

# GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION ENGLISH LITERATURE (Specification 1901) Scheme B

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Unit 8 Post-1914 Texts

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Additional materials: Answer Booklet (8 pages) This is an 'open book' paper. Texts should be taken into the examination. **They must not be annotated.** 



### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, Centre number and candidate number in the spaces on the answer booklet.
- You must answer THREE questions.
- You must answer **one** question from Section B.
- You must answer **two other** questions, from Section A, Section C or Section D. **Each question must be taken from a different section.**
- Write your answers in blue or black ink in the answer booklet.
- Read each question carefully and make sure you know what to do before starting your answer.

#### **INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

- The total number of marks for this paper is 42.
- The number of marks is given in brackets [] at the end of each question.
- All questions carry equal marks.

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# Section A

# Answer NOT MORE THAN ONE question from this Section.

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Drama post-1914		
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BRIAN CLARK: Whose Life is it Anyway?

1	DR EMERSON:	I am trying to save Mr Harrison's life. There is no need to remind me of my duty to my patient, Mr Hill.	
	HILL:	Or mine to my client, Dr Emerson.	
	DR EMERSON:	Are you telling me that you have accepted the job of coming	
		to me to urge a course of action that will lose your client his	5
		life?	
	HILL:	I hadn't accepted it no I told Mr Harrison I would talk to you	
		first. Now I have and I begin to see why he thought it necessary	
		to be represented.	
	DR EMERSON:	Alright Let's start again. Now tell me what you want to know.	10
	HILL:	Mr Harrison wishes to be discharged from hospital. Will you	
		please make the necessary arrangements?	
	DR EMERSON:	No.	
	HILL:	May I ask why?	
	DR EMERSON:	Because Mr Harrison is incapable of living outside the hospital	15
		and it is my duty as a doctor to preserve life.	
	HILL:	I take it that Mr Harrison is a voluntary patient here.	
	DR EMERSON:	Of course.	
	HILL:	Then I fail to see the legal basis for your refusal.	
	DR EMERSON:	Can't you understand that Mr Harrison is suffering from	20
		depression? He is incapable of making a rational decision about	
		his life and death.	
	HILL:	Are you maintaining that Mr Harrison is mentally unbalanced?	
	DR EMERSON:	Yes.	
	HILL:	Would you have any objection to my bringing in a psychiatrist for	25
		a second opinion?	
	DR EMERSON:	Of course not, but why not ask the consultant psychiatrist here?	
		I'm sure he will be able to convince you.	
	HILL:	Has he examined Mr Harrison?	00
	DR EMERSON:	No, but that can be quickly arranged.	30
	HILL:	That's very kind of you, Dr Emerson, but I'm sure you'll	
		understand if I ask for my own – whose opinion you are not sure	
		of <i>before</i> he examines the patient.	
	DR EMERSON: HILL:	Good afternoon, Mr Hill. Good afternoon.	35
		Good allemoon.	35
Either	1 What makes t	his extract a dramatic and important moment in the play?	[14]

**Or 2** You are Dr Emerson, after your conversations with Dr Travers and Dr Scott in Act Two.

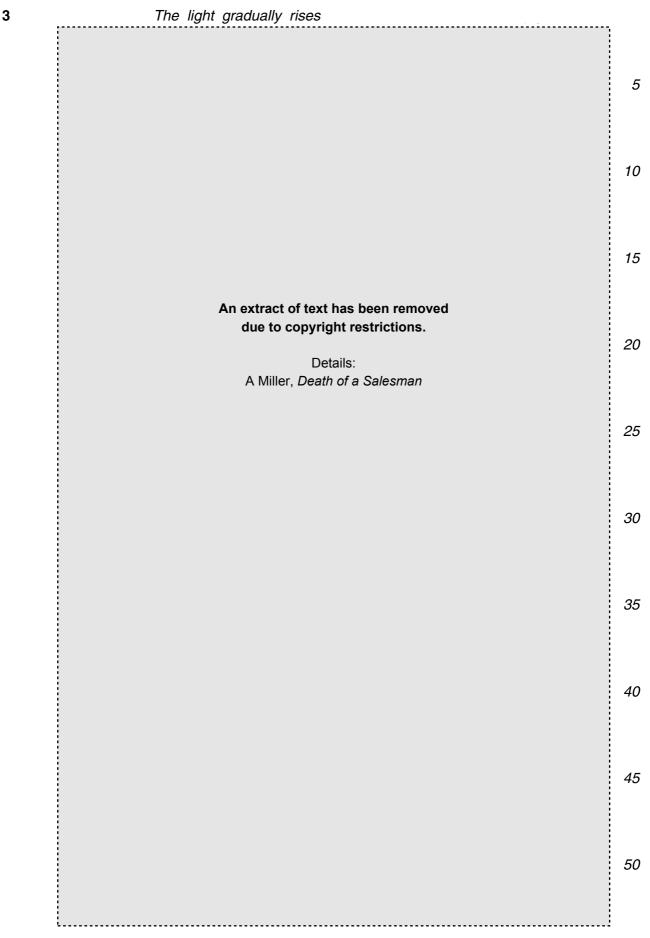
You might be thinking about:

- your hopes about Dr Travers' meeting with Ken
- Dr Scott's criticism of your views.

