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Paper 1 Poetry and Prose

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MARK SCHEME
Maximum Mark: 50

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Assessment Objectives

AO5

The Assessment Objectives are evenly weighted across each question. The assessment objectives for the paper are:

AO1 show detailed knowledge of the content of literary texts
 AO2 understand the ways literary texts can be interpreted from surface level to deeper awareness of ideas and attitudes and their contexts
 AO3 recognise and appreciate ways in which writers use language
 AO4 recognise and appreciate ways in which writers achieve their effects (e.g. structure, plot, characterisation, dramatic tension, imagery, rhythm, setting and mood)

communicate a sensitive and informed personal response to what is read

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BAND DESCRIPTORS TABLE

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Band 1	25 24 23	 Sustains personal engagement with task and text sustains a critical understanding of the text showing individuality and insight responds sensitively and in detail to the way the writer achieves effects incorporates well-selected reference to the text skilfully and with flair 	
Band 2	22 21 20	 Sustains a perceptive, convincing and relevant personal response 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	 Makes a well-developed, detailed and relevant personal response 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	 Makes a reasonably developed relevant personal response 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	Begins to develop a relevant personal response 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	Attempts to communicate a basic personal response to the task 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	Some evidence of simple personal response 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	Limited attempt to respond shows some limited understanding of simple/literal meaning	
Below Band 8	0 / 0–1	No answer / Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 8.	