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Paper 1 Media and Non-fiction
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General

Examiners may use their own systems of marking, but they **must show through a brief comment at the end of each response and symbols in the body of the text how they have arrived at their mark. The comment should be related to the Skills-Related descriptors in the mark scheme. Each page on which there is writing must be ticked.**

Skills-Related descriptors indicate the level of achievement required for candidates to be awarded the mark at the top of the given mark range. Content-Related descriptors are an indication of the kinds of responses candidates might make in order to achieve the marks in the range.

Assessment Objectives

The candidates' work will be assessed according to the relevant assessment objectives for Reading and Writing and the level descriptors. The questions in the two written examination papers together test all assessment objectives for Reading and Writing. Individual questions focus on particular assessment objectives, and these are identified below the reprinted question.

READING – Assessment Objectives

Candidates are required to demonstrate the ability to:

- 2(i) read, with insight and engagement, making appropriate references to texts and developing and sustaining interpretations of them;
- 2(ii) distinguish between fact and opinion and evaluate how information is presented;
- 2(iii) follow an argument, identifying implications and recognising inconsistencies;
- 2(iv) select material appropriate to their purpose, collate material from different sources, and make cross-references;
- 2(v) understand and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational devices to achieve their effects, and comment on ways language varies and changes.

Section A Reading Media and Non-fiction Texts

01 Media Texts

Refer to the text *Battle is over for brave Jane* on page 11 of your pre-release booklet and the text *Pick of the day Sharpe's Challenge* on page 6 of your pre-release booklet.

Jane Tomlinson and Sharpe are not the same sort of hero.

Compare the presentation of Jane Tomlinson and Sharpe by writing about:

- what their heroic qualities are
- the use of language
- the presentational devices.

(10 marks)

Specific

Examiners are required to consider how far candidates:

- **interpret** texts with **understanding**; (2(i))
- follow an **argument** and **distinguish between fact and opinion**; (2(ii) and 2(iii))
- **select** appropriate references to support and extend comment; and make cross-references; (2(iv))
- **evaluate** the use of **language and layout** in the **presentation of information**. (2(ii) and 2(v)).

Award a mark out of **10** for **Reading**. Assess the answers in terms of the grid below i.e. the **Skills-Related** levels on the left-hand side of the page and the **Content-Related** levels on the right-hand side of the page. Ring the mark in the margin at the end of the answer.

Remember that to be placed in a level a candidate's work **will satisfy most (but not necessarily all) of the criteria for that level**. The precise mark awarded within that level must be determined by the extent to which the answer matches the descriptors set out in the appropriate level. The **Content-Related** descriptors present features and examples, to which candidates might refer in support of their answers. Any valid responses should be rewarded.

Remember that candidates are writing under timed examination conditions.

Skills-Related Descriptors	Content-Related Descriptors
<p>Level 1 Marks 0-3</p> <p>Key words: 'limited'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows limited interpretation and understanding of the content of the Media texts; • may offer copying or irrelevant quotation; • shows limited ability to distinguish fact from opinion; • shows limited ability to follow argument; • shows limited ability to select or quote material in support of the answer; • shows limited awareness of how the writers use language, structure and presentation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • references to texts: e.g. mention of Jane and Sharpe; • mentions heroic qualities, language and/or presentational details; • mentions details relevant to question: e.g. pictures.
<p>Level 2 Marks 4-6</p> <p>Key words: 'some', 'relevant'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers some relevant interpretation and understanding of the content of the Media texts; • may offer paraphrase, narrative account or extended quotation at times; • shows some ability to distinguish fact from opinion; • shows some ability to follow argument, and identify implications relevant to the answer; • shows some ability to select or quote relevant material; • collates some material or makes some cross-references; • shows some understanding of how the writers use language, structure and presentation to achieve their intended effects, often through simple identification of features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gives some explanation of what kind of heroes they are, such as Jane being someone who is admired for her bravery and Sharpe being a fighting hero; • finds some significant language features, such as the words used to describe Jane (e.g. 'brave', 'an inspiration' etc) and possibly identifies some of the humour in the description of Sharpe's actions (e.g. 'John Wayne he ain't'); • identifies presentational devices and likely to make relatively generalised points about them e.g. 'Jane looks happy'; 'Sharpe looks tough' or 'The pictures are there to make us read the article'; • comparisons will be simple, e.g. 'Jane raised lots of money for cancer but Sharpe rescues a kidnapped woman'.