Write your thoughts.

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ARTHUR MILLER: Death of a Salesman



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#### ARTHUR MILLER: *Death of a Salesman* (Cont.)

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LINDA:	leave him alone?	

# Either 3What do you think makes this extract so dramatic?[14]

# **Or 4** You are Bernard. You have just left your father's office after your conversation with Willy and are on your way to Washington (in Act Two).

You might be thinking about:

- Willy and his state of mind
- what happened to Biff.

Write your thoughts.

- 5 [laughing] Imagine Stanhope spending his leave in a country HARDY: vicarage sipping tea! He spent his last leave in Paris, didn't he? **OSBORNE:** Yes. HARDY: I bet it was *some* leave! 5 **OSBORNE:** Do you know how long he's been out here? HARDY: A good time, I know. **OSBORNE:** Nearly three years. He came out straight from school – when he was eighteen. He's commanded this company for a year - in and out of the front line. He's never had a rest. Other men come over here and go home again ill, and young Stanhope goes on sticking 10 it. month in. month out. HARDY: Oh, I know he's a jolly good fellow -**OSBORNE:** I've seen him on his back all day with trench fever - then on duty all niaht – HARDY: Oh, I know; he's a splendid chap! 15 **OSBORNE**: And because he's stuck it till his nerves have got battered to bits. he's called a drunkard. HARDY: Not a drunkard; just a – just a hard drinker; but you're guite right about his nerves. They are all to blazes. Last time out resting we were playing bridge and something happened – I don't remember 20 what it was; some silly little argument - and all of a sudden he jumped up and knocked all the glasses off the table! Lost control of himself: and then he - sort of - came to - and cried -**OSBORNE:** Yes. I know. HARDY: You heard about it? 25 **OSBORNE:** He told me. HARDY: Did he? We tried to hush it up. It just shows the state he's in. [He rises and puts on his pack. There is a pause.] You know, Osborne, you ought to be commanding this company. **OSBORNE:** Rubbish! 30 HARDY: Of course you ought. It sticks out a mile. I know he's got pluck and all that, but, damn it, man, you're twice his age - and think what a dear, level-headed old thing you are. **OSBORNE:** Don't be an ass. He was out here before I joined up. His experience alone makes him worth a dozen people like me. 35 HARDY: You know as well as I do, you ought to be in command. There isn't a man to touch him as a commander of men. He'll **OSBORNE:** command the battalion one day if -HARDY: Yes, if! [He laughs.] You don't know him as I do; I love that fellow. I'd go to hell with him. **OSBORNE:** 40 Oh, you sweet, sentimental old darling! HARDY:
- **Either 5** What makes this passage such an interesting introduction to the character of Stanhope in the play? [14]
- Or 6 Explore ONE or TWO moments in the play which bring to life for you the stress and fear experienced by the soldiers.

Remember to support your answer with details from the play.

# HAROLD PINTER: The Caretaker

7	Mic Da' Mic	VIES:	Sleep well? Yes. I'm awfully glad. It's awfully nice to meet you. <i>Pause.</i> What did you say your name was?	5
	MIC	VIES: CK: VIES:	Jenkins. I beg your pardon? Jenkins! Pause.	J
	MIC	CK:	Jen kins. A drip sounds in the bucket. DAVIES looks up. You remind me of my uncle's brother. He was always on the move, that man. Never without his passport. Had an eye for the girls. Very	10
			much your build. Bit of an athlete. Long-jump specialist. He had a habit of demonstrating different run-ups in the drawing-room round about Christmas time. Had a penchant for nuts. That's what it was. Nothing else but a penchant. Couldn't eat enough of them. Peanuts, walnuts, brazil nuts, monkey nuts, wouldn't touch a piece of fruit	15
			cake. Had a marvellous stop-watch. Picked it up in Hong Kong. The day after they chucked him out of the Salvation Army. Used to go in number four for Beckenham Reserves. That was before he got his Gold Medal. Had a funny habit of carrying his fiddle on his back. Like a papoose. I think there was a bit of the Red Indian in him.	20
			To be honest, I've never made out how he came to be my uncle's brother. I've often thought that maybe it was the other way round. I mean that my uncle was his brother and he was my uncle. But I never called him uncle. As a matter of fact I called him Sid. My mother called him Sid too. It was a funny business. Your spitting image he was. Married a Chinaman and went to Jamaica.	25
			Pause.	30
	DA	VIES:	I hope you slept well last night. Listen! I don't know who you are!	
Either	7	What does	s this passage reveal to you about Mick?	[14]
Or	8	Do you dis	like Davies, or do you feel sorry for him?	
		Remembe	r to support your views with details from the play.	[14]

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# Section B

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# You MUST answer ONE question from this Section.

