide-ranging exploration/development of speakers and their relationships, analysing the distinctive detail of the characters and their situations sensitive/critical response to details of methods of presenting relationships, outlining possible meanings, ambiguities, inferences
29-32 marks (notional Grade A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' methods of presenting relationships through form, structure, language evaluative comparison of poets' methods of presenting relationships, with a range of clear points of similarity and difference
(notional Grade A*)	 conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

Question 24H (Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage)

Answer both parts (a) and (b)

(a) Compare the ways Duffy and Armitage present anti-social behaviour in *Education for Leisure* and *Hitcher*.

and then

(b) Compare the ways in which the attitudes of the speakers are presented in **two** poems from the Pre-1914 Poetry Bank.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements	
0 marks	nothing written			
1-4 marks (Notional Grade U) 5-8 marks	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text 	1-8 marks	 Answers are likely to include: some features/details from one or more poems e.g. noting the behaviour of character(s) in the poem(s) and attitudes of speakers simple statement(s) about anti-social behaviour e.g. what it is, 	
(notional Grade G)	 simple response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 		where it occurs, and/or attitudes of speakers e.g. what they are, what is revealed of speakers • simple comment(s) about what characters are like in the chosen poem(s), with some support	
9-12 marks (notional Grade F)	 some response to characters/situation/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems e.g. generally accurate account of what happens, details of anti-social behaviour, attitudes shown by speakers simple comment on what characters are like and what motivates them e.g. what they say, what they do, what motivates them, what	
13-16 marks (notional Grade E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meanings of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 effects it has on others some awareness of writers' methods of presenting anti-social behaviour e.g. form, structure, language, vocabulary, register, rhythms some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, outlining anti-social behaviour and speakers' attitudes and/or presentation of these 	

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	Skills Descriptors	Content Descriptors	
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
17-20 marks (notional Grade D) 21-24 marks (notional Grade C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of 	17-24 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on anti-social behaviour, attitudes of speakers and methods of presentation explained/sustained response to details of anti-social behaviour and attitudes of speakers, comments on motivations, personalities, intentions, actions, purposes, views identification/explanation of presentation of anti-social behaviour and attitudes of speakers e.g. first person, tone, register, speech, structure, language, nuance, implication, rhythm, rhyme structured/sustained comparison/contrast of presentation of anti-social behaviour and presentation of attitudes of speakers, looking at behaviour, motivations, purposes and how these are shown
25-28 marks (notional Grade B)	 ideas/meanings/techniques sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 detailed and wide-ranging exploration/development of antisocial behaviour and attitudes of speakers analysing distinctive detail of characters, situations, attitudes, values sensitive/critical response to details of anti-social behaviour and attitudes of speakers in contexts and in terms of poets' ideas in poems as a whole
33-36 marks (notional Grade A)	 analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques conceptualised response to task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument 		developed/analytical comment on/response to methods of presenting anti-social behaviour and attitudes of speakers through form, structure, language evaluative comparison of poets' methods of presenting anti-social behaviour and attitudes of speakers, with a range of clear points of similarity and difference
,	 convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		

Question 25H (Carol Ann Duffy and Simon Armitage)

Answer both parts (a) and (b)

(a) Compare the endings of Havisham and The Laboratory.

and then

(b) Compare the endings of one poem by Simon Armitage and one other poem from the Pre-1914 Poetry Bank.

In both parts (a) and (b), remember to compare:

- how each ending fits in with the rest of the poem
- how the language reveals ideas
- what you think are the poets' reasons for ending the poems in these ways.

