

Heroes
Foundation Tier

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Included in this pack:

- Question and extract from Summer 2012 Paper
- Marked scripts with the mark and band
- Examiner commentary and mark scheme

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***12** Explain the importance of betrayal in the novel.

In your answer, you **must** consider:

- Larry LaSalle's words and actions
- why Francis feels angry towards Larry LaSalle
- how Nicole is betrayed in the novel.

You may include other ideas of your own.

Use **evidence** to support your answer.

(Total for Question 12 = 40 marks)

Script 1

21 marks

AO1 – Band 3 – 9 marks

AO4 – Band 3 – 12 marks

In the book Heroes the theme of betrayal is very important ~~bec~~ because Larry LaSalle betrays Francis when he can't control himself and tells Francis to leave Nicole and Larry on their own.

This can be seen ~~when~~ when the writer says, "The song ended and the scratching of the needle on record did not stop and I heard a sigh and a sound that could have been a moan and a rustle of clothing."

This makes me think that the actions Larry took give you a sigh of betrayal towards Francis. Moreover Francis has always admired Nicole and Larry both of them but now that Larry had raped Nicole it broke Francis's

heart and Larry ~~did~~ did not tolerate his actions and carried on with what ~~the~~ he was doing.

Also Francis feels very angry towards Larry LaSalle because of the incident that happened between Nicole and Larry made Francis so angry that he ~~planned~~ planned on killing Larry LaSalle.

This can be seen when Francis says, "I am filled with guilt and shame, knowing that I just prayed for the man I am going to kill".

This ~~in~~ suggests that for what he had done to Nicole Nicole will always be the hatred of his heart.

Examiner summary:

The candidate makes some valid points, which are supported with some textual reference. There is some understanding of the theme of betrayal in the response to the *must do* bullets; these direct the candidate to respond to the two AO3s at work in this question - the first bullet addresses AO1 (response) and here the two AO4 bullets address context through 'how' and 'why' directives.

Band this response achieves in the mark schemes:

AO1

3	8-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some responses to text supported by textual reference which is occasionally appropriate.Selection and evaluation of textual detail show some understanding of theme/ideas.
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AO4

3	11-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Some reference to context occasionally supported by relevant textual reference.Explanation of importance of theme/idea shows occasional understanding. <p>*Sentences show some attempt to structure and control expression and meaning with some control of a range of punctuation devices. Spelling sometimes accurate with meaning hindered on occasion.</p>
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To move up to the next band: This response needs to respond more fully to the bullet points and offer more textual detail in order to show more sound understanding of the theme of betrayal.

Script 2

27 marks

AO1 – Band 4 – 11 marks

AO4 – Band 4 – 16 marks

The importance of betrayal in the novel *Heroes* is when Larry does some bad things such as when he rapped ^{Nicole} her at the wreck centre. "Don't go, Nicole whispered into my ear." "but Larry had told me to go". When Larry rapped Nicole, Francis was stood outside. The writer Coroner uses imagery and adjectives to describe Nicole after the rap, after Larry's actions. "Her hair dishevelled, mouth flung open, lips swollen", this is just some indications that Nicole had had something done to her. This was a sign of betrayal as Larry only said, "Nicole and I are going to have one last dance".

Francis felt so angry with Larry as he destroyed his only relationship between him and the girl Francis loved, Nicole.

Later on in the book, Francis goes out to track Larry down. In this, he does and he goes to Larry's tenement. "The gun is like a tumour on my thigh", this explains how the gun in his duffel bag is always there, just like the thought of Larry rapping Nicole. It will never go away. Francis confronted Larry with the gun hoping to shoot him wanting to shoot him. "I lower the gun. I remove my finger from the trigger", this shows that that moment in time is becoming more tense for both of them as Francis wants to kill Larry and Larry doesn't want to die. Francis walks out but then... "The sound of a pistol

Shot cracks the air," this is showing onomatopoeia and personification.

Nicole Renard is betrayed in the novel in chapter 11 when she gets raped but Francis doesn't do anything about it. "her eyes flashed black with anger as she looked at me". She was ~~stopp~~ surprised to see Francis ~~as~~ she thought he went and

(Section B continued) ~~recognised~~

lefted. I ~~recognised~~ in her eyes now what I could not deny: betrayal. My betrayal of her in her eyes. This is explaining when their eyes met, just staring, she felt all the betrayal and she felt that she had been let down by Francis.