Skills-Related Descriptors	Content-Related Descriptors
<p>Level 3 Marks 7-9</p> <p>Key words: ‘clear’, ‘appropriate’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a clear interpretation, insight and understanding of the content of the Media texts; • makes appropriate references • shows a clear ability to distinguish fact from opinion and begins to evaluate the presentation of information; • shows clear ability to follow appropriate argument, and identify implications; • shows clear ability to select or quote material appropriate for purpose; • collates appropriate material or makes cross-references in support of the answer; • shows clear understanding of how the writers use language, structure and presentation to achieve their intended effects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gives a processed summary of the texts’ content, with an overview of the impression we gain of the two heroes and exactly what makes them heroes; • qualities – <i>Jane</i>: raised the money for charity with almost unbelievable feats, considering her illness and the pain she was in; <i>Sharpe</i>: traditional fighting hero, as if in a cowboy movie, involved in fighting for his country, defeating evil and in a class war too; • language: <i>Jane</i>: language of success e.g. ‘inspirational’, ‘mastered marathons’ ‘humbled to have lived with such a great person’ etc, set beside the medical details and language of loss e.g. ‘heartbroken’; <i>Sharpe</i>: humour of the curry references and cowboy references; • presentational devices: <i>Jane</i>: positive pictures – smiling, seeming successful – cheerful yellow top – generating interest in her bike – headline <i>Sharpe</i>: coloured text box, effect of picture (guns behind, hand, look on other soldier’s face, hairstyle etc); • comparisons likely to be linked closely to the texts’ purposes, and impression they are trying to create even when dealing with the other bullets, and likely to be integrated with the close detail.
<p>Level 4 Marks 10</p> <p>Key words: ‘detailed’, ‘perceptive’</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a full and detailed interpretation, insight and understanding of the content of the Media texts; • makes perceptive references to texts; • shows in a detailed and perceptive way an ability to distinguish fact from opinion and evaluate the presentation of information; • shows a sustained ability to follow argument, identify implications and recognise inconsistencies; • selects or quotes pertinent material and makes perceptive supporting comments; • collates material and makes perceptive cross references in support of the answer; • shows detailed understanding and sensitive appreciation of how the writers use language, structure and presentation to achieve their intended effects. 	

READING – Assessment Objectives

Candidates are required to demonstrate the ability to:

- 2(i) read, with insight and engagement, making appropriate references to texts and developing and sustaining interpretations of them;
- 2(ii) distinguish between fact and opinion and evaluate how information is presented;
- 2(iii) follow an argument, identifying implications and recognising inconsistencies;
- 2(iv) select material appropriate to their purpose, collate material from different sources, and make cross-references;
- 2(v) understand and evaluate how writers use linguistic, structural and presentational devices to achieve their effects, and comment on ways language varies and changes.

02 Non-fiction Text

Read *The Horrors of War* on the page opposite. It is an extract from a diary, written during the First World War.

How does the writer describe the day of the attack?

Write about:

- what happened on the day of the attack
- how language is used to show what the writer feels about the soldiers.

(10 marks)

Specific

Examiners are required to consider how far candidates:

- **understand** the text, engage with it, and **interpret** it; (2(i))
- **select** appropriately from the text: (2(iv))
- **understand** and **evaluate** how **language** is used to involve the reader. (2(v)).

Award a mark out of **10** for **Reading**. Assess answers in terms of the grid below i.e. the **Skills-Related** levels on the left-hand side of the page and the **Content-Related** levels on the right-hand side of the page. Ring the mark in the margin at the end of the answer.