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Mid Term Break (Heaney); 5 Ways to Kill a Man (Brock); Dulce et Decorum Est (Owen); In Westminster Abbey (Betjeman); Telephone Conversation (Soyinka); Piano and Drums (Okara); Refugee Mother and Child (Achebe); Our History (Dipoko); Hawk Roosting (Hughes); Mushrooms (Plath); Digging (Heaney); Nursery Rhyme of Innocence and Experience (Causley)		

OCR Opening Lines: How It Looks From Here

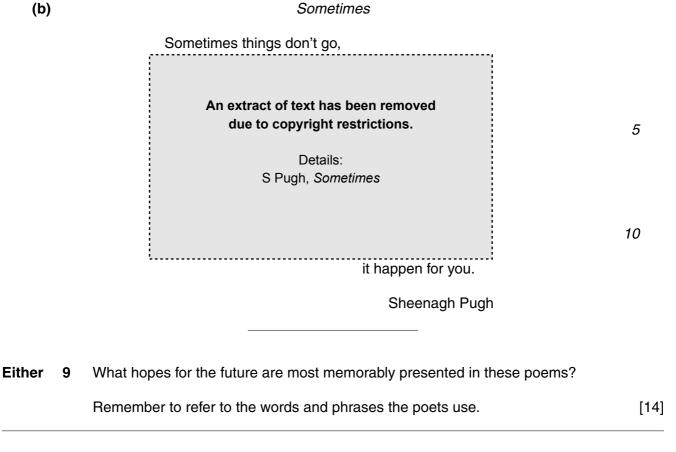
# 9 (a)

# Wedding-Wind

The wind blew all my wedding-day, And my wedding-night was the night of the high wind; And a stable door was banging, again and again, That he must go and shut it, leaving me Stupid in candlelight, hearing rain, Seeing my face in the twisted candlestick, Yet seeing nothing. When he came back He said the horses were restless, and I was sad That any man or beast that night should lack The happiness I had.	5 10
Now in the day	
All's ravelled under the sun by the wind's blowing.	
He has gone to look at the floods, and I	
Carry a chipped pail to the chicken-run, Set it down, and stare. All is the wind	15
Hunting through clouds and forests, thrashing	
My apron and the hanging cloths on the line. Can it be borne, this bodying-forth by wind	
Of joy my actions turn on, like a thread	
Carrying beads? Shall I be let to sleep	20
Now this perpetual morning shares my bed? Can even death dry up	
These new delighted lakes, conclude	
Our kneeling as cattle by all-generous waters?	

Philip Larkin

OCR Opening Lines: How It Looks From Here (Cont.)



Or 10 What views about life in the modern world are strikingly expressed in TWO of the following?

A Consumer's Report (Porter) O Grateful Colours, Bright Looks! (Smith) In Your Mind (Duffy)

Remember to refer to the words and images the poets use. [14]

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OCR: Opening Lines: The 1914-18 War (ii)

11	(a)	Joining the Colours	
		There they go marching all in step so gay! Smooth-cheeked and golden, food for shells and guns. Blithely they go as to a wedding day, The mothers' sons.	
		The drab street stares to see them row on row On the high tram-tops, singing like the lark. Too careless-gay for courage, singing they go Into the dark.	5
		With tin whistles, mouth-organs, any noise, They pipe the way to glory and the grave; Foolish and young, the gay and golden boys Love cannot save.	10
		High heart! High courage! The poor girls they kissed Run with them : they shall kiss no more, alas! Out of the mist they stepped – into the mist Singing they pass.	15

Katherine Tynan Hinkson

OCR: Opening Lines: The 1914-18 War (ii) (Cont.)

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(b)	The Send-Off	
	Down the close, darkening lanes they sang their way To the siding-shed, And lined the train with faces grimly gay.	
	Their breasts were stuck all white with wreath and spray As men's are, dead.	5
	Dull porters watched them, and a casual tramp Stood staring hard, Sorry to miss them from the upland camp.	
	Then, unmoved, signals nodded, and a lamp Winked to the guard.	10
	So secretly, like wrongs hushed-up they went. They were not ours: We never heard to which front these were sent;	
	Nor there if they yet mock what women meant Who gave them flowers.	15
	Shall they return to beating of great bells In wild train-loads? A few, a few, too few for drums and yells,	
	May creep back, silent, to village wells, Up half-known roads.	20
	Wilfred Owen	

Either 11 What strong feelings about soldiers going off to war do these poems reveal to you?

Remember to support your answer with words and phrases from the poems. [14]

Or 12 What makes you feel sympathy for people in **TWO** of the following poems?