Examiner summary:

This response shows some understanding of the theme of betrayal and the context of the novel with some textual detail to support the valid points.

Band this response achieves in the mark schemes:

AO1

4	11-13	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mostly sound responses to text mostly supported by textual reference which is often appropriate.• Selection and evaluation of textual detail show generally sound understanding of theme/ideas.
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AO4

4	16-20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mostly sound reference to context mostly supported by relevant textual reference.• Explanation of importance of theme/idea shows generally sound understanding. <p>*Sentences are generally clearly structured, with generally sound control of expression and meaning with generally sound control of a range of punctuation devices. Spelling is mostly accurate; any errors do not hinder meaning.</p>
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To move up to the next bands: Although the candidate responds to the three bullets, the answer needs to develop some points more fully and use more textual examples to support the relevant points made.

Script 3

40 marks

AO1 – Band 5 – 16 marks

AO4 – Band 5 – 24 marks

Betrayal is very important in the novel as it happens alot in heroes. ~~the~~ One of the first betrayals that happens in the book is the betrayal Francis does to Nicole. I know ~~this~~ ~~this~~ ~~because~~ ~~in the text~~ it says the betrayal ~~does~~ ~~her~~ that he does to her is not doing anything while she was getting raped. This I know because in the book it says "She saw me, the moment I saw her saw her face... her cheeks moist with tears. Her white browe torn" This then shows that she has ~~been~~ seen raped and Nicole has just saw Francis ~~standing~~ there doing nothing and not helping made

it worst as she's ~~crying~~ and her browe ~~was~~ ~~torn~~ it says she was crying so this gives the effect that she didn't like and she's upset by it also that her browe has been torn gives the effect aggression has been used. This gives the effect on the reader that Francis should be aware of the betrayal and she's like that and ~~the~~ in the text it says "I reconisined in her eyes... betrayal. My betrayal in her eyes" This gives the effect that Francis even knows what he has done and that he has betrayed her has give a greater effect of how the reader feels about that.

Another sign of betrayal in the story is Larry Lassalle to Francis. The betrayal that is ~~shown~~ shown is the break of trust and respect he had for him this I know because in the text it quotes "When I was the big hero you say I was" This shows aswell as Francis respecting Larry Lassalle

he also saw him as a hero. ~~It~~ I also quotes ~~§~~ "But it's too late isn't!" This then shows that Larry knows his done is wrong and he knows it's too late for Francis to see him as that hero again. This then gives the effect the betrayal Larry has done to Francis ~~there~~ because he really liked Nicole and for him to do that must have made he want to seek revenge. This would then make the ~~reader~~ reader feel over it sympathy for Francis as maybe one of the reasons why he didn't help Nicole was because the betrayal Larry has done to him as that was his girlfriend and to know that someone that he respect a lot has done that would make the reader feel sorry for him and disgusted in Larry.

Another betrayal that ~~made~~ ^{may} be seen in this book is the betrayal of Francis getting justice from ~~discovering~~ Larry Cassale but not going through with it because he was felt sorry for him. I know this because in the novel it says "Please... his

voice like a small cry of a child
I lower the gun..... I put the gun back in my pocket" This then gives the effect that Francis might feel for having sympathy for someone who has ~~over~~ rated his girlfriend and it would also be clear too see that Larry must not have had sympathy for Nicole. Therefore this may be seen as ~~bet~~ ~~bet~~ betrayal in the readers eyes.

I Believe that the importance of Betrayal in this book is alot because it's ~~main~~ ^{main} the ~~main~~ theme of the book. as they have been various of time betrayal has been used, that is why I would see betrayal as a very important part as well as understanding in the book.

Examiner summary:

This is a clearly structured response to the question and shows sound understanding of both the theme of betrayal and the context of the novel. The candidate makes sound reference to both using relevant textual detail.

Band this response achieves in the mark schemes:

AO1

5	14-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound responses to text supported by relevant textual reference. • Selection and evaluation of textual detail show sound understanding of theme/ideas.
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AO4

5	21-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sound reference to context supported by relevant textual reference. • Explanation of importance of theme/idea shows sound understanding. <p>*Sentences are clearly structured, with sound control of expression and meaning with secure control of the full range of punctuation devices. Spelling is mostly accurate, with some errors.</p>
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This response receives full marks.