Remember that to be placed in a grade band a candidate's work will **satisfy most (but not necessarily all) of the criteria for that level**. The precise mark awarded within that level must be determined by the extent to which the answer matches the descriptors set out in the appropriate level. The **Content-Related** descriptors present features and examples, to which candidates might refer in support of their answers. Any valid responses should be rewarded.

Remember that candidates are writing under timed examination conditions.

Skills-Related Descriptors	Content-Related Descriptors
<p>Level 1 Marks 0-3</p> <p>Key words: 'limited'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shows limited interpretation and understanding of the content of the Non-fiction text; • may offer copying or irrelevant quotation; • shows limited ability to select or quote material in support of the answer; • shows limited awareness of how the writer uses language and structure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writes about what is happening; • includes some details from the text.
<p>Level 2 Marks 4-6</p> <p>Key words: 'some', 'relevant'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers some relevant interpretation, and understanding of the content of the Non-fiction text; • may offer paraphrase, narrative account or extended quotation at times; • shows some ability to distinguish fact from opinion; • shows some ability to identify implications relevant to the answer; • shows some ability to select or quote relevant material; • shows some understanding of how the writer uses language and structure to achieve the intended effects, often through simple identification of features. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • likely to list details without always making them relevant; • attempts some explanation of what is happening, e.g. old men are in the hospital, the Germans are attacking; • able to make points about how the nurse feels about the soldiers e.g. she cannot understand how they can hold back the Germans; she knows they are keeping her safe; • selects language worthy of comment – e.g. the phrases that are repeated; and some focus on the more emotive language e.g. 'wrecks', 'filthy', 'dying' etc. • comment likely to be generalised e.g. 'This is so we take more notice of it'.

Skills-Related Descriptors	Content-Related Descriptors
<p>Level 3 Marks 7-9</p> <p>Key words: 'clear', 'appropriate'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a clear interpretation, insight and understanding of the content of the Non-fiction text; • makes appropriate references; • shows a clear ability to distinguish fact from opinion; • shows clear ability to identify implications; • shows clear ability to select or quote material appropriate for purpose; • shows clear understanding of how the writer uses language and structure to achieve the intended effect. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • possibly gives a processed summary of the situation, understanding the distress in the hospital and the effect it is having on the nurse; • deals effectively with how language is used to give an impression of what is happening, e.g. repetition to show the relentlessness of the fighting and suffering and that all they can do is 'hold back the Germans'; also, the certainty of what is to come, with the simple and professional description of how the beds will be changed; and the horror of it all, with blood which 'oozes'; • interprets the nurse's feelings, e.g. her appreciation of what the men are doing ('all that stand between us and the guns') and the fact that the 'old hairy men' are not disgusting, but to be admired; and how the emotive language shows her pity: 'dying in our clean beds'; and the effect of the three points: 'very weak and frail and thin'; and the rhetorical question in the final paragraph.
<p>Allowed Level 4 Marks 10</p> <p>Key words: 'detailed', 'perceptive'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a full and detailed interpretation, insight and understanding of the content of the Non-fiction text; • makes perceptive references; • shows in a detailed and perceptive way an ability to distinguish fact from opinion; • shows a sustained ability to identify implications and recognise inconsistencies; • selects or quotes pertinent material and makes perceptive supporting comments; • shows detailed understanding and sensitive appreciation of how the writer uses language and structure to achieve the intended effect. 	

WRITING – Assessment Objectives

Candidates are required to demonstrate the ability to:

- AO3 (i) communicate clearly and imaginatively, using and adapting forms for different readers and purposes;
- AO3 (ii) organise ideas into sentences, paragraphs and whole texts using a variety of linguistic and structural features;
- AO3 (iii) use a range of sentence structures effectively with accurate punctuation and spelling.

Section B Writing to Argue, Persuade, Advise

03 Write an essay to **argue** that we sometimes make heroes of the wrong sorts of people.

You might wish to write about:

- the sorts of people who are sometimes seen as heroes
- why some of those people should not be seen as heroes
- what makes someone a real hero.

(20 marks)

Specific

Two separate marks must be **awarded and recorded separately** for **Writing**. One mark is awarded for AO3 (i)/(ii) and is out of 13. The other is for AO3(iii) out of 7. The total available marks for Section B questions is therefore 20.

