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Introduction

The Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced GCE in English Literature is designed for use in schools and colleges. It is part of a suite of GCE qualifications offered by Pearson.

These sample assessment materials have been developed to support this qualification and will be used as the benchmark to develop the assessment students will take.

General marking guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the last candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than be penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme – not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- 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/indicative content will not be exhaustive.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, a senior examiner must be consulted before a mark is given.
- Crossed-out work should be marked **unless** the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Marking guidance – specific

The marking grids have been designed to assess student work holistically. The grids identify which Assessment Objective is being targeted by each bullet point within the level descriptors. One bullet point is linked to one Assessment Objective, however please note that the number of bullet points in the level descriptor does not directly correlate to the number of marks in the level descriptor.

When deciding how to reward an answer, examiners should consult both the indicative content and the associated marking grid(s). When using a levels-based mark scheme, the 'best fit' approach should be used:

- examiners should first decide which descriptor most closely matches the answer and place it in that level
- the mark awarded within the level will be decided based on the quality of the answer and will be modified according to how securely all bullet point descriptors are met at that level
- in cases of uneven performance, the points above will still apply. Candidates will be placed in the level that best describes their answer according to each of the Assessment Objectives described in the level. Marks will be awarded towards the top or bottom of that level depending on how they have evidenced each of the descriptor bullet points
- examiners of Advanced GCE English should remember that all Assessment Objectives within a level are equally weighted. They must consider this when making their judgements
- the mark grid identifies which Assessment Objective is being targeted by each bullet point within the level descriptors

- indicative content is exactly that – they are factual points that candidates are likely to use to construct their answer. It is possible for an answer to be constructed without mentioning some or all of these points, as long as they provide alternative responses to the indicative content that fulfils the requirements of the question. It is the examiner’s responsibility to apply their professional judgement to the candidate’s response in determining if the answer fulfils the requirements of the question.

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English Literature

Advanced

Paper 1: Drama

Sample assessment materials for first teaching
September 2015
Time: 2 hours and 15 minutes

Paper Reference

9ET0/01

You must have:

prescribed texts (clean copies only)

Total Marks

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **one** question in **Section A** and **one** question in **Section B** on your chosen texts.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- In your answers, you must **not** use texts that you have studied in your coursework.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A: Shakespeare

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

TRAGEDY

Antony and Cleopatra

- 1 Explore the ways in which Shakespeare contrasts Rome and Egypt in *Antony and Cleopatra*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 1 = 35 marks)

OR

- 2 Explore how Shakespeare portrays differences between public and private life in *Antony and Cleopatra*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 2 = 35 marks)

Hamlet

- 3 Explore Shakespeare's use of revenge in *Hamlet*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 3 = 35 marks)

OR

- 4 Explore Shakespeare's presentation of conflict in *Hamlet*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 4 = 35 marks)

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

King Lear

- 5** Explore Shakespeare's use of power and powerlessness in *King Lear*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 5 = 35 marks)

OR

- 6** Explore how Shakespeare presents the difference between appearance and reality in *King Lear*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 6 = 35 marks)

Othello

- 7** Explore how Shakespeare presents the disturbing aspects of human nature in *Othello*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 7 = 35 marks)

OR

- 8** Explore Shakespeare's presentation of betrayal in *Othello*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 8 = 35 marks)

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

COMEDY

A Midsummer Night's Dream

- 9** Explore the idea that *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is essentially a movement between order and chaos. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 9 = 35 marks)

OR

- 10** Explore Shakespeare's use of plays, rehearsals and roles within *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 10 = 35 marks)

Measure for Measure

- 11** Explore Shakespeare's presentation of power in *Measure for Measure*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 11 = 35 marks)

OR

- 12** Explore Shakespeare's presentation of troubled characters in *Measure for Measure*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 12 = 35 marks)

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

The Taming of the Shrew

- 13** Explore how Shakespeare uses gender roles in *The Taming of the Shrew*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 13 = 35 marks)

OR

- 14** Explore the ways in which Shakespeare makes use of social status in *The Taming of the Shrew*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 14 = 35 marks)

Twelfth Night

- 15** Explore how Shakespeare presents foolishness in *Twelfth Night*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 15 = 35 marks)

OR

- 16** Explore Shakespeare's use of the Malvolio sub-plot in *Twelfth Night*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors and ideas from your critical reading.

(Total for Question 16 = 35 marks)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 35 MARKS

SECTION B: Other Drama

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

TRAGEDY

Doctor Faustus, Christopher Marlowe

- 17 Explore Marlowe's presentation of Faustus as a character who gets what he deserves. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 17 = 25 marks)

OR

- 18 Explore the ways in which Marlowe presents the relationship between Faustus and Mephistopheles/Mephistophilis. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 18 = 25 marks)

The Duchess of Malfi, John Webster

- 19 Explore the presentation of social class in *The Duchess of Malfi*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 19 = 25 marks)

OR

- 20 Explore the presentation of madness in *The Duchess of Malfi*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 20 = 25 marks)

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

The Home Place, Brian Friel

- 21** Explore the significance of home for both the Irish and English characters in *The Home Place*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 21 = 25 marks)

OR

- 22** Explore how Friel uses symbolism in *The Home Place* to highlight a changing Ireland. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 22 = 25 marks)

A Streetcar Named Desire, Tennessee Williams

- 23** Explore the presentation of desire in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 23 = 25 marks)

OR

- 24** Explore Williams's presentation of illusion and reality in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 24 = 25 marks)

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

COMEDY

The Importance of Being Earnest, Oscar Wilde

- 25** Explore how Wilde exploits the contrasts between the town and the country in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 25 = 25 marks)

OR

- 26** Explore Wilde's use of food and eating in *The Importance of Being Earnest*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 26 = 25 marks)

The Pitmen Painters, Lee Hall

- 27** Explore the effects of Hall's use of dialect to develop characterisation in *The Pitmen Painters*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 27 = 25 marks)

OR

- 28** Explore how Hall uses the theme of war in *The Pitmen Painters*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 28 = 25 marks)

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied. Write your answer in the space provided.

***The Rover*, Aphra Behn**

- 29** Explore how Behn exploits the contrast between personal and public lives in *The Rover*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 29 = 25 marks)

OR

- 30** Explore how Behn treats the theme of marriage in *The Rover*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 30 = 25 marks)

***Waiting for Godot*, Samuel Beckett**

- 31** Explore the ways Beckett creates a sense of futility in *Waiting for Godot*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 31 = 25 marks)

OR

- 32** Explore how Beckett presents the relationship between Vladimir and Estragon in *Waiting for Godot*. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 32 = 25 marks)

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TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 25 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS

Paper 1 Mark scheme

Question number	Indicative content
1	<p><i>Antony and Cleopatra</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the different attitudes to life that the two worlds represent; Rome associated with austerity and frugality; Egypt associated with wealth and gluttony • Cleopatra (freeness of passion in the East) versus Octavia (Roman womanhood, submissive and meek/pure); Antony (divided loyalties) versus Caesar (and his duty to the West) • Rome’s repression of emotions, Egypt’s expression of them; Rome associated with power and politics; Egypt with pleasure • perceptions held by the Elizabethans about Western and Eastern cultures; the impact on the Elizabethan audience of Cleopatra’s power in a man’s world • the significance of Rome and republicanism/imperial rule and the relationships between characters in the worlds of Egypt and Rome • Tony Tanner’s comment that Egypt in the play is a ‘timeless present contrasted with constant movement elsewhere’ (ANTHOLOGY) • Emrys Jones’s discussion of the changes in locations and settings encouraging an ironical comparative response (ANTHOLOGY).
2	<p><i>Antony and Cleopatra</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antony’s mythical power, his reported heroism; the importance of image to Antony – exterior and public versus interior • how Cleopatra exercises her power and how she uses her power and her sexuality • Cleopatra in relation to Rome and military power as opposed to Cleopatra, Egypt and sensuality; themes of reason and emotion; the clash of West and East; the role of honour etc • the impact on the Elizabethan audience of Cleopatra’s power in a man’s world • structure of the classic tragedy in relation to Antony’s destructive passion through the course of the play • how Shakespeare presents and portrays Antony as rational and a Roman soldier in the initial acts and the shift following his desertion of Octavia and returning to Cleopatra • Emrys Jones’s reflections (ANTHOLOGY) on how public actions are interpreted in different ways by different characters in the play • Howard Jacobson’s contention (ANTHOLOGY) that the indignities of Antony’s last hours are ‘the price he must pay for having made himself too much a man...’.

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Level	Mark	AO1 = bullet point 1	AO2 = bullet point 2	AO3 = bullet point 3
		Descriptor (AO1, AO2, AO3)		
	0	No rewardable material.		
Level 1	1–4	<p>Descriptive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes little reference to texts with limited organisation of ideas. Limited use of appropriate concepts and terminology with frequent errors and lapses of expression. • Uses a narrative or descriptive approach that shows limited knowledge of texts and how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows a lack of understanding of the writer’s craft. • Shows limited awareness of contextual factors. 		
Level 2	5–8	<p>General understanding/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. • Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer’s craft. • Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 3	9–12	<p>Clear relevant application/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. • Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer’s craft. • Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 4	13–17	<p>Discriminating controlled application/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. • Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer’s craft. • Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 5	18–21	<p>Critical and evaluative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. • Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer’s craft. • Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. 		

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Level	Mark	Descriptor (A05)
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-2	Descriptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows limited awareness of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Limited linking of different interpretations to own response.
Level 2	3-5	General exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers straightforward explanations of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Some support of own ideas given with reference to generic different interpretations.
Level 3	6-8	Clear relevant exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers clear understanding of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Explores different interpretations in support or contrast to own argument.
Level 4	9-11	Discriminating exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produces a developed exploration of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Discussion is controlled and offers integrated exploration of different interpretations in development of own critical position.
Level 5	12-14	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies a sustained evaluation of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. This is supported by sophisticated use of application of alternative interpretations to illuminate own critical position.

