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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- 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 may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.

Specific Marking Guidance

- 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 points are displayed at that level.
- 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.

Placing a mark within a level

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- 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 the descriptors in that 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.
- If the candidate's answer meets the requirements fully, markers should be prepared to award full marks within the level. The top mark in the level is used for work that is as good as can realistically be expected within that level.

AO1	Demonstrate a close knowledge and understanding of texts, maintaining a critical style and presenting an informed personal engagement.
AO2	Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects.
AO4	Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

SECTION A – Modern Drama

Question number	Indicative content
1 ***A View from the Bridge***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • Catherine is presented in the play as an attractive and intelligent 17-year-old, who is Beatrice's niece. Beatrice has brought Catherine up since she was a baby, when Catherine's mother died • at the start of the play Catherine is studying at college to become a stenographer and she is described as 'the best student in the whole class'. Catherine is clearly presented as an intelligent woman and, despite not having finished her course, she is offered a job at a plumbing company • Catherine is presented as having a close bond with Beatrice. Beatrice supports Catherine in pursuing employment and stands up for Catherine against Eddie. When Catherine informs Eddie of her new job, Beatrice is behind her wholeheartedly: 'Be the way you are, Katie, don't listen to him' • even though Eddie does not react to the news of Catherine's job in a positive manner, he eventually gives in and allows Catherine to take the job. At this stage in the play, Catherine only wants to please Eddie; she promises to 'buy all new dishes' with her first wages from her new job • Catherine falls in love with Rodolpho quickly. She is particularly taken by his cooking and singing, so that she is 'enthralled' when Rodolpho sings 'Paper Doll'. Catherine refuses to believe Eddie when he says Rodolpho is only interested in gaining citizenship • Catherine's and Rodolpho's relationship gives rise to Eddie's jealousy and Eddie becomes overwhelmed with anger: 'his eyes were like tunnels'. Eddie is unable to control his possibly incestuous feelings towards Catherine • Catherine's developing relationship with Rodolpho results in a gulf in her relationship with Eddie, owing to Eddie's hatred of Rodolpho. Eddie's kissing both Rodolpho and Catherine in an attempt to prove Rodolpho's homosexuality acts as a catalyst in the deterioration of their relationship • though Eddie tries to prevent Catherine's and Rodolpho's marriage by reporting Marco and Rodolpho to the Immigration Bureau, Catherine still tries to make amends with Eddie before he dies, ultimately blaming herself for his downfall: 'Eddie, I never meant to do nothing bad to you'. **(AO2)** • Language: Catherine shows a growing confidence, using imperatives to show that she is ready for a sexual relationship with Rodolpho: 'Teach me. I don't know anything, teach me, Rodolpho, hold me' • Language: the exclamatives in Catherine's speech emphasise the anger she feels towards Eddie, when she realises he is the one to have reported Marco and Rodolpho to the Immigration Bureau: 'You got no more right to tell nobody nothin'! Nobody!' • Language/Form: when Catherine first sees Rodolpho, the stage directions show how Catherine has instantly fallen in love with him as she speaks to him '*wondrously*'

	• Form/Structure: when the Immigration officers arrive, the stage directions demonstrate a marked turn in Catherine's relationship with Eddie; she '*stands a moment staring at Eddie in a realized horror*' • Form/Structure: Catherine's and Rodolpho's relationship puts a strain on that between Catherine and Eddie, acting as a catalyst accelerating the play's tragic outcome.

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	• Form: when Beatrice tells Catherine she should move out, the stage directions depict the moment of realisation for Catherine that she now has to stand on her own two feet: *'She is at the edge of tears, as though a familiar world had shattered'* • Form/Structure: Alfieri is like the Chorus in Greek tragedy; he authoritatively narrates and comments on the events of the play • Structure: Eddie's reporting of Marco and Rodolpho to the Immigration Bureau accelerates the events of the play; his death is a direct result of the clash between the two cultures of America and Italy.