For AO3(i)/(ii), assess answers in terms of the levels below, i.e. the **Skills-Related** levels on the left-hand side of the page and the **Content-Related** descriptors on the right-hand side of the page.

For AO3 (iii), use the separate set of levels which follow. Ring the marks in the margin at the end of the answer, with the AO3 (i)/(ii) total above the AO3 (iii) total. **Note that two marks will be awarded which must be indicated separately and added together.**

Remember that to be placed in a level a candidate's work **will satisfy most (but not necessarily all) of the criteria for that level**. The precise mark awarded within that level must be determined by the extent to which the answer matches the descriptors set out in the appropriate level. For AO3 (i)/(ii), the **Content-Related** descriptors present features and examples, some of which candidates are likely to refer to in support of their answers. Any valid responses should be rewarded.

Remember that candidates are working in timed examination conditions.

Skills-Related Descriptors	Content-Related Descriptors
<p>AO3(i)/(ii) Communication Level 1 0-3 marks</p> <p>Communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate few ideas with limited success; • engage the reader in a limited way by reference to one or two ideas, e.g. makes brief reference to the topic which reiterates the question; • show limited awareness of the purpose and intention of task e.g. by repeating the question; • register may vary between formal and colloquial or slang, sustaining neither; • may attempt devices such as questions but they may not be appropriate or effective; • limited vocabulary evident and arbitrary or no use of argumentative markers. <p>Organisation of Ideas Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show evidence of erratic paragraph structure, or none at all; • show limited variety of structural features, e.g. perhaps attempt a complex sentence. 	<p>Content-Related Descriptors For Level 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show that the focus of the essay is 'heroes'; • write about heroes in a simple way; • include some detail about heroes; • attempt to offer ideas; • express a straightforward point of view with some clarity using some appropriately chosen words and phrases
<p>AO3(i)/(ii) Communication Level 2 4-6 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate ideas with some success; • engage the reader by presenting an essay with some reasoned and persuasive ideas – though it might rely heavily on the anecdotal to the detriment of the overall persuasive effect; • show awareness of the purpose and intention of writing the essay e.g. by directly addressing the reader; • write an essay though register may vary between formality and colloquial or slang; the tone may be unvaried and over-dogmatic; • use devices such as the rhetorical question, lists, and exaggeration, but not always appropriately or effectively; • limited vocabulary but including argumentative/persuasive markers e.g. 'on the other hand,' 'perhaps'. <p>Organisation of Ideas Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of paragraphs • use a variety of structural features, e.g. short paragraphs, dialogue if appropriate. 	<p>Content-Related Descriptors For Level 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show a grasp of how to write the essay; • offer a range of ideas about heroes; • attempt persuasive examples and anecdotes, though not necessarily in the most logical sequence; • include information to support the argument, which might consist of generalised statements; • conclude by attempting to sum up or round off the essay convincingly