Question number	Indicative content
3	<p>Hamlet</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamlet's attempting to avenge his father by killing his uncle, Claudius; Laertes' attempt to avenge the murder of his father by killing Hamlet; Fortinbras' attempt to avenge the death of his father • the impact of the ghost's words to Hamlet, "Revenge his foul and most unnatural murder" (Act 1, Scene 5, Line 25) and the role of the ghost • the role of the soliloquies in relation to Hamlet and revenge • how death and disease, both physical and emotional, fate/divine providence, madness and feigned madness, and corruption all reflect the theme of revenge • revenge tragedy as a genre; interest in the supernatural and metaphysical and how Shakespeare uses them to illustrate revenge • contemporary attitudes to private revenge, e.g. blood feuds settled by duels • John Kerrigan's thesis that the play is about remembrance rather than revenge (ANTHOLOGY) • Janet Adelman's consideration of revenge – is Hamlet motivated by desire to avenge his father or to transform his mother? (ANTHOLOGY).
4	<p>Hamlet</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • tangible conflict: Hamlet's father's death; the ghost to Hamlet (real to Hamlet); Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. Intangible conflict: sane vs insane; the play within a play etc. • perception vs truth; knowledge vs ignorance; society vs individuality • Hamlet's character's conflict: sense of self-worth, beliefs about himself and his 'fight' with his conscience, confidence, reassurance, indecisiveness • Hamlet's inner conflict stemming from his attitude to Claudius • Hamlet's difficulty in distinguishing what is real and what is illusion – and the impact of this on the audience • the play in the context of political conflict between the reigns of Elizabeth I and James I • A C Bradley's comments on tragedy's concerns with people in powerful positions 'whose quarrels are of public moment' (ANTHOLOGY) • Tom McAlindon's exploration of Aristotelian conflict in tragedy (ANTHOLOGY).

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Level 3	9–12	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer’s craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 4	13–17	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer’s craft. Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
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5	<p>King Lear</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • power shifts within the play: who has it and how they use it; shifts from powerful to powerless, e.g. Lear, Gloucester; power in relation to gender, age, corruption, motivation • different ways in which power manifests itself: personal, sexual, social etc. • power and language, e.g. introduction to Lear "Attend the lords of France and Burgundy" etc. • use of comedy and the Fool within the play to reflect Lear's actions and the comic/tragic nature of them. Link to Greek Chorus • use of literary devices, e.g. the 11 soliloquies and the plot/sub-plot, emphasising natural law • role of the monarchy, e.g. James I as absolutist monarch • Carol Rutter's links between Lear's powerlessness and his 'effeminization' (ANTHOLOGY) • Frank Kermode's analysis of the language in the 'division of the kingdom' scene (ANTHOLOGY).
6	<p>King Lear</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • false protestations: Goneril and Regan vs Cordelia, Edmund vs Edgar • truth versus dishonesty: Goneril and Regan vs Cordelia; Edmund vs Edgar; Kent; the Fool; mistaken identity and deceit • extent to which duplicity and love is unacceptable, e.g. Goneril and Regan – is it justifiable in the case of Edmund? • blindness: literal and metaphorical in both major and minor characters • devices used by Shakespeare: storm scenes; pathetic fallacy; the link between the chaos in the country and the chaos in Lear's mind etc; the use of disorder and pathetic fallacy, e.g. Lear on the heath • effects of the play's pre-Christian setting, e.g. "Fairies and gods/Prosper it with thee" • Frank Kermode's analysis of Goneril and Regan's language as 'manifestly insincere' and as 'rhetorical falsity' contrasted with Cordelia's silence or refusal to speak due to her genuine feelings (ANTHOLOGY) • Fintan O'Toole's discussion of the play's ending – appears to have concluded 'moral ending' but in fact has not and 'injustice breaks through' (ANTHOLOGY).

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7	<p>Othello</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • nature of Othello as tragic hero, his motivation and how he is viewed by the other characters • Othello's move from being responsible and respected to an envy-ridden murderer; the private and public life of Othello • Othello in contrast to other characters, e.g. Iago's exploitation of Othello and his subsequent jealousy. Iago vs Othello – Iago is presented as vicious, cunning and lecherous whereas Othello is noble, respected and has authority • use of literary devices, e.g. plant and animal imagery; use of sight and blindness • social and political context in which the play was written and its impact on the audience then and now, e.g. the backdrop of the wars between Venice and Turkey in the latter part of the sixteenth century • opposition of black and white imagery that marks the difference between Othello and the Europeans; seventeenth-century attitudes to non-Europeans and attitudes today • Ania Loomba's article on the play as 'a nightmare of racial hatred and male violence' (ANTHOLOGY) • E A J Honigmann's view that 'Dramatic perspective can even make us the villain's accomplices...' (ANTHOLOGY).
8	<p>Othello</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • deliberate and unwitting acts of betrayal, e.g. Othello's betrayal of Desdemona, Emilia's betrayal of Iago, Iago's betrayal of Roderigo, Iago's betrayal of Othello • use of literary devices, e.g. visual images such as the handkerchief and candle; Desdemona and faith imagery; black and white imagery; magic imagery • use of mask • social/political backdrop of the wars between Venice and Turkey in the latter part of the sixteenth century • Elizabethan belief that appearance reflects the inner life, e.g. good/evil and the misinterpretation by the audience because Iago looks honest • timelessness of the themes of love, jealousy, race and betrayal • E A J Honigmann's discussion of Iago as a 'liar, betrayer, mental torturer' (ANTHOLOGY) • Ania Loomba's consideration of the play's context – is Desdemona's fate inevitable as she has betrayed society in marrying Othello? (ANTHOLOGY).

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9	<p>A <i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • order vs chaos as typical of the genre; the use of this feature in relation to contemporary political contexts • pairs of characters pitted against one another, e.g. Oberon and Titania as reflections of Theseus and Hippolyta; common feature of comedy genre • role of Puck as an agent of chaos • theme of illusion vs reality; Shakespeare's use of sleep and dream images and their effect on the play's mood and tone – "It seems to me/That yet we sleep, we dream" • contrasting settings as reflections of order and disorder – Athens and the woods • notions of metamorphosis and a circular plot structure; the plot begins in the ordered environment of Athens and returns there at the end • Laroque's distinction between festive comedy and comical satire (ANTHOLOGY) • Lisa Hopkins' consideration of marriage as an appropriate ending for comedy (ANTHOLOGY).
10	<p>A <i>Midsummer Night's Dream</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • explorations of gender roles – comic and serious ("Nay, faith, let me not play a woman; I have a beard coming" and how different audiences might respond to these in the play) • metamorphosis and magical transformation, e.g. the lovers' transformed views of one another or Bottom's physical transformation – how Shakespeare uses these to comment on the nature of love • Shakespeare's use of plays within plays, e.g. the mechanicals play as an illumination of the lovers' plot • comic themes of disguise and deception; typical features of Shakespearian comedy – the reasons for their use in this play, e.g. festive celebration or power play • Pyramus and Thisbe narrative and its links to the play • notions of creativity and imagination – 'The lunatic, the lover and the poet are of imagination all compact' • C L Barber's discussion of the play within the play (ANTHOLOGY) • Stephen Fender's analysis of the mechanicals' production in the play (ANTHOLOGY).

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11	<p>Measure for Measure</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • different types of power presented – political, economic, sexual power etc and its abuse • Shakespeare’s explorations of the nature of leadership/inadequate leaders, e.g. the ambivalent character of the Duke • power of patriarchal authority – what might the play say about contemporary attitudes to the divine right of kings? • virginity/virtue as sources of power, e.g. Lucio tells Isabella to “assay the power you have” to plead for her brother; her virginity is a sought-after commodity • power of feigning and disguise – how these features of comedy are used in this play • the play as a ‘problem comedy’ and discussion of the use of disguise and feigning for malevolent purposes • Katharine Eisaman Maus’s examination of Isabella’s moral power – the context in which the play was written and the powerful association of chastity (ANTHOLOGY) • R W Maslen’s argument that comedy is always ‘crushed beneath the weight of authoritarian retribution’ (ANTHOLOGY).
12	<p>Measure for Measure</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duke’s life of isolated intellectualism/separated from his people – how do the audience respond to him? • Angelo’s religious inflexibility and impossibly rigid notions of morality • Isabella as naive, immature, and innocent – what does a 21st-century audience make of her moral choices? • Claudio as a catalyst in the play; Claudio’s development (or lack of it) as a character • Lucio’s role as a ‘fool’ enables him to function with more ease than the others – what is his dramatic function? • varied interpretations regarding the ending – do the characters learn anything? Is the ending too hopeless for a comedy? • Stuart Hampton-Reeve’s consideration of the troubled context in which the play was first written and performed (ANTHOLOGY) • Philip Brockbank’s argument (ANTHOLOGY) that the Duke is one of the ‘well-meaning devices that people employ in order to save each other...’ (ANTHOLOGY).

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13	<p><i>The Taming of the Shrew</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Petruchio’s pretence that “Tis bargain'd 'twixt us twain” when in fact the marriage arrangement is between two men; Elizabethan marriage conventions in relation to this play • comparisons between Lucentio’s relationship with Bianca with that between Petruchio and Kate and what these might suggest about attitudes to gender roles • Hortensio and Gremio and their roles in relation to Lucentio and Petruchio • comic devices in the wooing scenes, interspersed with darker social issues • clothes and disguise as ways of experimenting with gender roles • possible interpretations of the speech by Kate at the end of the play in Act 5, Scene 2 • Karen Newman’s exploration of family politics in the play (ANTHOLOGY) • Ann Thompson’s consideration of twentieth-century actresses’ interpretations of Katherine (ANTHOLOGY).
14	<p><i>The Taming of the Shrew</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • function of Christopher Sly in the play, e.g. Shakespeare’s use of him in the role of ‘a ‘Lord’ to highlight class distinctions • Shakespeare’s contrasting of the country and the city, e.g. the cultured city of Padua set against the rougher, rural setting into which Petruchio brings Katherine • masters and servants and their roles, e.g. Shakespeare uses role-inversion to explore social attitudes between aristocratic men and their male servants • speech and clothing as indicators of social class • notions of educating women in Elizabethan society; possible interpretations of the scenes around ‘teaching’ episodes, e.g. Katherine’s attack on the music teacher to Bianca and Lucentio’s love lessons • marriage as commerce (“...my goods, my chattels...”) – Elizabethan social attitudes to marriage and class • Lisa Hopkins’s argument that marriage in Shakespeare’s plays is ‘that most basic prop of social and patriarchal order’ (ANTHOLOGY) • Walter Kerr’s assertion that ‘tragedy speaks always of freedom. Comedy will speak of nothing but limitation’ (ANTHOLOGY).