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	• Language: Mrs Birling's forthright language, when addressing the Inspector, shows her confidence in challenging the Inspector directly and her dogged determination to maintain her good standing within society: 'You have no power to make me change my mind' • Form: Priestley's message of social responsibility is accentuated by Mr Birling's selfish acts to preserve his reputation and standing in society without any regard for Eva's/Daisy's fate • Structure: the ambiguous ending leaves the audience to decide whether or not the family will start to consider how their actions impact on others and not just pursue their own self-interests to strengthen their image in society.

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	• Language/Structure: at the end of the play, the Inspector's didactic warning has the tone of a sermon. The imagery of hell conveys its gravity: 'fire and blood and anguish' • Form: in this form of morality play, the Inspector acts as Priestley's mouthpiece, highlighting Priestley's views on social justice and collective responsibility • Structure: the title of the play, *An Inspector Calls*, is significant in that it focuses on the idea of the Inspector calling on the family and his central role in the play.

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	• Structure: the turning point of the play is when Christopher discovers that his mother is still alive. He shows a growing ability to accept the reality of a situation and he has an emerging understanding of the adult world: 'Mother had not died. Mother had been alive all the time'.

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	• Language: Siobhan uses direct interrogatives to show a caring love for Christopher: 'Are you ok?' • Form: Christopher is shown affection in ways which are appropriate for his needs as a boy with autism. The stage directions show how Christopher mirrors his father's actions as a sign of affection: '*Ed holds his right hand up and spreads his fingers out in a fan. Christopher does the same with his left hand. They make their fingers and thumbs touch each other*' • Form/Structure: despite Judy's not appearing in the play until the latter stages, her letters show her love for both Christopher and Roger, allowing the audience an early insight to her character.

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7 ***Kinder-transport***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • truth is important in the play as much of the plot centres on Eva's/Evelyn's attempts to hide the truth about her past, whilst Faith shows a determination to uncover it • there were attempts to protect Eva, as a child, from the harsh realities of the concentration camps and other dangers in Germany, first by her mother, Helga, and, later by Lil at the cinema in London • the truth about Evelyn's past is unmasked as a result of preparations for Faith's leaving home to go to University. Looking through the attic, Faith discovers documents from her mother's past life • Lil is complicit in the hiding of the truth about Eva's/Evelyn's past. Despite Faith's repeated questions about her mother's past, Lil refuses to answer. This acts as a catalyst for Faith's growing inquisitiveness as she recognises that her grandmother is not being open with her: 'Why are you being so cagey?' • when Evelyn is reluctant to tell her daughter the truth about her past, Faith becomes frustrated and lashes out at her mother, calling her a 'terrible mother' • Evelyn is afraid of Faith's finding out her childhood identity as Eva. She fears the truth of her past but the situation forces her to confront her fears • Faith's uncovering of her mother's true past results in her feeling angry and betrayed, as she questions the reality of her own life because, up until then, Faith has believed that Lil is her grandmother. Faith expresses her desire to find her relatives in America • the revelation of Evelyn's true past also results in Lil's feeling unsettled owing to the potential impact it might have on her relationship with Faith: 'Aren't I real now?' **(AO2)** • Language: when Faith discovers the truth about her mother's past life, she shows a keen interest in finding out more about it, interrogating her mother. This is in direct contrast to her mother's reluctance to provide any specific details: 'What else? What else do you remember?' • Language/Form: Helga directly confronts the older Evelyn about her hiding the truth of her past: 'Why have you lost yourself, Eva?' The abruptness of the subsequent stage directions poignantly suggests that this is a truth hidden deep within: '*Ship's horn sounds out*' • Form: the stage directions show how desperate Evelyn is to keep her past hidden: '*a key jangles in the door lock*'. Perhaps rather unusually for an attic, it is locked

	• Structure: Helga promises a young Eva that she will join her in England in a few months. Eva's disappointment when this does not happen results in her questioning whether that promise was genuine, marking the start of Eva's/Evelyn's rejection of her Jewish heritage • Structure: there are difficulties in the relationship between Faith and Evelyn evident throughout the play but the tension in the relationship reaches a climax when Faith discovers her mother's true past.