The Target (Gurney) The Deserter (Letts) The Hero (Sassoon)

You should consider:

- some of the reasons for sympathy
- some of the words and phrases used by the poets. [14]

	<i>Poems 2:</i> Larkir	and Fanthorpe
13	(a) from	Toads
	For something suffi Squats in me, Its hunkers are hea And cold as sr	too; vy as hard luck,
	And will never allow My way to gett The fame and the g All at one sittin	ing girl and the money
	I don't say, one boo One's spiritual But I do say it's har When you hav	truth; 10 d to lose either,
		Philip Larkin
	(b) from After V	isiting-Hours
	Now the bed-bound in Their repertoire of ma The dressing-gowned Their glass bodies.	ovements,
	Now siren voices whi From headphones, a Doctors appear, wrea Like South Sea danc	nd vagrant athed in stethoscopes
	All's well, all's quiet a Ark noses her way in Caulked, battened, b And behind, the gulls	to night, 10 lessed for her trip,
		U. A. Fanthorpe

#### Poems 2: Larkin and Fanthorpe (Cont.)

- Either 13 In what ways do you think that these extracts make good endings to the poems from which they are taken? [14]
- Or 14 What views of themselves do the poets reveal in any TWO of the following poems?

I Remember, I Remember (Larkin) The View (Larkin) Growing Up (Fanthorpe)

	HYDES (ed): Touched with Fire	
15 (a)	Refugee Mother and Child	
	No Madonna and Child could touch that picture of a mother's tenderness for a son she soon would have to forget.	
	The air was heavy with odours of diarrhoea of unwashed children with washed-out ribs and dried-up bottoms struggling in laboured steps behind blown empty bellies. Most	5
	mothers there had long ceased to care but not this one; she held a ghost smile between her teeth and in her eyes the ghost of a mother's pride as she combed the rust-coloured hair left on his skull and then –	10
	singing in her eyes – began carefully to part it In another life this would have been a little daily act of no consequence before his	15
	breakfast and school; now she did it like putting flowers on a tiny grave.	20

Chinua Achebe

HYDES (ed): Touched with Fire (Cont.)

(b)	Digging	
	Between my finger and my thumb The squat pen rests; as snug as a gun.	
	Under my window a clean rasping sound When the spade sinks into gravelly ground: My father, digging. I look down	5
	Till his straining rump among the flowerbeds Bends low, comes up twenty years away Stooping in rhythm through potato drills Where he was digging.	
	The coarse boot nestled on the lug, the shaft Against the inside knee was levered firmly. He rooted out tall tops, buried the bright edge deep To scatter new potatoes that we picked Loving their cool hardness in our hands.	10
	By God, the old man could handle a spade, Just like his old man.	15
	My grandfather could cut more turf in a day Than any other man on Toner's bog. Once I carried him milk in a bottle Corked sloppily with paper. He straightened up To drink it, then fell to right away Nicking and slicing neatly, heaving sods Over his shoulder, digging down and down For the good turf. Digging.	20
	The cold smell of potato mould, the squelch and slap Of soggy peat, the curt cuts of an edge Through living roots awaken in my head. But I've no spade to follow men like them.	25
	Between my finger and my thumb The squat pen rests. I'll dig with it.	30
	Seamus Heaney	

portrayed in these two poems? [14]

Or 16 What do you find both serious and amusing in any TWO of the following poems?

Telephone Conversation (Soyinka) In Westminster Abbey (Betjeman) 5 Ways to Kill a Man (Brock)

Remember to refer closely to the language the poets use.

# Section C

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# Answer NOT MORE THAN ONE question from this section.

	Pages	Questions
Prose post-1914		
Opening Worlds (OCR)	22–23	17–18
Ten D H Lawrence Short Stories (ed. Whittle and Blatchford)	24–25	19–20
Empire of the Sun (Ballard)	26–27	21–22
<i>Modern Women's Short Stories</i> (ed. Hill) (The 13 stories in the second half of the collection, beginning with <i>The Man Who kept the Sweet Shop at the</i> <i>Bus Station</i> by Harris)	28–29	23–24
Things Fall Apart (Achebe)	30	25–26
The Old Man and the Sea (Hemingway)	31	27–28
Nineteen Eighty-Four (Orwell)	32	29–30

#### **Opening Worlds (OCR)**

#### Snapshots of a Wedding

Wedding days always started at the haunting, magical hour of early dawn when there was only a pale crack of light on the horizon. For those who were awake, it took the earth hours to adjust to daylight. The cool and damp of the night slowly arose in shimmering waves like water and even the forms of the people 5 who bestirred themselves at this unearthly hour were distorted in the haze; they appeared to be dancers in slow motion, with fluid, watery forms. In the dim light, four men, the relatives of the bridegroom, Kegoletile, slowly herded an ox before them towards the yard of MmaKhudu, where the bride, Neo, lived. People were already astir in MmaKhudu's yard, yet for a while they all came and peered closely at the distorted fluid forms that approached, to ascertain if it were indeed the relatives of 10 the bridegroom. Then the ox, who was a rather stupid fellow and unaware of his sudden and impending end as meat for the wedding feast, bellowed casually his early morning yawn. At this, the beautiful ululating of the women rose and swelled over the air like water bubbling rapidly and melodiously over the tones of a clear, sparkling stream. In between ululating all the while, the women began to weave 15 about the yard in the wedding dance; now and then they bent over and shook their buttocks in the air. As they handed over the ox, one of the bridegroom's relatives joked:

'This is going to be a modern wedding.'

