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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Section A: Drama

A View from the Bridge – Arthur Miller

Question Number	Indicative content
1(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points which are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Catherine is the 17-year-old niece of Beatrice and Eddie Carbone. She is a clever and pretty young Italian girl, the orphaned daughter of Beatrice's sister, Nancy. As Catherine matures, she begins to seek independence while Eddie's feelings for her begin to go beyond those of an uncle towards his niece• it can be argued that the changes in Catherine prompt Eddie's increasingly unhealthy interest in her as she seeks independence. She remains ignorant of Eddie's changing view of her, although Beatrice is wise enough to notice. It can be argued that she is more a driver to the plot than a character in her portrayal by Miller• the audience is introduced to Catherine as she waves to Eddie from the second-floor window of their apartment. Her new skirt and hairstyle reflect the changing fashions for women in contemporary American society as well as her own modern and ambitious nature. She explains that she has just got a job at a plumbing company earning fifty dollars a week. Catherine is optimistic about her future with the company: '... when I'm working I'll keep getting better, you see?' Her relationship with Beatrice is positive as Beatrice does not seek to prevent her from growing up• Eddie feels threatened by the changes in Catherine and tries to stop her from taking a job. At first, Catherine is attentive to Eddie's needs, lighting his cigar for him: 'Here! I'll light it for you!' and talking to him in the bathroom as he shaves. Beatrice points out that Catherine needs to move away from him to achieve her independence: 'I know, honey, but if you act like a baby and he be treatin' you like a baby'. Catherine is unaware of Eddie's unnatural feelings for her and still holds an innocent affection for him• when Catherine falls for the attractive Italian, Rodolfo, it marks a development in her character and acts as a catalyst for events in the play. Eddie tries to stop Catherine from taking a job and seeing Rodolfo. He criticises Rodolfo for singing and cooking, saying: 'The guy ain't right'. Later in the play she declares her love for Rodolfo and asks him to 'teach' her: 'I don't know anything, teach me, Rodolfo, hold me'. Her relationship with him leads to Eddie's jealousy and subsequent actions when he reports the brothers to the Immigration Bureau• Catherine's warmth towards Eddie changes dramatically when she realises that he has reported Marco and Rodolfo to the Immigration Bureau. She calls him 'a rat'• Catherine marries Rodolfo at the end of the play and forgives Eddie before his death, saying: 'Eddie, I never meant to do nothing bad to you'.

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An Inspector Calls – J B Priestley

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Pride and Prejudice - Jane Austen

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8(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points which are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Charlotte Lucas is 27 years old and a friend of Elizabeth. It can be argued that her approach to marriage is pragmatic and sensible as 27 was a relatively advanced age for a woman to be unmarried at the time Austen was writing. It is a shock to Elizabeth when Charlotte accepts the proposal of Mr Collins• Charlotte herself admits Mr Collins is 'neither sensible nor agreeable'. Mr Collins had previously sought the hand of Jane and then Elizabeth before settling his hopes on Charlotte Lucas• Charlotte has a very different view on marriage from Elizabeth who seeks a union based on true love and compatibility. Charlotte notes: 'happiness in marriage is entirely a matter of chance'• Charlotte is selfless in that she wishes to leave her parents' home to avoid being a drain on their resources. Arguably she is wrong to compromise her happiness by marrying a man she does not love, but she is motivated by practicality• at a period of time when women had few options other than marriage, Charlotte knows, without being pretty or independently wealthy, her choices are limited. She marries Mr Collins 'solely from the pure and disinterested desire of an establishment'. Her brothers are relieved about the union because they know she will not be dependent on them• Charlotte believes that marriage is 'the only honourable provision for well-educated young women of small fortune'• different responses to Charlotte's marriage to Mr Collins include pity, respect or condemnation. Elizabeth is highly unimpressed by Charlotte's decision after being told of the engagement face to face. Charlotte accepts Mr Collins the day after Elizabeth rejects him but sees no problem with this, trying to calm her friend: 'When you have had time to think it over, I hope you will be satisfied by what I have done. I am not romantic, you know'• six weeks after the wedding, Mr Collins meets Elizabeth for breakfast and makes the claim that he and Charlotte share a happy and congenial relationship: 'My dear Charlotte and I have but one mind and one way of thinking'. In his view the marriage is successful• Charlotte tries to find contentment in her marriage to Mr Collins by focusing on her domestic situation. When Elizabeth visits their home, Charlotte demonstrates how she has arranged her house to avoid spending much time with Mr Collins. She cleverly places her sitting room at the back of the house in order to avoid spending time with her husband. She chooses not to hear when he makes embarrassing remarks in public• Charlotte's marriage presents a contrast to the romantic relationship of Elizabeth and Darcy and shows that not all couples need to be the same in their partnerships.

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11(b)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points which are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• it can be argued that death affects the lives of all characters in the novel. Candy is affected by the death of his dog, Curley by the death of his wife, Lennie by the deaths he causes and George by the death of Lennie and Curley's wife• Lennie's accidental killing of the mice he pets (he pets the mice so hard that he crushes their skulls) could be considered to foreshadow the later deaths he brings about when he first kills the puppy and then Curley's wife as a result of not knowing his own strength. Lennie crucially does not understand the permanence of death, hanging on to the bodies of the mice he crushes and talking to the body of the puppy and of Curley's wife after she has died: 'You done a bad thing'. In the first chapter, his exchange with George: 'That mouse ain't fresh' presents the reality of physical death.• Candy is severely affected by the death of his dog. It is his only companion and has been with him for many years. He is proud of the dog, describing its prowess as a sheep dog in its younger years. Carlson pushes for the dog to be put down because of its age and the fact that it smells bad in the bunk house. Candy tries to resist this but even Slim is in favour of the dog being put out of its misery. Later in the novel, Candy's dream is ruined by the death of Curley's wife as the plan to buy the ranch with Lennie and George is shattered when Lennie kills Curley's wife• the death of Candy's dog represents a significant death in the novel in its symbolic suggestion that, when a living thing is of no use, it should die. This provides a stark reality about the right to live and who has the power to decide if someone or something should die. Candy's remark, 'I should have shot that dog myself', reverberates at the end of the novel when George has to kill Lennie to prevent his suffering• the death of Curley's wife is violent and sudden. It affects everyone on the ranch. Curley is fuelled by anger at the death of his wife, but not because he misses her. It is rather because he is angry with Lennie. Rather than stay with his wife's body as Slim suggests, Curley is fired up to get a posse out to deal with Lennie. This means that George has to take the action to shoot Lennie in the head before Curley can get to him. He is driven to act quickly out of mercy• Curley's wife and Lennie are affected by death as they lose their lives. The reader may feel pity for both of them in different ways as it can be argued that they die needlessly• the very end of the novel mirrors the opening although this time the water snake is killed by the heron, showing the circle of life and completing the novel's symmetrical structure. This cruel but natural event at the end of the novel is significant in its reflection of death as the inevitable end for all creatures, human and animal.

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