

General Certificate of Secondary Education
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**ENGLISH (SPECIFICATION B) MATURE
Paper 2
Higher Tier**

3703/2H

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Thursday 5 June 2008 1.30 pm to 3.00 pm

For this paper you must have:

- a 12-page answer book
- Section B of the pre-release booklet (enclosed).

Time allowed: 1 hour 30 minutes

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is 3703/2H.
- Answer **all** questions.
- Write your answers in the answer book provided.
- You must refer to Section B of the pre-release booklet provided.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 54.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers. All questions should be answered in continuous prose.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your Reading in Section A.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your Writing in Section B.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on Section A and about 45 minutes on Section B.

SECTION A: READING**POETRY FROM DIFFERENT CULTURES AND TRADITIONS**

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

You will be assessed on the quality of your Reading. You are reminded to comment on the cultural aspects of the poems.

- 1 Read the poem 'Still I Rise' on the opposite page. Remind yourself of the poem 'Biko the Greatness' on page 15 of your pre-release booklet.

Compare how these poets present a sense of victory over injustice.

You should write about:

- what each poet is saying about the struggle against injustice
- the differences in language and form between the two poems.

(27 marks)

Maya Angelou is one of the most famous black American writers. This poem is typical of her writing as an independent black woman.

STILL I RISE

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SECTION B: WRITING TO ANALYSE, REVIEW, COMMENT

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on this section.

You will be assessed on the quality of your Writing.

- 2 Review a time when you feel you had to struggle to achieve your goals. Comment on the situation and analyse the reasons for your success or lack of it. *(27 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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