**Bessie Head** 

#### (b)

17 (a)

Two Kinds

My mother believed you	
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things to get better.	
Amy Tan	

#### Opening Worlds (OCR) (Cont.)

Either 17 What do you think makes each of these passages a good beginning to the story that is to follow? [14]

# Or 18 How do the writers show you what it is like to live in poverty, in any TWO of the following stories?

The Train from Rhodesia The Pieces of Silver The Red Ball

#### D H LAWRENCE: Ten D H Lawrence Short Stories

#### 19 (a)

#### Adolf

We loved him to take meals with us. He would sit on the table humping his back, sipping his milk, shaking his whiskers and his tender ears, hopping off and hobbling back to his saucer, with an air of supreme unconcern. Suddenly he was alert. He hobbled a few tiny paces, and reared himself up inquisitively at the sugarbasin. He fluttered his tiny fore-paws, and then reached and laid them on the edge of the basin, whilst he craned his thin neck and peeped in. He trembled his whiskers at the sugar, then did his best to lift down a lump.

'Do you think I will have it! Animals in the sugar pot!' cried my mother with a rap of her hand on the table.

Which so delighted the electric Adolf that he flung his hind-quarters and knocked *10* over a cup.

'It's your own fault, mother. If you left him alone -'

He continued to take tea with us. He rather liked warm tea. And he loved sugar. Having nibbled a lump, he would turn to the butter. There he was shooed off by our parent. He soon learned to treat her shooing with indifference. Still, she hated him to put his nose in the food. And he loved to do it. And so one day between them they overturned the cream-jug. Adolf deluged his little chest, bounced back in terror, was seized by his little ears by my mother and bounced down on the hearth-rug. There he shivered in momentary discomfort, and suddenly set off in a wild flight to the parlour.

#### (b)

#### Rex

I saw Rex only once again, when I had to call just once at The Good Omen. He must have heard my voice, for he was upon me in the passage before I knew where I was. And in the instant I knew how he loved us. He really loved us. And in the same instant there was my uncle with a whip, beating and kicking him back, and Rex cowering, bristling, snarling.

My uncle swore many oaths, how we had ruined the dog for ever, made him vicious, spoiled him for showing purposes, and been altogether a pack of mard-soft fools not fit to be trusted with any dog but a gutter-mongrel.

Poor Rex! We heard his temper was incurably vicious, and he had to be shot.

And it was our fault. We had loved him too much, and he had loved us too *10* much. We never had another pet.

It is a strange thing, love. Nothing but love has made the dog lose his wild freedom, to become the servant of man. And this very servility or completeness of love makes him a term of deepest contempt – 'You dog!'

We should not have loved Rex so much, and he should not have loved us. 15 There should have been a measure. We tended, all of us, to overstep the limits of our own natures. He should have stayed outside human limits, we should have stayed outside canine limits. Nothing is more fatal than the disaster of too much love. My uncle was right, we had ruined the dog.

My uncle was a fool, for all that.

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### D H LAWRENCE: Ten D H Lawrence Short Stories (Cont.)

- **Either 19** What feelings about Adolf and Rex do these passages strikingly express? [14]
- **Or 20** What do you find memorable about the family relationships depicted in **TWO** of the following stories?

A Prelude Her Turn The Lovely Lady

You should consider:

- what the characters say and do
- the words Lawrence uses.

J G BALLARD: Empire of the Sun

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These Hollywood movies, like the newsreels projected above the crowds on the Bund, endlessly fascinated Jim. After the dental work to his jaw, and the healing of the wound in his palate, he soon began to put on weight. Alone at the dining-room table, he ate large meals by day, and at night slept peacefully in his bedroom on the top floor of the unreal house in Amherst Avenue, which had once been his home but now seemed as much an illusion as the sets of the Shanghai film studios.

During his days at Amherst Avenue he often thought of his cubicle in the Vincents' room at the camp. At the end of October he ordered the unenthusiastic Yang to drive him to Lunghua. They set off through the western suburbs of Shanghai, and soon reached the first of the fortified checkpoints that guarded the entrances to the city. The Nationalist soldiers in their American tanks were turning back hundreds of destitute peasants, without rice or land to crop, trying to find refuge in Shanghai. Shanty towns of mud dwellings, walls reinforced with truck tyres and kerosene drums, covered the fields near the burnt-out Olympic stadium at Nantao. Smoke still rose from the stands, a beacon used by the American pilots flying across the China Sea from their bases in Japan and Okinawa.

As they drove along the perimeter road, Jim stared at Lunghua Airfield, now a dream of flight. Dozens of US Navy and Air Force planes sat on the grass, factorynew fighters and chromium-sheathed transport aircraft that seemed to be waiting delivery to a show-room window in the Nanking Road.

Jim expected to see Lunghua Camp deserted, but far from being abandoned the former prison was busy again, fresh barbed wire strung along its fences. Although the war had been over for nearly three months, more than a hundred British nationals were still living in the closely guarded compound. Entire families had taken over the former dormitories in E Block, in which they had built suites of rooms within walls of American ration cartons, parachute canisters and bales of unread *Reader's Digests*. When Jim, searching for Basie's cubicle, tried to pull one of the magazines from its makeshift wall he was brusquely warned away.