	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
0 marks	nothing written		
1-4 marks (Notional Grade U) 5-8 marks (notional Grade G)	 some writing about text or task some specific features identified some awareness of content of text some response to text or task familiarity with specific part(s) of a text/reference to some detail(s) simple comment on meaning reference to language and/or method selection of text(s) suitable for comparison 	1-8 marks	Answers are likely to include: some features/details from one or more poems e.g. what happens in poem(s), how they end, how language shows endings simple statement(s) about endings in relation to rest of poem simple comment(s) about poets' reasons for ending poems as they do or about how language reveals ideas in the ways that it does
9-12 marks (notional Grade F)	 some response to characters/situations/ideas selection of appropriate material/some range of detail awareness of explicit meaning(s) simple identification of a method or an effect e.g. of devices/language selection of material from texts for comparison simple linkage in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	9-16 marks	Answers are likely to include: selection of appropriate material from at least two relevant poems with generally accurate and detailed account of content, outlining what happens at the end of the poems simple comment on how endings fit in with rest of poems e.g. forming a conclusion, giving a surprise, making reader think and
13-16 marks (notional Grade E)	 supported response to characters/situations/ideas support points made/some comment on detail generalisation(s) about meaning of texts some awareness of a writer at work e.g. through devices/language selection of some details for comparison some comments on similarity/difference in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		 feel, provoking reactions some awareness of writers' uses of language in poems to reveal ideas e.g. words, phrases, tone, register, imagery, repetition, alliteration, assonance some linkage of poems, perhaps by juxtaposition, drawing attention to similarities and differences in endings and/or writer's uses of language and/or purposes

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	Skills Descriptors		Content Descriptors
Mark Band	Statements	Mark Band	Statements
17-20 marks (notional Grade D) 21-24 marks (notional Grade C)	 some focus on the task explained response to characters/situations/ideas range of comments with supporting details awareness of meaning(s), feeling(s) and attitude(s) identification of effects of devices/language intended/achieved selection of relevant material for comparison structured comments on similarities/differences in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques structured response to task sustained response to characters/situations/ideas effective use of details to support answer appropriate comment on meanings explanation of how effects of devices/language are achieved selection of material appropriate for a range of comparisons sustained focus on similarities/differences in terms of 	17-24 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of at least three poems, inc. pre- and post-1914 focus on endings, relationships of endings to rest of poems, uses of language to reveal ideas, writers' purposes in ending poems as they do explained/sustained response to details of endings of poems e.g. how they end, how endings follow from what has gone before identification/explanation of poets' methods and purposes in their endings e.g. why poets chose to end poems like this, how language reveals ideas, links to other parts of poems, patterns, form, structure, language structured/sustained comparison/contrast of endings in the four poems, poets' purposes in ending in these ways, how language reveals ideas
25-28 marks (notional Grade B) 29-32 marks (notional Grade A)	 ideas/meanings/techniques sustained and developed response to task considered/qualified response to writer's ideas/purposes details linked to writer's intentions and purposes thoughtful consideration of meanings appreciation of writer's uses of language/structure/form thoughtful selection and consideration of material for comparison sustained and developed comparison in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques analytical response to task exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes analytical use of detail in support of argument exploration of meanings analysis of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers selection of a range of telling details as the basis for analytical comparison analytical comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 	25-36 marks	Answers are likely to include: treatment of four poems, inc. two pre-1914 and two post-1914 detailed and wide-ranging exploration/development of endings and their relationship to rest of poems e.g. themes, ideas, attitudes, values, verbal patterning sensitive/critical response to ways language reflects ideas e.g. ending in relation to rest of poems, shifts, parallels, nuances developed/analytical comment on/response to writers' uses of form, structure, language to reveal ideas evaluative comparison/contrast of poets' methods of presenting endings in relation to rest of poems, with a range of clear points about similarity and difference
33-36 marks (notional Grade A*)	 conceptualised response task insightful exploratory response to writer's ideas/purposes sensitive analysis of detail in support of argument convincing/imaginative interpretation of text and/or task evaluation of writer's use of language/structure/form and effect(s) on readers evaluative selection of a range of telling detail integrated into comparison evaluative comparison/contrast in terms of ideas/meanings/techniques 		