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15	<p><i>Twelfth Night</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • function of Feste, a wise fool, and his relationship with the audience • other characters who play the fool – Sir Toby/Maria – but who are nonetheless very influential • foolish characters – Malvolio/Sir Andrew/The Duke – their differences and similarities and for what purpose Shakespeare uses them • nature of fools – Feste’s discussion with Viola in Act 3 Scene 1 • <i>Twelfth Night</i> – the Lord of Misrule – order vs chaos and Elizabethan attitudes to order of various kinds • comic vs serious nature of foolery, e.g. the critical debate around the impact of Malvolio’s treatment at the hands of the others – is this in keeping with a festive comedy? • Walter Kerr’s view of Shakespearean comedy relating to the humiliations and ridiculousness of everyday life (ANTHOLOGY) • David Bevington’s view that... ‘the battle is joined between Lent and Carnival in this play.’ (ANTHOLOGY).
16	<p><i>Twelfth Night</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notions of Puritanism – critics have seen Malvolio as a symbol of Puritan repression that Shakespeare wished to satirise • <i>Twelfth Night</i> as festive comedy – ideas of Elizabethan holidays/carnivals setting the tone for comic drama of the time, e.g. Feste as the Lord of Misrule, leading the revels by encouraging the duping of Malvolio etc • Malvolio sub-plot’s reflection of the main themes • unmasking of hypocrisy, e.g. Shakespeare’s use of language to contrast the pomposity of Malvolio with the more down-to-earth attitudes of Maria, Feste etc • endings in comedy – how is the audience meant to respond to Malvolio’s bitterness at his cruel treatment: “I’ll be revenged on the whole pack of you”? • Malvolio as a foil to Feste – both of a similar age and status, their fates may be contrasted to explore ideas of revelry vs duty; clowning vs decorum etc • David Bevington’s claim that Malvolio is the subject of the most pointed satire Shakespeare ever wrote (ANTHOLOGY) • David Bevington’s discussion of Malvolio as representing sobriety and repression – the opposite characteristics of the play overall (ANTHOLOGY).

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17	<p>Doctor Faustus</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • importance of the Prologue in setting out Faustus' ambitions and failings • pact Faustus makes with the Devil; his relationship with Mephistopheles/Mephastophilis • warnings ignored and opportunities for repentance not taken • dramatic techniques used to enable the audience to question the nature and extent of Faustus' guilt • how Marlowe enlists our sympathy for Faustus: struggle and ambivalence; final soliloquy and how Faustus is portrayed as a human and tragic figure • other dramatic devices Marlowe uses to enlist our sympathy for Faustus, e.g. the way Faustus struggles with his decision to make the pact with the devil and his ambivalence towards what he gains and loses • how the play explores contexts, e.g. humanism, the Protestant Reformation, morality and the morality play, tragic heroes etc.
18	<p>Doctor Faustus</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • warnings Mephistopheles/Mephastophilis gives Faustus before he signs his pact, foreshadowing Faustus' fate • description of the Fall and of Hell given by Mephistopheles/Mephastophilis • relationship of power between Faustus and Mephistopheles/Mephastophilis, master/servant, other servant/master relationships in the play • struggle within Faustus to repent is externalised in the device of the Good and Bad Angel and the appearance of the Old Man • dramatic devices Mephistopheles/Mephastophilis uses to distract Faustus from changing his mind, e.g. Helen of Troy • dramatic techniques Marlowe uses to create suspense • how the play explores contexts, e.g. humanism, the Protestant Reformation, morality and the morality play, tragic heroes etc.

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20	<p><i>The Duchess of Malfi</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • madness seen as defiance of convention and a threat to the social order, the marriage between the Duchess and Antonio is seen as "a fearful madness." • Ferdinand's lycanthropy and the significance of werewolves to a Renaissance audience • significance of the masque of the madmen in Act IV Scene ii – and comparisons between the reactions of Ferdinand and the Duchess • presentation of Ferdinand's mental decline throughout the play - "I bade thee, when I was distracted of my wits,/ Go kill my dearest friend, and thou hast done't." • melancholy of Bosola as a sign of form of madness; the 'malcontent' as a feature of Renaissance drama • madness as a feature of revenge tragedy • audience responses over time to Ferdinand's incestuous inclinations towards his sister – e.g. his voyeuristic fantasies of her imagined lovers ("Happily with some strong-thighed bargeman...") etc.

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22	<p><i>The Home Place</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • symbolism of the marked trees and accidental marking of Christopher with whitewash to signify death and deposition not only in the political sense but also the son replacing the father. Referencing Chekov's <i>The Cherry Orchard</i> • singing of the school choir – emblematic of an over-romanticised view of Irish identity, heritage and destiny • Dr Richard's anthropological experiment measuring the local people representing 19th-century views about colonialism and race • symbolism of the falcon suggesting threat to English landowners in Ireland. Creates sense of foreboding and disaster linked to the references to the recent murder of a landowner • Family divisions and Christopher's 'break down' at end of the play as a metaphor for wider political divisions within Ireland and between England and Ireland. • what an audience brings to the play with their privileged knowledge of Irish history and politics in the 20th-century • why Friel chose to situate his play at this particular time i.e. before the uprisings of the early 20th-century and how the symbolism reflects imminent social and political change • contemporary (within the play) attitudes to culture (music, language and myth) politics and race • how Friel depicts the complexity and diversity of attitudes towards English rule in Ireland.

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26	<p><i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i> Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eating and devouring food as a metaphor for suppressed emotion • meals as a source of comedy, e.g. the extended cucumber sandwich joke in Act 1 or the running muffin jokes • Wilde’s exploration of the psychology of eating (“When I am in trouble, food is the only thing that consoles me”) and the impact on different audiences • food and eating as sources of conflict, e.g. in Act 2, food becomes part of the polite catfight between Gwendolen and Cecily • use of food to make points about class and social structure • students might explore how Wilde uses food to satirise the importance of social ritual in Victorian society • Wilde’s use of food to establish character, e.g. the meals Algernon eats and never pays for in restaurants as a symbol of his detachment from responsibilities towards society in general • eating as a source of Comedy of Manners tropes, e.g. taking tea etc.

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30	<p><i>The Rover</i> Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • attitudes to social class and marriage, e.g. Belvile's admission of defeat in his quest for Florinda to "the Viceroy's son, who has the advantage of me in being a man of fortune" • bride as a commodity • Hellena going to the convent saves her father a dowry – a theme of many of Behn's plays. How does a modern audience respond to the dowry system prevalent in 17th-century England? • marriage and virginity, e.g. Angellica makes a lot of money as a highly sought-after courtesan but is worthless in the eyes of men and society as a viable prospect for marriage • courtesan vs the bride – whether Willmore behaves differently with Angellica and with Hellena; the methods Behn uses to foreground these differences • discussion of the happy ending of comedy and whether the three marriages are merely a genre feature • the ways in which Behn usurps (or doesn't usurp) conventions of Restoration comedy to explore marriage in the play • use of the language of trade and commerce to describe marriage – "See, here be those kind merchants of love you look for".

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32	<p><i>Waiting for Godot</i></p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beckett's presentation of the characters as interdependent – both waiting for Godot/united in suffering, e.g. Estragon's feet and Vladimir's bladder • two characters as symbols of one person: Estragon represents the body/Vladimir represents the mind • their clothing and physical demeanour, e.g. bowler hats and the suggestion of Vaudeville comedy conventions etc • how roles are interchangeable – constantly switching; links to Pozzo and Lucky; Beckett's use of pairs in the play • teacher/pupil, e.g. Vladimir has the longest most purposeful speech in the play: "Yes, in this immense confusion one thing alone is clear. We are waiting for Godot to come..." • saviour/survivor – Estragon owes his life to Vladimir; religious interpretations of the text and contemporary religious ideas or views on morality • nature of the dialogue between the two – the sense of a game – "Come on... return the ball can't you, once in a way?" • sense of their shared past, e.g. a missed opportunity to jump together from the top of the Eiffel Tower in the 1890s.

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Level 2	6–10	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer’s craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
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English Literature

Advanced

Paper 2: Prose

Sample assessment materials for first teaching
September 2015

Time: 1 hour

Paper Reference

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You must have:

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Total Marks

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **one** question on your chosen theme.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*
- In your answers, you must **not** use texts that you have studied in your coursework.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 40.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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Answer ONE question from your chosen theme. Write your answer in the space provided.

Childhood

Texts

Pre-1900: *What Maisie Knew*, Henry James; *Hard Times*, Charles Dickens

Post-1900: *Atonement*, Ian McEwan; *The Color Purple*, Alice Walker

- 1 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts present tensions in the family. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 1 = 40 marks)

OR

- 2 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts present the interior lives of characters. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

Colonisation and its Aftermath

Texts

Pre-1900: *Heart of Darkness*, Joseph Conrad; *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Mark Twain

Post-1900: *A Passage to India*, E M Forster; *The Lonely Londoners*, Sam Selvon

- 3 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts present the effects of colonisation on people of different backgrounds. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

OR

- 4 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts present and use places. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)

Answer ONE question from your chosen theme. Write your answer in the space provided.

