

MARK SCHEME for the May/June 2012 question paper
for the guidance of teachers

0486 LITERATURE (ENGLISH)

0486/31

Paper 3 (Unseen), maximum raw mark 25

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Questions on Paper 3 are marked out of 25.

The Assessment Objectives for the paper are:

- AO1 show detailed knowledge of the content of literary texts
- AO2 understand the meanings of literary texts and their context, and explore texts beyond surface meaning to show deeper awareness of ideas and attitudes
- AO3 recognise and appreciate ways in which writers use language, structure, and form create and shape meanings and effects
- AO4 communicate a sensitive and informed personal response

The General Descriptors guide examiners to an understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or typical of, work in a band. For the purposes of standardisation of marking, they are to be used in conjunction with photostats of candidates' work produced in the examination and discussed during the examiners' coordination meeting.

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BAND DESCRIPTORS TABLE

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| Band 1 | 25 24 23 | Answers in this band have all the qualities of Band 2 work, with further insight, sensitivity, individuality and flair. They show complete and sustained engagement with both text and task. |
| Band 2 | 22 21 20 | <p><i>Sustains a perceptive, convincing and relevant personal response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows a clear critical understanding of the text • responds sensitively and in detail to the way the writer achieves her/his effects • integrates much well-selected reference to the text |
| Band 3 | 19 18 17 | <p><i>Makes a well-developed, detailed and relevant personal response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows a clear understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications • makes a developed response to the way the writer achieves her/his effects • supports with careful and relevant reference to the text |
| Band 4 | 16 15 14 | <p><i>Makes a reasonably developed relevant personal response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications • makes some response to the way the writer uses language • shows some thoroughness in the use of supporting evidence from the text |
| Band 5 | 13 12 11 | <p><i>Begins to develop a relevant personal response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows some understanding of meaning • makes a little reference to the language of the text • uses some supporting textual detail |
| Band 6 | 10 9 8 | <p><i>Attempts to communicate a basic personal response to the task</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some relevant comments • shows a basic understanding of surface meaning of the text • makes a little supporting reference to the text |
| Band 7 | 7 6 5 | <p><i>Some evidence of simple personal response</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes a few straightforward comments • shows a few signs of understanding the surface meaning of the text • makes a little reference to the text |
| Band 8 | 4 3 2 | <p><i>Limited attempt to respond</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows some limited understanding of simple/literal meaning |
| Below Band 8 | 0 / 0–1 | <i>No answer / Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 8.</i> |