



General Certificate of Secondary Education
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English (Specification B) Mature 3703/2H

Paper 2
Higher Tier

Specimen paper for examinations in June 2010 onwards
This question paper uses the new numbering system and new AQA answer book

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 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 your answer book. Cross through any work that you do not want to be marked.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 54.
- 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.

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Read the poem 'Homeland' on the page opposite. Remind yourself of the poem 'The Parrots' on page 18 of your pre-release booklet.

Compare the ways these poets reveal their feelings about their countries.

Write about:

- the particular situations described in the poems
- the differences in language and form between the two poems.

(27 marks)

Salomeja Neris (1904-1945) is one of Lithuania's most famous poets. In her lifetime Lithuania was invaded by the Soviet Union and by Nazi Germany.

Homeland

Despoiled and blood-drenched by the foe
You rise before my eyes.
Many a hundred miles I'll go
To see your stirring skies.

When blossom from your apple-trees
Or leaves in autumn fall,
I'll go to you, though on my knees
Through rain and cold I'll crawl.

Today the heavy clouds of war
Enshroud your lovely face...
How are your towns I see no more?
Grim ruins take their place.

You wring your hands in grief and pain:
Where are my sons, my loyal guards?
In empty homesteads chill winds reign
And moles dig up the yards.

Over the Nieman* night drags on
But it shall not last long.
I'll come to you one day at dawn
To soothe you with my song.

Translated by Lionginas Pazusis

* Nieman is a river in Lithuania

Turn over for the next question

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.

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'Home is where the heart is.' Analyse and comment upon the qualities which make a place into a home. *(27 marks)*

END OF QUESTIONS

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