Crime and Detection

Texts

Pre-1900: *Lady Audley's Secret*, Mary Elizabeth Braddon; *The Moonstone*, Wilkie Collins

Post-1900: *In Cold Blood*, Truman Capote; *The Murder Room*, P D James

- 5 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts use dialogue. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 5 = 40 marks)

OR

- 6 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts present motive, or the lack of it, for committing crime. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 6 = 40 marks)

Science and Society

Texts

Pre-1900: *Frankenstein*, Mary Shelley; *The War of the Worlds*, H G Wells

Post-1900: *Never Let Me Go*, Kazuo Ishiguro; *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood

- 7 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts use the narrators in their works. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)

OR

- 8 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts present the role of gender in the misuse of science. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ONE question from your chosen theme. Write your answer in the space provided.

The Supernatural

Texts

Pre-1900: *The Picture of Dorian Gray*, Oscar Wilde; *Dracula*, Bram Stoker

Post-1900: *The Little Stranger*, Sarah Waters; *Beloved*, Toni Morrison

- 9 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts create a sense of fear in their works. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 9 = 40 marks)

OR

- 10 Compare the ways in which settings are created and used by the writers of your **two** chosen texts. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 10 = 40 marks)

Women and Society

Texts

Pre-1900: *Wuthering Heights*, Emily Brontë; *Tess of the D'Urbervilles*, Thomas Hardy

Post-1900: *Mrs Dalloway*, Virginia Woolf; *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Khaled Hosseini

- 11 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts make use of different voices. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 11 = 40 marks)

OR

- 12 Compare the ways in which the writers of your **two** chosen texts portray women's relationships with men. You must relate your discussion to relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 12 = 40 marks)

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Paper 2 Mark scheme

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1	<p>Childhood</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparison of the ways writers explore the role of parenting as a cause of family tension • how writers link the family to their social context, e.g. the Gradgrind family is linked to the ills of the Industrial Revolution; McEwan places the Tallis family in relative isolation; the Farange family reflects the corrupt/decadent behaviour of Beale and Ida; Walker sets her family in the rural Deep South with its context of racism and patriarchy • ways writers present opportunities for children to escape tensions in the family, e.g. Sleary’s circus as a surrogate family for Sissy; Mr _____ as an escape for Celie and Nettie • ways writers use narrative devices/structures to reveal tensions within the family and results of these tensions, e.g. McEwan’s use of Briony’s play and the introduction of class difference; how Walker uses sewing to symbolise female empowerment through creativity • how writers present the tensions in relationship between generations • comparison of the narrative points of view and voices adopted by writers and the effects of these in influencing the reader’s response to the family.
2	<p>Childhood</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparison of how writers use the language of thoughts and feelings to convey character • whether or not the writers present interior lives through first-person narrative, e.g. Louisa Gradgrind is presented through omniscient narrative; Celie’s thoughts and feelings are presented through her own narrative • comparison of how writers use interior lives, e.g. Sissy’s imaginative thoughts and compassionate feelings as a foil to Louisa; Briony (in part 1 of <i>Atonement</i>), narrates substantially from her point of view • how writers present retrospective reflection, e.g. Robbie’s thoughts and feelings about the past on his long walk to Dunkirk; Maisie’s reflections on the past help her determine where her future lies • importance of an interior life, e.g. Celie’s need to be silent and invisible means that her inner thoughts are vital as a means of survival, expressed through her letters to God; the importance of Briony’s remorse in Part 3, and her daydream about the life she might have had with Luc • how writers use interior thoughts to convey ideas about the exterior world, e.g. the sterile selfishness of Bitzer, a consequence of Gradgrind’s doctrine of self-interest; Walker exposes the cruelty of life in the Deep South through Celie’s thoughts.

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Level 2	5-8	General exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. Identifies general connections between texts. Makes general cross-references between texts. 	
Level 3	9-12	Clear relevant exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. Makes relevant connections between texts. Develops an integrated approach with clear examples. 	
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Level 5	17-20	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. Evaluates connections between texts. Exhibits a sophisticated connective approach with sophisticated use of examples. 	

Question number	Indicative content
3	<p>Colonisation and its Aftermath</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how writers use different narrative points of view, e.g. Marlow as a partly-detached narrator and critical commentator; how Forster uses an omniscient narrator to show the effects of colonisation on the British and the Indians; the inquisitive nature of Huck's narrative to explore the after-effects of slavery • how writers show the damaging effects of colonisation • consideration of whether writers show any good arising from colonisation • comparison of how writers use language to show the alienation of people of different backgrounds from each other, e.g. Selvon's use of creolised English to separate the West Indian characters; Jim's language is contrasted with the swindling language of the duke and the dauphin • how writers use relationships between people of different backgrounds to reflect the state of colonisation • comparison of how writers use narrative structure to present the effects of colonisation, e.g. Marlow journeys from outer to inner station, with human relationships between European and African becoming more alienated and dysfunctional as he goes further into the jungle; Selvon eschews conventional plot in order to portray the daily lives of the West Indian immigrants.
4	<p>Colonisation and its Aftermath</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether writers focus on one place or use a number of them, e.g. Selvon focuses mainly on London's Notting Hill Gate and Bayswater, Twain on the Mississippi, Forster on Chandrapore; Conrad focuses on a range of places • how writers use places to symbolise ideas, e.g. Conrad uses the Thames estuary to introduce the historical Roman colonisation of Britain; Conrad and Twain use rivers symbolically; Forster reflects the British character through the orderly neatness of the civil station; the inequality between Indians is shown through the varying conditions of Chandrapore • how writers use point of view to present place, e.g. Forster's description of Chandrapore from above and then on ground level; Selvon presents London as a lonely city through Moses' point of view • how writers show the effect of place on people, e.g. effect of London on Moses and his friends; effect of India on the English; effect of the Congo on Kurtz and Marlow • whether writers present places in a state of change, e.g. the ancient unchanging Marabar caves; post-war London as a city in a state of flux; Conrad's contrast of the unchanging river and jungle with the deterioration of the company stations.

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6	<p>Crime and Detection</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extent to which writers give their criminals a motive • comparison of writers' use of narrative structure • how writers create sympathy or discourage sympathy for their criminals, e.g. Braddon presents the story of Lucy Graham/Lady Audley in such a way as to make us sympathise perhaps with her initial plight but not with the lengths she is prepared to go to sustain her upward mobility; Capote alternates between Hickock and Smith's preparation for their crime and the daily lives of the Clutter family in order to contrast the violent criminality of the murderers with the innocence of the victims • whether writers link motive to social context, e.g. the backgrounds of Hickock, Smith and the Clutter family are placed within the context of the American Dream; Collins places the theft of the Moonstone in the context of British imperialism and greed in India; Braddon places Lucy Graham's crime in the context of gender and class in Victorian society • comparison of how motive (or lack of it) is linked to character, e.g. Capote's Hickock and Smith are violent men but both James and Braddon present characters who would not normally be regarded as criminal • how writers explore reasons for transgressing social laws through the portrayal of motive, e.g. greed and malice in <i>The Moonstone</i>; desire to attain and sustain higher social/economic status and need to sustain in <i>Lady Audley's Secret</i>.

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8	<p>Science and Society</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparison of the ways the gender of the narrators are reflected in the ways their stories are told • ways in which characters are portrayed in relation to issues of gender, e.g. expected roles of women and men in <i>Frankenstein</i>, the denial of rights to women in <i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> and the use of women in subservient roles as Econowives, the exalted status given to men in roles such as commanders, doctors • contextual factors, e.g. roles of women in the early nineteenth century as reflected in <i>Frankenstein</i>; feminism and reactions against it in North American society in the 1980s in <i>The Handmaid’s Tale</i> • extent to which science is treated as ‘gendered’, e.g. Frankenstein’s obsession with his experiments; the narrator’s astronomical observations in <i>The War of the Worlds</i>, the narrator’s role as protector of the women he meets in <i>The War of the Worlds</i> • presentation of women as carers, e.g. Ishiguro shows Kathy taking on a protective role for Tommy even before they leave Hailsham in <i>Never Let Me Go</i> • contextual factors relating to the ways in which the misuse of science influences the modern reader’s perception of certain ideas, e.g. the writer’s intention to cause reflection on the nature of being human.

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9	<p>The Supernatural</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • writers' uses of their narrators to create atmosphere, e.g. multiple narrators in <i>Dracula</i> and the ways writers create the tone of their narratives through characters, e.g. Dr Faraday in <i>The Little Stranger</i> • ways writers introduce the supernatural elements, e.g. when Dorian Gray first notices a change in his picture; the way the house in <i>Beloved</i> is described as "a person rather than a structure" • contrasts between everyday life and the sinister, e.g. Wilde's extensive descriptions of social activities of Dorian and his friends; how the routines of domestic life are interrupted by supernatural events in <i>Beloved</i> • ways in which readers are led to expect and anticipate terrible/evil events and the ways in which these expectations are fulfilled in Waters' novel; the cruelties of Dorian Gray and anticipation of how the novel will end • writers' use of stylistic devices in suggesting unease, fear and horror • contexts in which the texts were written or are set, e.g. the Civil War and slavery in <i>Beloved</i> (and how these might be related to the sense of fear in the novel); social class in London society in <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>; the impact of the Second World War and the coming of the welfare state on society and characters in <i>The Little Stranger</i>; the contrast of these realities to the terrifying events in Hundreds Hall in <i>The Little Stranger</i>).
10	<p>The Supernatural</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of appropriate locations for the events described, e.g. house 124 in <i>Beloved</i> in comparison with Basil Hallward's studio, the location for Dorian Gray's portrait and the opium den • ways the writers describe significant features of key locations, e.g. the decaying Hundreds Hall in <i>The Little Stranger</i> compared with Dracula's castle • ways the writers use alternative settings for contrast, e.g. the house of Doctor Faraday's poorer patients in <i>The Little Stranger</i>; Dr Seward's asylum in <i>Dracula</i>, the location for the encounters with the patient Renfield • the impact factors such as climate, season, weather and time of day have on setting, e.g. the effect of rain and winter cold on Hundreds Hall in <i>The Little Stranger</i>; the effect of time of day and night in <i>Dracula</i> • how settings are exploited by writers to create atmosphere: Wilde's lavish descriptions of places such as the studio, the theatre and the opium den in <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>; how Sethe is forced to give birth in the open air in <i>Beloved</i> • contextual factors related to setting and what these suggest about the time the novel was written, e.g. the decline of the country house in the middle of the 20th century in <i>The Little Stranger</i>; slavery and its aftermath in <i>Beloved</i>; social class in Wilde's London in <i>The Picture of Dorian Gray</i>; the social anxieties of the late 19th century that might be reflected in Stoker's story in <i>Dracula</i>.