Leaving the inmates to their treasure, he signalled Yang to drive on to G Block. The Vincents' room was now the quarters of a Chinese amah working for the British 30 couple across the corridor. She refused to admit Jim, or open the door more than a crack, and he returned to the Lincoln and ordered Yang on a last circuit of the camp.

The hospital and the camp cemetery had vanished, and the site was an open tract of ash and cinders, from which a few charred joists protruded. The graves had 35 been carefully levelled, as if a series of tennis courts was about to be laid. Jim walked through the empty drums of kerosene which had fuelled the fire. He gazed through the wire at the airfield, and at the concrete runway pointing to Lunghua Pagoda. Dense vegetation covered the wrecks of the Japanese aircraft. As he stood by the wire, tracing the course of the canal through the narrow valley, an American bomber 40 swept across the camp. For a moment, reflected from the underside of its silver wings, a pale light raced like a wraith between the nettles and stunted willows.

While Yang drove uneasily back to Amherst Avenue, annoyed in some way by the visit to Lunghua, Jim thought of the last weeks of the war. Towards the end everything had become a little muddled. He had been starving and perhaps had 45 gone slightly mad. Yet he knew that he had seen the flash of the atomic bomb at Nagasaki even across the four hundred miles of the China Sea. More important, he had seen the start of World War III, and realized that it was taking place around him. The crowds watching the newsreels on the Bund had failed to grasp that these were the trailers for a war that had already started. One day there would be no more 50 newsreels.

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#### J G BALLARD: *Empire of the Sun* (Cont.)

- **Either 21** What does this passage reveal to you about Jim's interests and state of mind at this late stage in the novel? [14]
- Or 22 Explore ONE or TWO moments in the novel which memorably show Jim's ability to cope with life in the camp.

You might consider:

- Jim's 'miniature universe' (in Chapter 21)
- Jim in the hospital (in Chapter 24)
- or any other moments in the camp.

#### SUSAN HILL (ed.): Modern Women's Short Stories

#### 23 (a)

#### The Man Who Kept the Sweet Shop at the Bus Station

Of course the bus journeys came to a natural end. One by one, they moved off to share seats further forward with St Aloysius boys. Only a few were left, uncompensated, at the back. They began the Sixth Form and dieting. Nobody would be seen dead coming out of the sweet shop, cheeks bulging. Their drives were diverted towards courses, college, a future, pass marks, all of which they wanted, 5 passionately. They discovered their submerged hatred for the glum, provincial town; scuffed their resentful heels along its pavements and lounged sulkily against its walls. They worked themselves into a fever for the terrible climax of the exams, chewed pens, didn't sleep and privately admired their hollowed cheeks. The results fell like Biblical judgements into a torpid summer; secretarial college, the Poly, 10 speech and drama, University. They met in coffee bars to exchange fates. Someone said sneeringly that Mary Hunniwell would stay on to try Cambridge. In the autumn, everyone else fled, ramming their big cases through train doors with a sweating sense of moment. After that, they never came back at all, not for years and years.

Helen Harris

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### (b)

#### Nothing Missing But the Samovar

The children were where it most showed. Beside their contemporaries – the sons and daughters of the local farming families (many of them at private schools, their country accents fast fading), they seemed quaint, too young for their ages, innocent. Sally, talking to other adolescent girls at an agricultural show, was the only one without lipstick, a hair-do, the quick glancing self-consciousness of young womanhood. She seemed a child beside them.

At the cubbing meet – held outside the village pub – he found it almost unbearable. Standing beside Lady Lander, he watched her. Lady Lander said, 'She's not well mounted, I'm afraid, poor darling – we've only got old Polly these days.'

It was a huge horse, with a hefty muscularity that suggested carthorse ancestry. *10* Seated on it, Sally towered above the dapper ponies of the other children. Beaming, unconscious of the vaguely comic figure she cut, she yanked the horse's head away from a tray of glasses that was being carried around, and waved at Dieter. She wore her school mack over grubby breeches and a pair of battered hunting-boots. The other girls were crisp in pale jodhpurs, tweed jackets and little velvet caps. *15* 

Dieter was wrenched by pity, and love.

Penelope Lively

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#### SUSAN HILL (ed.): Modern Women's Short Stories (Cont.)

Either 23 What do these passages memorably convey to you about the world of girls growing up?

You should consider:

- the changes in the High School girls
- Dieter's view of Sally here.

- [14]
- **Or 24** Do you think that the main characters in *Addy* and *Another Survivor* bring their unhappiness upon themselves?

You should consider:

- what Mrs Burton says and does
- Rudi's past experiences.