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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1-6	• Limited knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response is simple with little evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Minimal identification of language, form and structure. • Limited use of relevant examples in support.
Level 2	7-12	• Some knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response may be largely narrative with some evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Some comment on the language, form and structure. • Some use of relevant examples in support.
Level 3	13-18	• Sound knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows relevant personal engagement and an appropriate critical style. • Sound understanding of language, form and structure. • Use of clearly relevant examples in support.
Level 4	19-24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
Level 5	25-30	• Assured knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows assured personal engagement and a perceptive critical style. • Cohesive evaluation of language, form and structure. • Discriminating use of relevant examples in support.

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8 ***Kinder-transport***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • the play centres on the character of Eva/Evelyn as a child and then as an adult. At 9 years old, Eva is one of the first children to escape to England on the Kindertransport. She becomes Evelyn when she changes her name on her naturalisation papers when she is 16 • Eva is initially presented as excited about travelling on the Kindertransport; she reassures her mother: 'Mutti! Vati! Hello! Hello! See. I did get into the carriage'. The subsequent appearance of the Ratcatcher throughout the play depicts the older Eva's/Evelyn's fear of the events of her childhood • Eva's attitude to her blood parents changes. At first she is eager to find jobs for them so that they can come to England but at 17 she rejects her mother, Helga, and she later refuses to go to America with her • as a child, Eva is presented as being close to Helga, whether through innocent childlike questions or proclaiming her love for Helga: 'I love you too'. However, as an adult, Evelyn is presented as having a harsh bitterness towards her mother, comparing her 'razor eyes' to those of the Ratcatcher • Eva goes from remaining true to her Jewish faith and speaking exclusively German, to adopting English mannerisms, such as offering tea in a crisis: 'Would cups and saucers be of any use?' • when Lil first meets Eva as a child, she is presented as rather unloving and thoughtless, insisting Eva no longer speaks German. As an adult, Evelyn is presented as having a close relationship with Lil, whom she trusts to keep the secrets of her past; Lil loyally refuses to disclose details of Evelyn's past even when questioned by Faith • as a child, Eva clings to her jewellery. The older Evelyn detaches herself from the jewellery and gets rid of it as it acts as a painful reminder of her past. Evelyn's desire to remove any remnants of her previous identity is symbolised by her incessant cleaning as an adult • as a mother, Evelyn is presented as cold and distant from her daughter, Faith, yet is shown to care deeply for her. When Faith prepares to leave home for university, Evelyn is insistent in making sure Faith has all she needs. **(AO2)** • Language/Form: the use of listing in the stage directions emphasises Eva's desire to remove any remnants of her past life: *'EVA takes off two rings, a charm bracelet, a watch and a chain with a Star of David on it'*

	• Language/Form: there are early indicators of Eva's/Evelyn's disobedience towards her mother, perhaps foreshadowing her later rejection of her, when the stage directions show a young Eva *'quickly sneaks her mouth organ into the case'* • Structure: the switching of scenes between young Eva's and Helga's relationship and that of Evelyn's and Helga's relationship serves to highlight the contrasting change in Eva's/Evelyn's feelings towards her mother • Structure: Eva's/Evelyn's change of name represents her sheer determination to hide from the events of her past • Structure: the play tracks Eva's/Evelyn's life as a 9-year-old German girl, as a British teenager and as a mother herself, clearly showing her character at different stages in life.

