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MARK SCHEME

Maximum Mark: 40

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This document consists of **4** printed pages.

**Questions are marked out of 33 plus 7 marks or spelling, punctuation and grammar.**

Candidates are instructed to answer **one** question, **either** Question 1 **or** Question 2.

### **Assessment Objectives**

Assessment Objectives AO1 to AO4 are evenly weighted across the questions (total marks: 33). AO5 assesses spelling, punctuation and grammar only (total marks: 7).

The assessment objectives for the paper are:

**AO1:** show detailed knowledge of the content of literary texts, supported by reference to the text

**AO2:** understand the meanings of literary texts and their contexts, and explore texts beyond surface meanings to show deeper awareness of ideas and attitudes

**AO3:** recognise and appreciate ways in which writers use language, structure and form to create and shape meanings and effects

**AO4:** communicate a sensitive and informed personal response to literary texts

**AO5:** use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

Paper 3 requires candidates to show the abilities described in AO1, AO2, AO3, AO4 and AO5 through a task which requires them to make comparisons across texts.

The Band Descriptors cover marks from 0 to 33, and apply to the marking of the questions. They guide examiners to an understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or typical of, work in a band. They are a means of general guidance.

**Band Descriptor Table**

The questions are marked out of 33 using the following band descriptors:

	<b>33 32 31 30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sustains an insightful, critical understanding supported by apt and well-integrated reference to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>explores the implications of relevant literary/social/cultural context integrated into critical analysis (AO2)</li> <li>sustains a sensitive and detailed appreciation of the ways the writers use language/structure/form (AO3)</li> <li>sustains personal and evaluative engagement with the task (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 7</b>	<b>29 28 27 26</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>clear critical understanding supported by well-selected references to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>relevant consideration of literary/social/cultural context integrated into the analysis (AO2)</li> <li>makes a perceptive and detailed response to the way the writers use language/structure/form (AO3)</li> <li>sustains a convincing and relevant personal response to the task (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 6</b>	<b>25 24 23 22</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>clear understanding supported by careful and relevant reference to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>makes a clear and relevant response to literary/social/cultural context (AO2)</li> <li>develops a response to the way the writers use language/structure/form (AO3)</li> <li>makes a well-developed relevant personal response to the task (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 5</b>	<b>21 20 19 18</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>shows overall understanding supported by appropriate reference to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>makes some relevant response to literary/social/cultural context (AO2)</li> <li>makes some response to the way the writers use language/structure/form (AO3)</li> <li>makes a reasonably developed relevant personal response to the task (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 4</b>	<b>17 16 15 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>some understanding with some supporting reference to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>makes a little relevant reference to the literary/social/cultural context (AO2)</li> <li>makes a little reference to the language/structure/form of the texts (AO3)</li> <li>begins to develop a relevant personal response to the task (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 3</b>	<b>13 12 11 10</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>intermittent evidence of understanding of ideas and attitudes with some reference to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>some awareness of literary/social/cultural context (AO2)</li> <li>understands the surface meanings of texts (AO3)</li> <li>some evidence of a relevant personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 2</b>	<b>9 8 7 6</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a few signs of understanding of ideas and attitudes with a little reference to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>reference to context is of limited relevance (AO2)</li> <li>a few signs of understanding of surface meanings (AO3)</li> <li>some evidence of a straightforward personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 1</b>	<b>5 4 3 2 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>limited understanding of ideas and attitudes unsupported by reference to the texts (AO1 and AO2)</li> <li>no awareness of relevant literary/social/cultural context (AO2)</li> <li>limited understanding of surface meanings (AO3)</li> <li>limited attempt to respond (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<i>No answer / Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 1.</i>

**Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar Performance Descriptors**

**AO5:** use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

Spelling, punctuation and grammar are marked out of 7 using the following performance descriptors:

Level	Mark	Performance descriptor
High performance	7 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spell and punctuate with largely <b>consistent</b> accuracy</li> <li>use a <b>wide range</b> of vocabulary and sentence structures to achieve <b>effective</b> control of meaning</li> </ul>
Intermediate performance	5 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spell and punctuate with <b>considerable</b> accuracy</li> <li>use a <b>range</b> of vocabulary and sentence structures to achieve <b>general</b> control of meaning</li> </ul>
Threshold performance	3 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spell and punctuate with <b>reasonable</b> accuracy</li> <li>use a <b>somewhat limited</b> range of vocabulary and sentence structures</li> </ul> <p>At this level errors do not detract from effective communication.</p>
Performance below threshold	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>spell and punctuate with <b>limited</b> accuracy</li> <li>use a <b>very limited</b> range of vocabulary and sentence structures</li> </ul> <p>At this level the quantity of errors impedes effective communication.</p>
	0	A mark of zero should be awarded for work that is incomprehensible.