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12	<p>Women and Society</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparison of the attitudes of male characters towards female characters, e.g. Heathcliff's attitude to Catherine in comparison with Rasheed's attitude to Mariam and Laila • writers' use of narrative styles to present relationships with men, e.g. Nelly's attitudes towards the older and younger Catherine's and their relationships with men; the way Clarissa's relationships are described both by her and by men in <i>Mrs Dalloway</i> • how male characters are used to reinforce or contrast attitudes to women, e.g. Alec and Angel in <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i>, Hareton and Joseph in <i>Wuthering Heights</i>, Rasheed and Jalil in <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i> • effects men's attitudes and behaviour have on women in the texts • how female characters reflect or reinforce the attitudes held by male characters, e.g. Tess's mother in <i>Tess of the D'Urbervilles</i> • contextual aspects, e.g. Angel Clare's reaction to Tess's revelation on their wedding night reflects the different standards applied to men and women; the treatment of married women in <i>Wuthering Heights</i>; freedom for men and women to form relations in Afghan society in <i>A Thousand Splendid Suns</i>.

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English Literature

Advanced

Paper 3: Poetry

Sample assessment materials for first teaching
September 2015

Time: 2 hours 15 minutes

Paper Reference

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You must have:

prescribed texts (clean copies) and source booklet (enclosed).

Total Marks

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Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer one question in **Section A** and one question in **Section B** on your chosen text.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- In your answers, you must **not** use texts that you have studied in your coursework.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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SECTION A: Post-2000 Specified Poetry

**Read the poem on page 2 of the source booklet before answering ONE question.
Write your answer in the space provided below.**

- 1** Read the poem *Somewhat Unravelling* by Jo Shapcott on page 2 of the source booklet and re-read *On Her Blindness* by Adam Thorpe, from the *Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002–2011* (page 170).

Compare the methods both poets use to explore the effects of growing old.

(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

OR

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Compare the methods both poets use to express strong emotions.

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

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SECTION B: Specified Poetry Pre- or Post-1900

Answer ONE question on your chosen text. Write your answer in the space provided.

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Medieval Poetic Drama

Prescribed texts

Everyman and Medieval Miracle Plays, editor A C Cawley

OR

English Mystery Plays: A Selection, editor Peter Happe

- 3** Explore how piety and humour are mingled in the named lines below and in **one** other passage of similar length from any of the poetic dramas.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

Refer to the prescribed text studied:

either

Cawley: The Second Shepherds' Pageant (Wakefield) lines 566–601

or

Happe: The Second Shepherds' Play stanzas 64–67

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4** Explore presentations of the Divine in the named lines below and in **one** other passage of similar length from any of the poetic dramas.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

Refer to the prescribed text studied:

either

Cawley: Noah's Flood (Chester) lines 1–40

or

Happe: Noah (Chester) stanzas 1–4

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

Answer ONE question on your chosen text. Write your answer in the space provided.

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Medieval Poet: Geoffrey Chaucer

Prescribed text

The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale, editor James Winny

- 5** Explore how attitudes towards masculine roles are presented in *The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale*, by referring to lines 882–898 and **one** other passage of similar length.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 5 = 30 marks)

OR

- 6** Explore the ways in which ageing is presented in *The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale*, by referring to lines 455–459 and lines 469–479 and **one** other passage of similar length.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 6 = 30 marks)

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The Metaphysical Poets

Prescribed text

Metaphysical Poetry, editor Colin Burrow

- 7** Explore the ways in which time is presented in *To His Coy Mistress* by Andrew Marvell and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 7 = 30 marks)

OR

- 8** Explore the ways in which the individual's relationship with God is presented in *Love III* by George Herbert and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 8 = 30 marks)

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Metaphysical Poet: John Donne

Prescribed text

John Donne Selected Poems

- 9** Explore the ways in which John Donne's poetry makes use of unexpected arguments, by referring to *The Sun Rising* and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 9 = 30 marks)

OR

- 10** Explore the dramatic nature of Donne's poetry, by referring to *Holy Sonnet X* ('*Death be not proud*') and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 10 = 30 marks)

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The Romantics

Prescribed text

English Romantic Verse, editor David Wright

- 11** Explore the ways in which a sense of place is presented in *Songs of Experience: London* by William Blake and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 11 = 30 marks)

OR

- 12** Explore the ways in which solitude is presented in *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner* by Samuel Taylor Coleridge and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

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Romantic Poet: John Keats

Prescribed text

Selected Poems: John Keats, editor John Barnard

13 Explore the ways in which physical sensation is presented in *The Eve of St Agnes* by John Keats and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 13 = 30 marks)

OR

14 Explore John Keats' treatment of nature in *To Autumn* and one other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

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The Victorians

Prescribed text

The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse, editor Christopher Ricks

15 Explore the ways in which death is presented in *Drummer Hodge* by Thomas Hardy and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 15 = 30 marks)

OR

16 Explore the ways in which the exhilaration of love is presented in *Maud: l.xviii 'I have led her home, my love, my only friend'* by Alfred Tennyson and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 16 = 30 marks)

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Victorian Poet: Christina Rossetti

Prescribed text

Christina Rossetti Selected Poems, editor Dinah Roe

17 Explore the ways in which Christina Rossetti describes the lives of women in *Passing and Glassing* and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 17 = 30 marks)

OR

18 Explore the ways in which Christina Rossetti deals with loss in *Remember* and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

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Modernism

Prescribed text

The Great Modern Poets: An anthology of the best poets and poetry since 1900, editor Michael Schmidt

19 Explore the ways in which mortality is dealt with in *Out, Out* by Robert Frost and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 19 = 30 marks)

OR

20 Explore the ways in which the interaction of humans with nature is described in *Snake* by D H Lawrence and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

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Modernist Poet: T S Eliot

Prescribed text

T. S. Eliot Selected Poems

- 21** Explore the ways in which T S Eliot uses a variety of voices in *A Game of Chess* (*The Waste Land II*) and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 21 = 30 marks)

OR

- 22** Explore the ways in which T S Eliot presents religious belief in *Journey of the Magi* and **one** other poem.

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The Movement

Prescribed text

The Oxford Book of Twentieth Century English Verse, editor Philip Larkin

23 Explore the ways in which unhappy relationships are presented in *One Flesh* by Elizabeth Jennings and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 23 = 30 marks)

OR

24 Explore the presentation of twentieth-century anxieties in *Your Attention Please* by Peter Porter and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

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The Movement Poet: Philip Larkin

Prescribed text

The Less Deceived, Philip Larkin

25 Explore Larkin's portrayal of place in *I Remember, I Remember* and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 25 = 30 marks)

OR

26 Explore Larkin's portrayal of outsiders in *Reasons For Attendance* and **one** other poem.

You must discuss relevant contextual factors.

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SECTION A: Post-2000 Specified Poetry

Somewhat Unravelled

Auntie stands by the kettle, looking at the kettle
and says, help me, help me, where is the kettle?
I say, little auntie, the curlicues and hopscotch grids
unfurling in your brain have hidden it from you. Let me
make you a cup of tea. She says ah ha! But I do 5
my crossword, don't I, OK not the difficult one, the one
with the wasname? Cryptic clues. Not that. I say,
auntie, little auntie, we were never cryptic
so let's not start that now. I appreciate your straight-on talk,
the built-up toilet seats, the way you wish poetry 10
were just my hobby, our cruises on the stair lift,
your concern about my weight, the special seat in the bath.
We know where we are. She says, nurse told me I
should furniture-walk around the house, holding on to it.
I say, little auntie you are a plump armchair 15
in flight, a kitchen table on a difficult hike without boots,
you do the sideboard crawl like no one else, you are a sofa
rumba, you go to sleep like a rug. She says,
I don't like eating. Just as well you've got
a good appetite. I say littlest auntie, my very little auntie 20
(because she is shrinking now, in front of me)
let me cook for you, a meal so wholesome and blimmin'
pungent with garlic you will dance on it and
eat it through your feet. Then she says don't you
ever want to go to market and get lost 25
in pots, fruit and random fabric? Don't you
want to experiment with rain, hide out in storms,
cover your body with a layer only one raindrop
thick? Don't you want to sell your nail-clippings
online? She says, look at you, with all your language, 30
you never became the flower your mother
wanted but it's not too late, come with me
and rootle in the earth outside my front window,
set yourself in the special bed, the one only
wasname is allowed to garden and we will practise 35
opening and closing and we'll follow the sun
with our faces until the cows come home.