Skills-Related Descriptors	Content-Related Descriptors
<p>AO3(i)/(ii) Communication Level 3a 7-9 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write in a way which shows clarity of thought and communicates with some success; • engage the reader by presenting some reasoning and persuasive ideas, e.g. address the topic and some of its complexity; • state the purpose and intention of writing the essay, but without much development; • write an essay, the tone of which is appropriately serious but may lack any subtlety, e.g. is likely to assert rather than develop or persuade/argue effectively; • use some devices such as the rhetorical question, lists and overstatement but perhaps not always appropriately; • use some words effectively including argumentative/persuasive markers e.g. 'You might agree with me'; 'Just imagine..' <p>Organisation of Ideas Level 3a</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use paragraphs in a whole text; • use a variety of structural features e.g. different paragraph lengths, direct speech if appropriate; • present developed ideas which hold together. 	<p>Content-Related Descriptors for Levels 3a and 3b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write an appropriate essay; • show understanding that there is a need to convince the reader to accept the argument; • offer a clear argument e.g. a clear statement that there are different kinds of hero who are more worthy of our respect; • offer a variety of clear illustrations or persuasive ideas; • offer examples, information and details to support the argument, e.g. facts and opinions about people worthy to be heroes; possibly offer some background information from personal experience, the media, books or friends; • offer convincing supporting ideas using some commanding language and ideas; • begin to argue in an articulate way with more overarching persuasive ideas than just anecdote and specific examples; • present a clearly expressed conclusion which sums up the essay, so that it ends positively.
<p>AO3(i)/(ii) Communication Level 3b 10-12 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write in a way which shows clarity of thought and communicates with success; • engage the reader with more persuasive ideas, e.g. makes reference to consequences, complexities and implications; • clearly state and sustain the purpose and intention of writing the essay e.g. by addressing audience directly, effectively and appropriately; • write an essay, the tone of which is appropriately serious but may show subtlety by using emphasis, reason or well-judged humour; • use devices such as the rhetorical question, lists, hyperbole as appropriate; • use words effectively including argumentative/persuasive markers. <p>Organisation of Ideas Level 3b</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employ paragraphs effectively in a whole text; • use a variety of structural features e.g. different paragraph lengths, direct speech if appropriate, complex and simple sentences; • present well thought out and developed ideas in sentences. 	

Skills-Related Descriptors	Content-Related Descriptors
<p>AO3(i)/(ii) Communication Allowed Level 4 13 marks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write in a way which shows clarity of thought and communicates in a convincing way; • engage the reader with detailed, developed and varied persuasive ideas and vivid detail; • make clear and sustain purpose and intention of writing the essay; • write an essay, the tone of which is appropriately serious but also manipulative with some subtlety; • use devices such as the rhetorical question, humour and irony which may influence the reader; • show appropriate use of more interesting words including confrontational/persuasive markers e.g. 'can you not think of a more worthy person to receive a knighthood...?' <p>Organisation of Ideas Allowed Level 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a whole text in continuous prose; • employ paragraphs which contribute to clarity of meaning and enhance meaning; • use a variety of structural features, e.g. different paragraph lengths, indented sections, direct speech, as appropriate. 	<p>Content-Related descriptors for Level 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • show a complete grasp of the issue and present ideas effectively for the audience; • give well selected details using emotive, persuasive, imperative and unequivocal words and phrases; • offer more generalised argument stemming from a full understanding of how to approach the task, such as "There is, after all, a huge range of worthy individuals, in so many different situations, who are overlooked by the media and even the people around them ..."; • conclude the essay in a well-rounded, clear, even witty and decisive way.

AO3(iii)**0-2 marks****Level 1 Accuracy**

- Write with little control of agreement, punctuation and sentence construction;
- organise writing using sentence demarcation which is sometimes accurate;
- write some simple sentences accurately;
- show some accuracy in the spelling of words in common use;
- use standard English appropriately.

AO3(iii)**3-4 marks****Level 2 Accuracy**

- Write with some control of agreement, punctuation and sentence construction;
- organise writing using sentence demarcation which is mainly accurate at the top of the mark range;
- write simple and, at the top of the mark range, some complex sentences accurately;
- show accuracy in the spelling of words in common use;
- use standard English appropriately.

AO3(iii)**5-6 marks****Accuracy****Level 3 (3a and 3b)**

- Write accurately with control of agreement, punctuation and sentence construction;
- organise writing using sentence demarcation which is accurate;
- employ some variety of sentence forms;
- show accuracy in spelling of words in common use and in an increasingly ambitious vocabulary;
- use standard English effectively.

AO3(iii)**7 marks****Accuracy****Allowed Level 4**

- Employ a variety of accurate sentence forms and punctuation for specific effect;
- show accuracy in spelling words from an ambitious vocabulary.

SPECIFICATION B MATURE (3703)**PAPER 1 FOUNDATION TIER****COVERAGE OF ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES**

Assessment Objectives	Questions		
	1	2	3
2(i)	✓	✓	
2(ii)	✓	✓	
2(iii)	✓	✓	
2(iv)	✓	✓	
2(v)	✓	✓	
3(i)			✓
3(ii)			✓
3(iii)			✓