



TEXT AND PERFORMANCE STANDARD LEVEL PAPER 2 – POETRY

Wednesday 2 May 2012 (morning)

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question. Each question is worth [25 marks].
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is [25 marks].

Answer **one** question. Refer closely to the works of **at least two** poets you have studied.

- 1. Consider the way at least two poets you have studied have explored the subject of youth and/or old age in their work.
- 2. Consider the way memory has been used in the work of at least two poets you have studied.
- 3. Evaluate how **at least two** poets you have studied have dealt with the challenge of expressing extremes of emotion through their use of language.
- 4. Consider how at least two poets you have studied have used style to convey their sense of what is valuable in life.
- 5. Poetry should communicate in a surprising and original way. Compare how **at least two** poets you have studied have used language in surprising and original ways to convey their meaning.
- 6. Poets often focus on a particular preoccupation in their work. With close reference to the work of **at least two** poets you have studied, consider how they have used their poetry to examine this preoccupation.