Jo Shapcott

From *Of Mutability* (Faber, 2010)

Post-2000 Specified Poetry

Poems of the Decade: An Anthology of the Forward Books of Poetry 2002–2011
(Faber and Faber, 2015) ISBN 978-0571325405

Poem title	Poet	Page number
Eat Me	Patience Agbabi	3
Chainsaw Versus the Pampas Grass	Simon Armitage	6
Material	Ros Barber	10
History	John Burnside	25
An Easy Passage	Julia Copus	37
The Deliverer	Tishani Doshi	43
The Lammas Hireling	Ian Duhig	51
To My Nine-Year-Old Self	Helen Dunmore	52
A Minor Role	U A Fanthorpe	57
The Gun	Vicki Feaver	62
The Furthest Distances I've Travelled	Leontia Flynn	64
Giuseppe	Roderick Ford	66
Out of the Bag	Seamus Heaney	81
Effects	Alan Jenkins	92
Genetics	Sinéad Morrissey	125
From the Journal of a Disappointed Man	Andrew Motion	127
Look We Have Coming to Dover!	Daljit Nagra	129
Please Hold	Ciaran O'Driscoll	132
On Her Blindness	Adam Thorpe	170
Ode on a Grayson Perry Urn	Tim Turnbull	172

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Pre-1900 – The Medieval Period

***Everyman and Medieval Miracle Plays*, editor A C Cawley (Everyman, 1993) ISBN 9780460872805**

Poem title	Poet	Page number
Noah's Flood (Chester)	Anon	33
The Second Shepherds' Pageant (Wakefield)		75
The Crucifixion (York)		137

***English Mystery Plays: A Selection*, editor Peter Happe (Penguin Classics, 1975) ISBN 9780140430936**

Poem title	Poet	Page number
Noah (Chester)	Anon	118
The Second Shepherds' Play		265
The Crucifixion		525

***The Wife of Bath's Prologue and Tale*, editor James Winny (Cambridge, 1994) ISBN 9780521466899**

Poem title	Poet	Page number
The Wife of Bath's Prologue	Geoffrey Chaucer	35
The Wife of Bath's Tale		63

Pre-1900 – Metaphysical Poetry

***Metaphysical Poetry*, editor Colin Burrow (Penguin, 2006)**

ISBN 9780140424447

Poem title	Poet	Page number
The Flea	John Donne	4
The Good Morrow		5
Song ('Go and catch a falling star')		6
Woman's Constancy		7
The Sun Rising		8
A Valediction of Weeping		19
A Nocturnal Upon St Lucy's Day, Being the Shortest Day		21
The Apparition		22
Elegy: To his Mistress Going to Bed		29
'At the Round Earth's Imagined Corners'		31
'Death be not Proud'		32
'Batter My Heart'		33
A Hymn to God the Father		36
Redemption	George Herbert	67
The Collar		78
The Pulley		79
Love III		87
To My Mistress Sitting by a River's Side: An Eddy	Thomas Carew	89
To a Lady that Desired I Would Love Her		95
A Song ('Ask me no more where Jove bestows')		98
A Letter to her Husband, Absent upon Public Engagement	Anne Bradstreet	135
Song: To Lucasta, Going to the Wars	Richard Lovelace	182
The Nymph Complaining for the Death of her Fawn	Andrew Marvell	195
To His Coy Mistress		198
The Definition of Love		201
Unprofitableness	Henry Vaughan	219
The World		220
To My Excellent Lucasia, on Our Friendship	Katherine Philips	240
A Dialogue of Friendship Multiplied		241
Orinda to Lucasia		242

**John Donne Selected Poems (Penguin Classics, 2006)
ISBN 9780140424409**

Poem title	Poet	Page number
The Good Morrow	John Donne	3
Song ('Go and catch a falling star')		3
Woman's Constancy		4
The Sun Rising		6
The Canonization		9
Song ('Sweetest love I do not go')		12
Air and Angels		15
The Anniversary		17
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Love's Growth		24
A Valediction of Weeping		28
Love's Alchemy		29
The Flea		30
A Nocturnal upon St Lucy's Day, Being the Shortest Day		33
The Apparition		36
A Valediction Forbidding Mourning		37
The Ecstasy		39
The Funeral		45
The Relic		48
Elegy: To His Mistress Going to Bed		80
Holy Sonnet I ('Thou hast made me')		177
Holy Sonnet V ('I am a little world')		179
Holy Sonnet VI ('This is my play's last scene')		179
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Holy Sonnet XIV ('Batter my heart')		183
Goodfriday, 1613. Riding Westward		190
Hymn to God my God, in My Sickness		195
A Hymn to God the Father		197

Pre-1900 – The Romantic Period

English Romantic Verse, editor David Wright (Penguin Classics, 1973) ISBN 9780140421026		
Poem title	Poet	Page number
Songs of Innocence: Holy Thursday	William Blake	69
Songs of Experience: Holy Thursday		73
Songs of Experience: The Sick Rose		73
Songs of Experience: The Tyger		74
Songs of Experience: London		75
Lines Written in Early Spring	William Wordsworth	108
Lines Composed a Few Miles above Tintern Abbey		109
Ode: Intimations of Immortality		133
The Rime of the Ancient Mariner	Samuel Taylor Coleridge	155
Lines Inscribed upon a Cup Formed from a Skull	George Gordon, Lord Byron	211
Fare Thee Well		212
So We'll Go no more A Roving		213
On This Day I Complete My Thirty-Sixth Year		232
The cold earth slept below	Percy Bysshe Shelley	242
Stanzas Written in Dejection, near Naples		243
Ode to the West Wind		246
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Ode to a Nightingale	John Keats	276
Ode on a Grecian Urn		279
To Autumn		282
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To a Wreath of Snow	Emily Brontë	341
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Selected Poems: John Keats, editor John Barnard
(Penguin Classics, 2007) ISBN 9780140424478

Poem title	Poet	Page number
'O Solitude! if I must with thee dwell'	John Keats	5
On First Looking into Chapman's Homer		12
On the Sea		35
'In drear-nighted December'		97
On Sitting Down to Read King Lear Once Again		99
'When I have fears that I may cease to be'		100
Isabella: or, The Pot of Basil		109
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The Eve of St Agnes		165
La Belle Dame sans Merci: A Ballad To Sleep		184
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Ode on a Grecian Urn		191
Ode to a Nightingale		193
Ode on Melancholy		195
Ode on Indolence		196
'Bright Star! would I were steadfast as thou art'		219
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Pre-1900 – The Victorian Period

***The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse*, editor Christopher Ricks (OUP, 2008)
ISBN 9780199556311**

Poem title	Poet	Page number
From In Memoriam: VII 'Dark house, by which once more I stand'	Alfred Tennyson	23
From In Memoriam: XCV 'By night we linger'd on the lawn'		28
From Maud: I xi 'O let the solid ground'		37
From Maud: I xviii 'I have led her home, my love, my only friend'		38
From Maud: I xxii 'Come into the garden, Maud'		40
From Maud: II iv 'O that 'twere possible'		43
The Visionary	Charlotte Brontë and Emily Brontë	61
Grief	Elizabeth Barrett Browning	101
From Sonnets from the Portuguese XXIV: 'Let the world's sharpness, like a closing knife'		102
The Best Thing in the World		115
'Died...'		116
My Last Duchess		117
Home-Thoughts, from Abroad	Robert Browning	124
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Love in a Life		134
'The Autumn day its course has run—the Autumn evening falls'		213
'The house was still—the room was still'	Charlotte Brontë	214
'I now had only to retrace'		214
'The Nurse believed the sick man slept'		215
Stanzas – ['Often rebuked, yet always back returning']	Charlotte Brontë (perhaps by Emily Brontë)	215

***The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse*, editor Christopher Ricks
(OUP, 2008) ISBN 9780199556311**

Poem title	Poet	Page number
Remember	Christina Rossetti	278
Echo		278
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A Birthday		280
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At an Inn	Thomas Hardy	465
'I Look into My Glass'		466
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The Darkling Thrush		468

***Christina Rossetti Selected Poems*, editor Dinah Roe (Penguin, 2008)
ISBN 9780140424690**

Poem title	Poet	Page number
Some ladies dress in muslin full and white	Christina Rossetti	12
Remember		16
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An Apple-Gathering		53
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At Home		57
Up-Hill		58
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What Would I Give?		88
Twice		89
Memory		112
A Christmas Carol		134
Passing and Glassing		156
Piteous my rhyme is		179
'A Helpmeet for Him'		182
As froth on the face of the deep		184
Our Mothers, lovely women pitiful		190
Babylon the Great	191	

Post-1900 – The Modernist Period

<i>The Great Modern Poets</i>, editor Michael Schmidt (Quercus, 2014) ISBN 9781848668669		
Poem title	Poet	Page number
The Runaway	Robert Frost	30
Mending Wall		30
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening		32
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The Red Wheelbarrow		William Carlos Williams
This is just to say	46	
Landscape with the Fall of Icarus	46	
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The Great Figure	47	
Snake	D H Lawrence	50
To a Snail	Marianne Moore	64
What Are Years?		64
The Mind is an Enchanting Thing		65
La Figlia Che Piange		T S Eliot
The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock	68	
Time does not bring relief; you have all lied...	Edna St Vincent Millay	78
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what if a much of a which of a wind	86	
pity this busy monster, manunkind	87	
Stop all the Clocks	W H Auden	114
Lullaby		114
Musée des Beaux Arts		115
The Shield of Achilles		116

T S Eliot: Selected Poems (Faber, 2009) ISBN 9780571247059

Poem title	Poet	Page number
The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock	T S Eliot	3
Portrait of a Lady		8
Preludes		13
Rhapsody on a Windy Night		16
Gerontion		21
Sweeney Erect		26
Whispers of Immortality		32
Sweeney Among the Nightingales		36
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I. The Burial of the Dead		41
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Ash-Wednesday		71
Ariel Poems:		
Journey of the Magi (1927)		87
A Song for Simeon (1928)		89

Post-1900 – The Movement

<i>The Oxford Book of Twentieth Century English Verse, editor Philip Larkin with foreword by A Motion (OUP, 1973) ISBN 9780198121374</i>		
Poem title	Poet	Page number
Hospital for Defectives	Thomas Blackburn	484
Felo De Se		485
Horror Comic	Robert Conquest	496
Man and Woman		497
Toads	Philip Larkin	537
Coming		538
At Grass		538
Take One Home for the Kiddies		539
Nothing to be Said		540
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Apology for Understatement		John Wain
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Brooklyn Heights	562	
Delay	Elizabeth Jennings	563
Song at the Beginning of Autumn		563
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Photograph of Haymaker 1890	Molly Holden	569
Giant Decorative Dahlias		570
Metamorphosis	Peter Porter	584
London is full of chickens on electric spits		585
Your Attention Please		585
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The Miner's Helmet	George Macbeth	610
The Wasps' Nest		611
When I am Dead		611
Story of a Hotel Room	Rosemary Tonks	617
Farewell to Kurdistan		617

