

Paper Reference(s)

4355/03**London Examinations IGCSE****English Language****Paper 03**

Wednesday 2 November 2005 – Afternoon

Common to both tiers

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Materials required for examination

Answer book (AB12)

Items included with question papers

Nil

Instructions to Candidates

Answer Question 1 and **ONE** Writing task from Question 2.

In the boxes on the answer book, write the name of the examining body (London Examinations), your centre number, candidate number, the subject title (English Language), the paper reference (4355/03), your surname, other names and signature.

Answer the questions in your answer book. Make sure your answers are clearly numbered. Use additional answer sheets if necessary.

Information for Candidates

This question paper has two questions.

Each question will be marked out of 15. The total mark for this paper is 30.

All blank pages are indicated.

Copies of the London Examinations Anthology may **NOT** be brought into the examination.Dictionaries may **NOT** be used in this examination.**Advice to Candidates**

You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

You are advised to spend an equal amount of time, about 45 minutes, on each of the two questions in this paper.

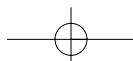
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Question 1: Reading

You should spend about 45 minutes on Question 1.

Remind yourself of the poem, *The Country at my Shoulder*, from the London Examinations Anthology, and then answer Question 1 which is printed on page 3.

The Country at my Shoulder

There's a country at my shoulder,
growing larger—soon it will burst,
rivers will spill out, run down my chest.

My cousin Azam wants visitors to play
ludo with him all the time. 5
He learns English in a class of seventy.

And I must stand to attention
with the country at my shoulder.
There's an execution in the square —

The women's dupattas are wet with tears. 10
The offices have closed
for the white-hot afternoon.

But the women stone-breakers chip away
at boulders, dirt on their bright hems. 15
They await the men and their trucks.

I try to shake the dust from the country,
smooth it with my hands.
I watch Indian films —

Everyone is very unhappy,
or very happy, 20
dancing garlanded through parks.

I hear of bribery, family quarrels,
travellers' tales — the stars
are so low you think you can touch them.

Uncle Aqbar drives down the mountain 25
to arrange his daughter's marriage.
She's studying Christina Rossetti.

When the country bursts, we'll meet.
Uncle Kamil shot a tiger,
it hung over the wardrobe, its jaws 30

Fixed in a roar—I wanted to hide
its head in a towel.
The country has become my body —

I can't break bits off.
 The men go home in loose cotton clothes. 35
 In the square there are those who beg —

And those who beg for mercy.
 Azam passes the sweetshop,
 names the sugar monuments Taj Mahal.

I water the country with English rain, 40
 cover it with English words.
 Soon it will burst, or fall like a meteor.

Moniza Alvi

1. How does the poet bring out her thoughts and feelings about the country?

In your answer you should write about:

- her reactions to sights and sounds
- the impressions she gives of her relatives
- how she sees herself in relation to the country
- the use of language.

You should refer closely to the poem to support your answer. You may use **brief** quotations.

TOTAL FOR QUESTION 1: 15 MARKS

Question 2: Writing

You should spend about 45 minutes on Question 2.

2. Write on **ONE** of the following:

Either

- (a) A teenager from another country is visiting your area and needs some advice.

Write a letter to him or her giving advice on what to see and do and what to avoid.

Or

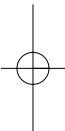
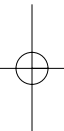
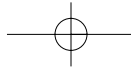
- (b) Think about an occasion or time in your life when your feelings or thoughts were very mixed. Write an account of your experience, exploring in detail what your thoughts and feelings were.

Or

- (c) A magazine is running a writing competition on the topic 'The Day When Everything Went Wrong'. Write your entry for this competition.

TOTAL FOR QUESTION 2: 15 MARKS

END



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The Country at my Shoulder, Moniza Alvi, OUP, 1993

