

Paper Reference(s)

4360/02**London Examinations IGCSE****English Literature**

Paper 2

Poetry

Thursday 3 November 2005 – Afternoon

Time: 45 minutes

Materials required for examination

Answer book (AB12)

Items included with question papers

Nil

Instructions to Candidates

Answer ONE question.

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 Literature), the paper reference (4360/02), your surname, other names, and signature.

Answer the question in your answer book. Make sure your answer is clearly numbered.

Use additional sheets if necessary.

Information for Candidates

Blank pages are indicated.

This paper has two questions.

The total mark for this paper is 40.

Copies of the texts studied may NOT be brought into the examination.

Dictionaries may NOT be used in this examination.

Advice to Candidates

Remember that clear English and careful presentation of your answer is important. You must relate your answers to the texts and quote from them where appropriate, but the quotations should be short and you must not simply give page or line references.

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Answer ONE question.

Either

1. Compare *Poem at Thirty-Nine* with *Plena Timoris*, showing how successful you think each poem is in expressing one person's feelings for another.

In your answer you may like to include some or all of the following:

- the feelings expressed by each poet
- the way(s) in which the poets present similar or different feelings
- the way(s) the poets use language.

The poems are printed on pages 3 and 4 of this question paper.

(40 marks)

Or

2. Choose **two** poems from the Poetry Anthology which deal with important changes in people's lives. Write about the treatment of these themes in your two chosen poems.

In your answer you may like to include some or all of the following:

- the importance of theme(s) presented in each case, and how lives are affected
- each poet's attitude to this theme
- the ways the poets use language.

(40 marks)

TOTAL FOR PAPER: 40 MARKS

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Poem at Thirty-Nine

How I miss my father.
I wish he had not been
so tired
when I was
5 born.

Writing deposit slips and checks
I think of him.
He taught me how.
This is the form,
10 he must have said:
the way it is done.
I learned to see
bits of paper
as a way
15 to escape
the life he knew
and even in high school
had a savings
account.

20 He taught me
that telling the truth
did not always mean
a beating;
though many of my truths
25 must have grieved him
before the end.

How I miss my father!
He cooked like a person
dancing
30 in a yoga meditation
and craved the voluptuous
sharing
of good food.

Now I look and cook just like him:
35 my brain light;
tossing this and that
into the pot;
seasoning none of my life
the same way twice; happy to feed
40 whoever strays my way.

He would have grown
to admire
the woman I've become:
cooking, writing, chopping wood,
45 staring into the fire.

Alice Walker

Plena Timoris¹

The lovers looked over the parapet-stone:
The moon in its southing directly blent
Its silver with their environment.
Her ear-rings twinkled; her teeth, too, shone
5 As, his arm around her, they laughed and leant.

A man came up to them; then one more.
'There's a woman in the canal below,'
They said; climbed over; slid down; let go,
And a splashing was heard, till an arm upbore,
10 And a dripping body began to show.

'Drowned herself for love of a man,
Who at one time used to meet her here,
Until he grew tired. But she'd wait him near,
And hope, till hopeless despair began,
15 So much for love in this mortal sphere!'

The girl's heart shuddered; it seemed as to freeze her
That here, at their tryst for so many a day,
Another woman's tragedy lay.
Dim dreads of the future grew slowly to seize her,
20 And her arm dropt from his as they wandered away.

Thomas Hardy

¹ *Plena timoris* (Latin): A woman full of fear and dread.

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Poem at Thirty-Nine, Alice Walker, from *Horses Make a Landscape More Beautiful*, 1985
Plena Timoris, Thomas Hardy, from *The Complete Poems of Thomas Hardy*, 1994.