Philip Larkin: The Less Deceived (Faber, 2011) ISBN 9780571260126

Poem title	Poet	Page number
Lines On A Young Lady's Photograph Album	Philip Larkin	1
Wedding-Wind		3
Places, Loved Ones		4
Coming		5
Reasons for Attendance		6
Dry-Point		7
Next, Please		8
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Wants		10
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Whatever Happened?		13
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Church Going		16
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Paper 3 Mark scheme

Question number	Indicative content
1	<p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vivid descriptive detail to convey the experiences of old age (“the special seat in the bath”; “not finding the food on her plate with her fork”) • use of direct speech and its effect in each poem (“It’s living hell to be honest, Adam”) • how the poems’ structures allow the theme of old age to be explored (the chaos of dementia reflected in Shapcott’s run-on lines; the sharp focus on tragic detail afforded by Thorpe’s couplet stanzas) • methods used to convey the speakers’ attitudes to their elderly relatives (the indulgent response to auntie’s rudeness; the pity and horror of “a vision as blank as a stone”) • the lyricism of Shapcott’s metaphors (“You are a plump armchair in flight”) in contrast to Thorpe’s more prosaic approach (“Bumping into walls like a dodgem”) • the differing tones of each poem’s ending (“...we’ll follow the sun with our faces...” in contrast to the honest pain at his mother’s inability to see “the golden weather”).
2	<p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • various ways in which both poems explore the experience of losing control and the consequent emotional impact (the auntie’s dementia; the caller’s inability to connect with a human) • the poets’ use of humour to make emotions more palatable (O’Driscoll’s ironic use of “Wonderful”; Shapcott’s “furniture walk”) • the frustration of the speaker in Please Hold (“Yes, but I’m paying for it, I shout”) in contrast to the indulgent patience of the niece (“...let me cook for you...”) • different ways in which the poets use repetition to convey emotion (“Please hold”; “This is the future” ; “I say, little auntie...”) • lyrical quality of <i>Somewhat Unravelling</i> (“...you are a sofa rumba...” in comparison to the staccato rhythm of Please Hold (“Please hold. Please grow old”.) • the poets’ use of colloquial diction and speech for effect • how both poets’ sense of the absurd conveys emotion (“and the robot transfers me to himself.”; “Don’t you want to sell your nail-clippings online?”) • ways in which the poems explore language as either coldly alienating or warmly engaging.

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		A01 = bullet point 1	A02 = bullet point 2	A04 = bullet point 3
Level	Mark	Descriptor (A01, A02, A04)		
	0	No rewardable material.		
Level 1	1–6	<p>Descriptive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes little reference to texts with limited organisation of ideas. Limited use of appropriate concepts and terminology with frequent errors and lapses of expression. • Uses a narrative or descriptive approach that shows limited knowledge of texts and how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows a lack of understanding of the writer’s craft. • Demonstrates limited awareness of connections between texts. Describes the texts as separate entities. 		
Level 2	7–12	<p>General understanding/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. • Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer’s craft. • Identifies general connections between texts. Makes general cross-references between texts. 		
Level 3	13–18	<p>Clear relevant application/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. • Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer’s craft. • Makes relevant connections between texts. Develops an integrated approach with clear examples. 		
Level 4	19–24	<p>Discriminating controlled application/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. • Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer’s craft. • Analyses connections between texts. Takes a controlled discriminating approach to integration with detailed examples. 		
Level 5	25–30	<p>Critical and evaluative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. • Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer’s craft. • Evaluates connections between texts. Exhibits a sophisticated connective approach with sophisticated use of examples. 		

Question number	Indicative content
3	<p>Medieval Poetic Drama</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of similar length passages to accompany the named lines, e.g. the genuine nativity scene, commenting on the contrasting effects of language and symbolism • how the indicated passages link to the context of the poetic drama and how they relate to similar passages (such as the genuine nativity scene; the forgiving speech of Jesus on the cross); the contrasting effects of language and symbolism • how humour is used to characterise humanity and to convey how human love overcomes evil through the speaker’s use of language and characterisation • relevance of the passages of poetic dramas discussed within the religious framework of the period and other contextual factors • how the characteristic staging methods enhance the effects of the poetry.
4	<p>Medieval Poetic Drama</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of similar length passages to accompany the named lines, e.g. the forgiving speech of Jesus on the cross, commenting on the contrasting effects of language and symbolism • how the indicated passages link to the context of the poetic drama and how they relate to similar passages (such as the genuine nativity scene; the forgiving speech of Jesus on the cross); the contrasting effects of language and symbolism • how the poetic language used by God changes from anger to forgiveness within the <i>Noah</i> poetic drama and within the poetic drama cycle as a whole • relevance of the sections of poetic dramas discussed within the religious framework of the period and other contextual factors • how the characteristic staging methods enhance the effects of the poetry.

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		A01 = bullet point 1	A02 = bullet point 2	A03 = bullet point 3
Level	Mark	Descriptor (A01, A02, A03)		
	0	No rewardable material.		
Level 1	1–6	Descriptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes little reference to texts with limited organisation of ideas. Limited use of appropriate concepts and terminology with frequent errors and lapses of expression. • Uses a narrative or descriptive approach that shows limited knowledge of texts and how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows a lack of understanding of the writer’s craft. • Shows limited awareness of contextual factors. 		
Level 2	7–12	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. • Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer’s craft. • Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 3	13–18	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. • Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer’s craft. • Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 4	19–24	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. • Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer’s craft. • Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 5	25–30	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. • Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer’s craft. • Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. 		

Question number	Indicative content
5	<p>Medieval Poet: Geoffrey Chaucer</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of similar length passages to accompany the named lines, e.g. the Wife of Bath’s caricaturing of the age and weakness of her husbands; the Hag’s sermon on true gentleness • the assumptions about male entitlement revealed in actions of the knight, the king and the queen, and how these could be related to contemporary attitudes • evidence from between different passages in terms of appropriation of superior male roles or the independence of some women from men, relating this to contemporary life, e.g. extract where the Wife of Bath boasts of how she punished her husbands (e.g. line 484); the Hag’s sermon on true gentleness • how the language of authority is set against the language of experience in the Prologue and how this is related to contemporary attitudes to male authorities • Chaucer’s use of poetic irony in the presentation of the Wife.
6	<p>Medieval Poet: Geoffrey Chaucer</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of similar length passages to accompany the named lines, e.g. passages that reveal attitudes of the husbands, the knight, and the Hag • consideration of the complexity of the Wife of Bath’s attitude to ageing as revealed by her energetic language • consideration of how different attitudes to ageing are revealed in other passages, e.g. attitudes of the husbands, the knight, and the Old Hag • examples of different attitudes to ageing, e.g. attitudes of the husbands, the knight and the Old Hag and how these attitudes are linked to the contemporary attitudes towards female desirability • ways Chaucer uses poetic language and poetic irony to place the different attitudes towards ageing • consideration of the denouement of the Tale, including the effect on the reader’s attitude to the Wife herself.

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Level 2	7–12	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. • Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer’s craft. • Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
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7	<p>The Metaphysical Poets</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>To His Coy Mistress</i> (e.g. Vaughan's <i>The World</i> and Donne's <i>The Sun Rising</i>), illustrating a range of ways in which the poets deal with time • how poets present the quantity of time, e.g. how Marvell playfully and hyperbolically presents the notion of plentiful time, how Vaughan contrasts eternity with worldly time • how poets present the reality of passing time, e.g. Marvell's sinister notions 'Deserts of vast eternity', 'worms shall try', and Vaughan's list of worldly activity • consideration of how to treat or view time, e.g. the desirability of a 'carpe diem' approach in Marvell, through imagery of youthful energy and vitality; Donne's disparaging of time as inferior to love • how poetic form is used, e.g. Marvell uses the dramatic monologue to offer a discourse on time whose argument is in three distinct sections: the hypothesis, the reality, the proposition: 'Had we'... 'But'... 'Therefore...'; Donne also uses dramatic monologue to construct argument • how Marvell and Donne depict the sun's passage around the Earth, in line with contemporary understanding of the cosmos • how the poets use a range of imagery, e.g. Vaughan's portrayal of eternity in magnificent, beautiful imagery, then the mundane pursuits of people in worldly time; Donne's inclusion of everything from windows and curtains to the structure of the cosmos.
8	<p>The Metaphysical Poets</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>Love (Bade me Welcome)</i> (e.g. Donne's <i>Batter My Heart</i> and Herbert's <i>The Collar</i>) • how poets present the individual, e.g. Herbert dramatises the speaker's sense of being unworthy through references to actions 'my soul drew back'; Donne presents the speaker's demands of God through imperatives 'Batter my heart', 'o'erthrow me' • how poets present God, e.g. Herbert's Love is alert and watchful 'quick-eyed Love, observing me'; in <i>The Collar</i>, he gives God a simple, paternalistic response to the speaker's ravings • how poets use dialogue (or not): in <i>Love</i> Herbert dramatises the relationship between the speaker and Love; Donne's speaker has a monologue of requests and demands • exploration of the language of the speakers, e.g. in <i>Love</i> the self-deprecation of 'I the unkind, ungrateful' and the gentle insistence of 'You shall be he'; in <i>Batter My Heart</i> Donne's use of imperatives to present the speaker's need to be overwhelmed by God 'imprison me', 'ravish me' • exploration of imagery, e.g. Herbert's use of the extended metaphor of the feast at the host's table (the Biblical and Anglican context of the metaphor) and his use of the collar as both a symbol of priesthood (context of Herbert's own priesthood) and a method of constraint • how poetic form is used, e.g. Donne uses the sonnet form; Herbert constructs a dialogue between the individual and God.