#### CHINUA ACHEBE: Things Fall Apart

Okonkwo ruled his household with a heavy hand. His wives, especially the youngest, lived in perpetual fear of his fiery temper, and so did his little children. Perhaps down in his heart Okonkwo was not a cruel man. But his whole life was dominated by fear, the fear of failure and of weakness. It was deeper and more 5 intimate than the fear of evil and capricious gods and of magic, the fear of the forest, and of the forces of nature, malevolent, red in tooth and claw. Okonkwo's fear was greater than these. It was not external but lay deep within himself. It was the fear of himself, lest he should be found to resemble his father. Even as a little boy he had resented his father's failure and weakness, and even now he still remembered how he had suffered when a playmate had told him that his father was aghala. That 10 was how Okonkwo first came to know that aghala was not only another name for a woman, it could also mean a man who had taken no title. And so Okonkwo was ruled by one passion - to hate everything that his father Unoka had loved. One of those things was gentleness and another was idleness.

During the planting season Okonkwo worked daily on his farms from cock-crow 15 until the chickens went to roost. He was a very strong man and rarely felt fatigue. But his wives and young children were not as strong, and so they suffered. But they dared not complain openly. Okonkwo's first son, Nwoye, was then twelve years old but was already causing his father great anxiety for his incipient laziness. At any rate, that was how it looked to his father, and he sought to correct him by constant 20 nagging and beating. And so Nwoye was developing into a sad-faced youth.

Okonkwo's prosperity was visible in his household. He had a large compound enclosed by a thick wall of red earth. His own hut, or *obi*, stood immediately behind the only gate in the red walls. Each of his three wives had her own hut, which together formed a half moon behind the *obi*. The barn was built against one end of the red walls, and long stacks of yarn stood out prosperously in it.

Either 25 What weaknesses and strengths in Okonkwo does this passage reveal?

You should consider:

- how he behaves
- why he behaves as he does.
- Or 26 Explore ONE or TWO incidents involving the white man which vividly portray the destruction of the old way of life of the clan.

You might choose from:

- Enoch's unmasking of the *Egwugwu*
- the arrest and treatment of the leaders of Umuofia
- Okonkwo's killing of the court messenger
- or any other incident of your choice.

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[14]

It was on the 5 An extract of text has been removed due to copyright restrictions. 10 Details: E Hemingway, The Old Man and the Sea 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 must get the heart. Either 27 What makes this such a dramatic passage in the novel? [14]

#### ERNEST HEMINGWAY: The Old Man and the Sea

Or 28 Explore ONE or TWO moments in the novel which make you vividly aware of the old man's determination. [14]

#### GEORGE ORWELL: Nineteen Eighty-Four

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In reality very little was known about the proles. It was not necessary to know much. So long as they continued to work and breed, their other activities were without importance. Left to themselves, like cattle turned loose upon the plains of Argentina, they had reverted to a style of life that appeared to be natural to them, a sort of ancestral pattern. They were born, they grew up in the gutters, they went 5 to work at twelve, they passed through a brief blossoming-period of beauty and sexual desire, they married at twenty, they were middle-aged at thirty, they died, for the most part, at sixty. Heavy physical work, the care of home and children, petty guarrels with neighbours, films, football, beer, and above all, gambling, filled up the horizon of their minds. To keep them in control was not difficult. A few agents of the 10 Thought Police moved always among them, spreading false rumours and marking down and eliminating the few individuals who were judged capable of becoming dangerous; but no attempt was made to indoctrinate them with the ideology of the Party. It was not desirable that the proles should have strong political feelings. All that was required of them was a primitive patriotism which could be appealed to 15 whenever it was necessary to make them accept longer working-hours or shorter rations. And even when they became discontented, as they sometimes did, their discontent led nowhere, because being without general ideas, they could only focus it on petty specific grievances. The larger evils invariably escaped their notice. The great majority of proles did not even have telescreens in their homes. Even the 20 civil police interfered with them very little. There was a vast amount of criminality in London, a whole world-within-a-world of thieves, bandits, prostitutes, drug-peddlers, and racketeers of every description; but since it all happened among the proles themselves, it was of no importance. In all questions of morals they were allowed to follow their ancestral code. The sexual puritanism of the Party was not imposed 25 upon them. Promiscuity went unpunished, divorce was permitted. For that matter, even religious worship would have been permitted if the proles had shown any sign of needing or wanting it. They were beneath suspicion. As the Party slogan put it: 'Proles and animals are free.'

**Either 29** What do you find striking about the portrayal of the proles in this passage?

You should consider:

- the descriptions of their lives
- how the Party treats them.

- [14]
- Or 30 Explore ONE or TWO moments in the novel where you feel particular sympathy for Winston. [14]

# **SECTION D**

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# Answer NOT MORE THAN ONE question from this Section.

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#### MICHAEL PALIN: Pole to Pole

#### 31 (a)

#### Day 32

It appears that Novgorod has not been altogether faithful to Watford, for when I go to inspect the silver birch tree planted on 9 September 1983 to symbolize the accord between the two great cities, I find the place positively littered with tokens of friendship. There are trees from Nanterre and Bielefeld, Uusikau Punki in Finland and Rochester in New York.

