

2024 English

Literary Study

Advanced Higher

Question Paper Finalised Marking Instructions

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General marking principles for Advanced Higher English — Literary Study

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.

Marking instructions for each question

The marking instructions indicate the essential idea that a candidate should provide for each answer. Candidates gain marks for their knowledge, understanding, analysis and evaluation of the texts selected for the question.

- First read the essay to establish whether it achieves minimum requirements for technical
 accuracy, and whether it is relevant to the question. There may be a few errors, but they
 should not impede understanding. If the essay does not achieve minimum standards, award
 a maximum of 9 marks. Award up to full marks where the essay communicates clearly at
 first reading.
- Assessment should be holistic. There are strengths and weaknesses in every piece of writing. Focus as far as possible on the strengths, taking account of weaknesses only when they significantly detract from the overall performance.
- Candidates may display ability across more than one band descriptor. It is important to recognise the closeness of the band descriptors and consider carefully the most appropriate overall band for the candidate's performance.

Once that best fit is decided:

- where the candidate's work fully meets the standard described, award the highest available mark from the range
- where the candidate's work just meets the standard described, award the lowest mark from the range
- otherwise, award the mark from the middle of the range.

Marking instructions for all questions

	Marks 20-19	Marks 18-16	Marks 15-13	Marks 12-10	Marks 9-6	Marks 5-0
Knowledge and understanding The literary study demonstrates:	 Comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the texts A full and relevant exploration with sustained consideration of the implications of the question Extensive use of textual evidence to support an argument which is clearly focused on the demands of the question 	 Secure knowledge and understanding of the texts A relevant exploration which demonstrates secure consideration of the implications of the question Extensive use of textual evidence which clearly supports the demands of the question 	 Broad knowledge and understanding of the texts A relevant and thoughtful approach to the question Use of textual evidence which is relevant to the demands of the question 	 Knowledge and understanding of the texts A relevant approach to the question Use of textual evidence to address the demands of the question 	 Limited knowledge and understanding of the texts A limited approach to the question Limited textual evidence to support the demands of the question 	 Very little knowledge of the texts Very little attempt to answer the question Very little textual evidence
Analysis The literary study demonstrates:	Relevant analysis of a task-appropriate range of literary techniques and/or features of language which skilfully strengthens the line of argument	Relevant analysis of a task-appropriate range of literary techniques and/or features of language which strengthens the line of argument	Relevant analysis of a range of literary techniques and/or features of language which supports the line of argument	Analysis of a range of literary techniques and/or features of language	Limited analysis of literary techniques and/or features of language	Very little analysis of literary techniques and/or features of language

	Marks 20-19	Marks 18-16	Marks 15-13	Marks 12-10	Marks 9-6	Marks 5-0
Evaluation The literary study demonstrates:	A committed, clear evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question, and skilfully based on precise evidence discussed within the response	A clearly identifiable evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question and securely based on evidence discussed within the response	A discernible and relevant evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question and based on evidence discussed within the response	An evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question but may demonstrate some weakness in relevance	Limited evaluation with respect to the texts and/or lacks relevance to the question and/or evidence	Very little evidence of evaluation and/or supporting evidence
Technical accuracy The literary study demonstrates:	At least minimum competence for technical accuracy which includes few errors in the use of structure, style, language and/or literary terminology			Significant errors in structure, style, language and/or literary terminology		

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Textual Analysis

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General marking principles for Advanced Higher English — Textual Analysis

Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.

Marking instructions for each question

The marking instructions indicate the essential idea that a candidate should provide for each answer. Candidates gain marks for their knowledge, understanding, analysis and evaluation of the chosen extract.

- Assessment should be holistic. There are strengths and weaknesses in every piece of
 writing. Focus as far as possible on the strengths, taking account of weaknesses only when
 they significantly detract from the overall performance.
- Candidates may display ability across more than one band descriptor. It is important to recognise the closeness of the band descriptors and consider carefully the most appropriate overall band for the candidate's performance.

Once that best fit is decided:

- where the candidate's work fully meets the standard described, award the highest available mark from the range
- where the candidate's work just meets the standard described, award the lowest mark from the range
- otherwise, award the mark from the middle of the range.

Marking instructions for all questions

	Marks 20-19	Marks 18-16	Marks 15-13	Marks 12-10	Marks 9-6	Marks 5-0
Understanding The textual analysis demonstrates:	Comprehensive understanding of the central concerns of the text provided	Secure understanding of the central concerns of the text provided	Broad understanding of the central concerns of the text provided	 Understanding of the central concerns of the text provided A relevant 	Limited understanding of the central concerns of the text provided	Very little understanding of the central concerns of the text provided
	 A full and relevant exploration with sustained consideration of the implications of the question Extensive use of textual evidence to support an argument which is clearly focused on the demands of the question 	 A relevant exploration which demonstrates secure consideration of the implications of the question Extensive use of textual evidence which clearly supports the demands of the question 	 A relevant and thoughtful approach to the question Use of textual evidence which is relevant to the demands of the question 	approach to the question • Use of textual evidence to address the demands of the question	 A limited approach to the question Limited textual evidence to support the demands of the question 	 Very little attempt to answer the question Very little textual evidence

	Marks 20-19	Marks 18-16	Marks 15-13	Marks 12-10	Marks 9-6	Marks 5-0
Analysis The textual analysis demonstrates:	Relevant analysis of a task-appropriate range of literary techniques and/or features of language which skilfully strengthens the approach adopted by the candidate	Relevant analysis of a task-appropriate range of literary techniques and/or features which strengthens the approach adopted by the candidate	Relevant analysis of a range of literary techniques and/or features of language which supports the approach adopted by the candidate	Analysis of a range of literary techniques and/or features of language	Limited analysis of literary techniques and/or features of language	Very little analysis of literary techniques and/or features of language
Evaluation The textual analysis demonstrates:	A committed, clear, evaluative stance with respect to the text provided and the question, and skilfully based on precise evidence discussed within the response	A clearly identifiable evaluative stance with respect to the text provided and the question, and securely based on evidence discussed within the response	A discernible and relevant evaluative stance with respect to the text provided and the question, and based on evidence discussed within the response	An evaluative stance with respect to the text provided and the question but may be based on previously undiscussed evidence or demonstrate some weakness in relevance	Limited evaluation with respect to the text provided and/or lacks relevance to the question and/or evidence	Very little evidence of evaluation and/or supporting evidence

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