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9	<p>Metaphysical Poet: John Donne</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>The Sun Rising</i>, e.g. <i>Elegy: To His Mistress Going To Bed</i> and <i>Death be not proud</i> • consideration of whether the argument is an unexpected feature of the poem or just a means of exploring the theme(s) • how Donne uses the construction of an argument to question the power of his antagonists, e.g. the Sun and death • how Donne seeks to prove something, e.g. the immortality of the Christian soul in <i>Death be not proud</i>; the power of love over the Sun • Donne's use of a range of images to illustrate his argument from the quotidian 'Late school-boys, and sour prentices' to the cosmic 'This bed thy centre is, these walls, thy sphere' in <i>The Sun Rising</i>; the religious images in an erotic setting in <i>Elegy: To His Mistress Going To Bed</i> • how Donne digresses unexpectedly on intellectual concepts • how Donne makes use of topical allusions in his arguments, e.g. 'Oh my America, my new found land' in <i>Elegy: To His Mistress Going To Bed</i>, reference to James I's love of hunting in <i>The Sun Rising</i>.
10	<p>Metaphysical Poet: John Donne</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>Death be not proud</i>, e.g. <i>The Apparition</i> and <i>The Good Morrow</i> • how Donne uses dramatically arresting openings and the ways these reflect contemporary concerns, e.g. 'When by thy scorn, O' murtheress, I am dead' in <i>The Apparition</i>; 'Death, be not proud' • how Donne creates a sense of audience, e.g. use of rhetorical questions – '...why swell'st thou then?' in <i>Death be not proud</i>; use of personal pronouns, e.g. 'My face in thine eye' in <i>The Good Morrow</i> • how Donne uses hyperbole for dramatic effect, e.g. 'Thou art slave to fate, chance' in <i>Death be not proud</i>; 'And makes one little room an everywhere' in <i>The Good Morrow</i> • Donne's manipulation of metre to create a sense of drama, e.g. deliberately departing from iambic pentameter – 'mighty and dreadful' in <i>Death be not proud</i>; 'lest that preserve thee; and since my love is spent' in <i>The Apparition</i> • how Donne uses personification, e.g. 'Death, thou shalt die' in <i>Death be not proud</i>; 'Thy sick taper will begin to wink' in <i>The Apparition</i> • dramatically effective use of imagery and conceits and how these might be received by different audiences, e.g. 'Bathed in a cold quicksilver sweat...' in <i>The Apparition</i>; 'And now good morrow to our waking souls' in <i>The Good Morrow</i>.

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11	<p>The Romantics</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to <i>London</i>, e.g. Shelley's <i>Stanzas Written in Dejection, near Naples</i> and Wordsworth's <i>Tintern Abbey</i> • how poets convey a physical sense of place, e.g. Blake's grim imagery, Shelley's sensuous and lyrical language • consideration of the poet's point of view, e.g. Blake moves through London, Shelley and Wordsworth are in a static position surveying the scene • how Blake addresses the social and political issues of the time through his portrayal of <i>London</i> • how poets convey thoughts and feelings through their presentation of place, e.g. Wordsworth's notion of nature as a moral guide in the development of character, Shelley's idea that man can appreciate the beauty of nature but cannot find pleasure in it if his own state separates him from it • how poetic form and structure can be used to present place, e.g. Blake uses rhyme, metre, repetition and alliteration to create a driving rhythm for his anger; Wordsworth uses the features of blank verse to create a conversational voice • exploration of the connection between character and place, e.g. Shelley contrasts the joyous scene with his own dejected state; Wordsworth describes the effects that features of the landscape have on him.
12	<p>The Romantics</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>The Rime of the Ancient Mariner</i>, e.g. Wordsworth's <i>Lines Written in Early Spring</i> and Keats' <i>Ode to a Nightingale</i> • consideration of what kind of experience solitude is, e.g. the Mariner's solitude is a form of alienation as punishment for the violation of nature; Keats presents solitude as a state in which to escape the harsh realities of life, evoked through the language of decay, exhaustion and illness • how Keats and Wordsworth present a speaker who is isolated from human society but in communion with nature • how Coleridge presents the albatross as a solitary creature but one who seems to seek companionship with the ship and its crew; Keats' nightingale is a solitary creature in its own world • how the poets explore the relationship between the individual and society • the use of poetic form and structure, e.g. Coleridge's use of the ballad form; Wordsworth uses simple form and diction to convey the progression from 'pleasant thoughts' to 'sad thoughts' • how poets present nature in relation to human society.

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13	<p>Romantic Poet: John Keats</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>The Eve of St Agnes</i>, e.g. <i>Ode to a Nightingale</i> and <i>Bright Star</i> • how Keats portrays physical sensation to explore the importance of experiencing contrast, e.g. the Beadsman’s asceticism against the feasting and revelry • how Keats links the physical to the emotional, e.g. in <i>Ode to a Nightingale</i> his ‘heart aches’ from being ‘too happy’ • Keats’ fascination with the state between sleep and waking • how Keats uses poetic form and structure to explore physical sensation • how Keats presents the harsh realities of life through physical sensation, e.g. in <i>Ode to a Nightingale</i> ‘the fever and the fret’, ‘palsy shakes’ • how Keats is fascinated by the union of pain and pleasure, the oxymoron of ‘numbness pains’ in <i>Ode to a Nightingale</i> and Madeline’s painful ecstasy • consideration of context through biographical connections, e.g. in <i>Bright Star</i> his relationship with Fanny Brawne, and/or through the Romantic features, e.g. the creed of feeling intensely.
14	<p>Romantic Poet: John Keats</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>To Autumn</i>, e.g. <i>Ode to Psyche</i> and <i>La Belle Dame Sans Merci</i> • how Keats celebrates nature, e.g. autumn’s sensuous abundance, the benign setting for the love of Cupid and Psyche • how Keats, in <i>To Autumn</i>, is offering a radical departure from the industrial treatment of nature • how Keats presents nature as alive, e.g. in <i>Ode to Psyche</i> ‘whisp’ring roof/Of leaves and trembled blossoms’; he personifies autumn in <i>To Autumn</i> • how Keats links the human figures to nature • exploration of the different types of landscapes Keats presents, e.g. a landscape of the imagination for <i>Ode to Psyche</i>; the portrayal of the lakeside where the knight-at-arms is ‘loitering’ as a cold, dead setting for the tale of destructive passion; the use of a more realistic setting for <i>To Autumn</i> • consideration of context possible through biographical connections, e.g. acceptance of decay and death in <i>To Autumn</i> and through Romantic features, e.g. exploration of the role of the poet as ‘priest’ to beauty in <i>Ode to Psyche</i>.

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16	<p>The Victorians</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of two other poem to accompany the extract from <i>Maud</i>, e.g. <i>A Birthday</i> by Christina Rossetti, <i>Let the world's sharpness, like a clasping knife</i> by E B Browning and <i>Meeting at Night</i> by R Browning • use of natural imagery in <i>Maud</i>, ('a singing bird', 'laurels', 'cedars', 'waves', etc), including exotic locations ('Lebanon'), contrasted to the impersonal heavens (iv) • Tennyson's linking of love to death in vii (and what this might tell us of Victorian attitudes to love) • structural aspects of <i>Maud</i> extract: varied line and stanza lengths, use of rhyme and rhythm (and what these may tell us about the narrator) • Rossetti's <i>A Birthday</i>: link through references to natural imagery such as 'singing bird' and 'apple tree' – and ways these are exalted by use of vocabulary such as 'halcyon', exotic fabrics etc • Rossetti's use of repetition and rhyme: effect of the regular structure of her poem • in <i>Meeting at Night</i>, Browning also uses an outdoor setting and the sea; significance of the choice of night for the meeting might be explored • contexts of the poems chosen, e.g. Tennyson's use of Biblical imagery ('thornless garden', 'Eve', 'Hell', etc), Browning's reference to a friction match; Hardy's <i>At an Inn</i> provides a contrast here: love that is assumed by others but not realised.

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17	<p>Victorian Poet: Christina Rossetti</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>Passing and Glassing</i>, e.g. <i>Maude Clare</i> (the beauty of Maude Clare, the qualities displayed by her sister Nell), or the attitudes seen in <i>Our Mothers, lovely women pitiful</i> • significant linguistic features, such as the repetition of 'pass' in <i>Passing and Glassing</i> and the effect of this, links to other features such as 'withered roses' etc • ways Rossetti describes women, including her use of tone of voice, point of view etc • structural devices such as her use of the voices of Maude Clare and Nell in <i>Maude Clare</i> • contexts of the poems chosen, e.g. comments about expectations of women's roles which might be drawn from <i>Goblin Market</i> • relationships with men or attitudes to nature, use of the past etc.
18	<p>Victorian Poet: Christina Rossetti</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>Remember</i> (e.g. family love, loss through death, unfaithfulness etc, in <i>An Apple Gathering</i> or <i>Memory</i>) • ways Rossetti describes love and loss, including her choice of language and use of tone of voice in <i>Remember</i> and <i>An Apple Gathering</i> • use of point of view, e.g. comment on her choice of narrators, implied narratives behind the poems etc • structural devices such as repetition and use of rhyme in the chosen poems • use of natural imagery and its connotations, such as the baskets of apples in <i>An Apple Gathering</i> • contexts, such as social pressure on women, attitudes to loss and death (such as the reference to death as 'the silent land' in <i>Remember</i>) etc.

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24	<p>The Movement</p> <p>Students may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate selection of poem to accompany <i>Your Attention Please</i>, e.g. Wain’s <i>A Song about Major Eatherly</i> and Bishop’s <i>The Young Ones</i> <p>ways the poets present twentieth-century anxieties, including the use of vocabulary, tone of voice and point of view, e.g. narrative form in <i>Your Attention Please</i>, the ways Wain’s and Bishop’s narrators address the reader</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • linguistic features of <i>Your Attention Please</i>: the cumulative effect of the details Porter chooses, his use of parentheses etc • structural aspects such as verse form, the ways Porter and Bishop conclude their poems and the effect of this on the reader • how the poems explore relevant twentieth-century anxieties such as world wars, the threat of nuclear war, the impact of scientific and technological developments and changing social attitudes.

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