The ceremony is to be held outdoors, in the most prominent part of old Novgorod, with the domes of Saint Sofia rising behind. A folk group has turned out and a bulky but impressive sound system has been erected and tested. I am wearing a jacket and tie, for the first time on the journey, and clutching the Watford glass decanter inscribed 'Presented to the People of Novgorod, August 1991'. The only element missing is the Mayor of Novgorod. A couple of lads with hands in their pockets observe our discomfiture with polite interest. It turns out that one of these lads *is* the Mayor of Novgorod.

He delivers a shirt-sleeved speech in fluent English, extols the benefits of free enterprise in Novgorod and hands over a beautiful but delicate ceramic dish, which 15 will be lucky to reach Kiev in one piece, let alone Watford. He then goes back to running his city, leaving me with the athletic folk group, who are anxious to involve me in a Russian Kissing Dance. This is a particularly frenetic activity for which a jacket and tie and a set of loose bowels are not helpful.

#### (b)

#### Day 82

Addis Ababa was chosen by Emperor Menelik II to be his capital in 1887. The name means 'New Flower' in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia, which is a Semitic language, closer to Arabic and Hebrew than anything African. It is a nondescript city set handsomely in a bowl of mountains but reflecting no great sense of civic pride. Under Mengistu it was adorned with roughly painted metal arches and towers celebrating communism in Ethiopia. This morning one of these towers is lying on its side on a road close to the hotel. Men in green overalls dismember it with hammers and oxy-acetylene torches. The thin panels offer little resistance. A severed red star is flung into the back of a truck.

We make our way down the hill, past the grand but overgrown gates of the 10 old Palace of the Emperors, and the empty plinth where a thirty-foot-high statue of Lenin used to cast a beady eye in the direction of Revolution Square. Lenin has gone and Revolution Square is now Maskal Square. We approach it through an arch bearing the green, yellow and red colours of Ethiopia and surmounted with the faded legend 'Long Live Proletarian Internationalism'. It is a wide, long, rectangular 15 space with a grassy bank, ramparts and a city museum on one side and dull modern constructions on the other.

Children wearing 'New Kids on the Block' T-shirts shout 'Money! ... money!' at us. Above their heads hammer and sickles in lights still hang from the lamp-posts.

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#### MICHAEL PALIN: Pole to Pole (Cont.)

31 What do you find interesting and unusual in the description of the towns in these Either passages?

You should consider:

- the descriptions of what is happening in NovgorodPalin's comments about Addis Ababa.

- [14]
- Or 32 What do you find amusing and memorable about any TWO incidents involving transport in the book?

Remember to support your answer with details from the book. [14]

#### NICK HORNBY: Fever Pitch

Every couple of years I forget what a miserable experience it is to go to Wembley to watch England play, and give it another try. In '85 I went to watch a World Cup qualifier a couple of weeks after Scotland's Jock Stein had died, and listened to the most mind-bogglingly obscene celebratory songs; four years later I went to another one, and sat among people who gave drunken Nazi salutes during the National Anthem. Why I thought that things would be any different for a friendly against Holland I can't remember, but it turned out to be an embarrassing misapprehension.

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[14]

Our timing was just right. We were walking down Wembley Way about fifteen minutes before kick-off, with reserved seats in our pockets, and I was feeling pleased with my expert organisation. As we approached our entrance, however, we 10 were met by a determined and indiscriminate mounted police charge, and we were forced back down the road with hundreds of other ticket holders, and my colleagues began to panic. We regrouped and started again; this time our £12.00 tickets were regarded, reluctantly, as certificates of legitimate interest, and we were allowed to approach the stadium. As we did so, the game kicked off and England scored almost immediately, but we missed all that – we were still negotiating admission. One of the entrance doors was hanging off its hinges, and an official told us that large numbers of people had forced their way into the ground.

Once inside, it was obvious that our seats had gone. The gangways were packed with people like us, all clutching now-worthless ticket stubs, all too afraid to confront the crop-headed, thick-necked people sitting in our seats. There wasn't a steward in sight. 'Here come the fucking Wongs', remarked one of a group of young men, as I led my charges down the steps to find a position from which we could see at least a square of the pitch. I didn't bother translating. We stood and watched for about half an hour, during which time Holland took a 2–1 lead; the dreadlocked Gullit, the main reason why the game had sold out in the first place, provoked monkey noises every time he touched the ball. Just before half-time we gave up and went home. I got back to my flat just in time to watch the highlights on TV.

People have told me that they're beginning to turn things round at Wembley now, and post-Italia '90, what with Gazzamania and Lineker charm, the composition *30* of the average England crowd is changing. This often happens when a team is doing well, and in itself it doesn't offer much cause for hope, because when they play badly again you lose that lot. It seems to me, and this is not a theory that I can support with any hard evidence, but never mind, that bad teams attract an ugly following.

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Either 33	What do	you think makes this such a 'miserable experience' for Hornby?	
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Or 34 Which do you think are the most memorable descriptions of goals in this book, and why?

Remember to support your answer with details from the book. [14]

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