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9 ***Death and the King's Horseman***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • Olunde is presented as a respected character in the play. He is the son of the King's Horseman, and is next in line to take the position, a role held in high regard in Yoruba society • upon hearing of the King's death, Olunde returns home from his studies in the West to show respect to his father, as the King's Horseman, knowing that the death of the King also means the passing of his father. He does this despite his father's having previously disowned him for leaving to study in England. This shows Olunde's dedication to the Yoruba tradition • Olunde stresses his belief in the importance of respect when he challenges prejudiced views of Yoruba culture, resolutely telling Jane Pilkings: 'I discovered that you have no respect for what you do not understand' • Olunde is presented as a respected character when he disowns his own father; Elesin has not fulfilled the ritual and has therefore acted in a way unworthy of respect: 'I have no father, eater of left-overs' • maintaining society's respect for his family is pivotal in Olunde's decision to fulfil the ritual in his father's place to preserve the tradition of the Yoruba: 'Because he could not bear to let honour fly out of doors, he stopped it with his life' • when Iyaloja removes the covering from Olunde's body, she shows her respect for him by confronting Elesin: 'There lies the honour of your household and of our race' • ultimately, Elesin strangles himself, unable to cope with the death of his son, Olunde, and the shame Elesin has brought on his family. The actions of Olunde as a respected character lead directly to his father's death. **(AO2)** • Language: when Jane Pilkings recounts the story of the captain who sacrificed himself, Olunde responds: 'I find it rather inspiring. It is an affirmative commentary on life'. Olunde is forthright in offering his opinion, clearly recognising the respected characteristics of others • Language/Structure: at the end of the play, Elesin adopts a confessional tone to express his regret at conjuring up excuses to delay his fulfilment of the ritual: 'First I blamed the white man, then I blamed my gods for deserting me'. He knows that, unlike his son, he has not acted in a respected way • Form/Structure: Olunde's respected actions in taking his father's place provide the climax for the play's action • Structure: Olunde's conversation with Jane about self-sacrifice foreshadows Olunde's own respectworthy act at the end of the play • Structure: the actions of Elesin and Olunde are presented in strong contrast; Olunde acts in a way to be respected by fulfilling his duty whilst Elesin fails to do so.

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10 ***Death and the King's Horseman***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • many characters show a form of leadership in the play: the King, Elesin as the King's Horseman, Iyaloja, Simon Pilkings, Olunde and the Praise-Singer. Qualities of leadership are demonstrated through power, position, tradition, example and respect • the dead King is presented as a leader through tradition and position. The play centres on Elesin's commitment to abide by the leadership of the King and fulfil the ritual • the King's Horseman is traditionally a role held with high regard within Yoruban society, meaning its holder lives as an esteemed leader in the community. The community live in fear of the consequences of not fulfilling Elesin's needs: 'If we offend you now, we have mortified the gods'. Elesin uses his position to commandeer what he wants, including clothes, food and a woman, from the market women • Pilkings demonstrates leadership in his powerful position as British District Officer, responsible for preserving law and order, maintaining colonial rule in the area • the Praise-Singer traditionally leads the King's Horseman into a trance that should culminate in his death: 'Elesin Alafin, I no longer sense your flesh. The drums are changing now but you have gone far ahead of the world' • Iyaloja is leader of the market women and is respected as 'Mother' of the marketplace. She is presented as a powerful force in the community and her word is followed without question • when his father fails to fulfil the ritual, Olunde acts as a moral leader by example, taking his father's place • Iyaloja turns on Elesin when he fails to complete the ritual. She chastises Elesin for his betrayal: 'We called you leader and oh, how you led us on'. **(AO2)** • Language: Iyaloja's commanding language demonstrates her role as leader of the market women: 'Daughters, please', 'My children, I beg of you…' • Language: Elesin is described as 'the father', portraying him as a figure who should be respected and his requests heeded • Form: the play can be read as a political allegory in which Soyinka warns leaders to fulfil their commitments • Form/Structure: Iyaloja leads the other women in the market, taking on the role of a Greek Chorus leader throughout the play

	• Structure: many of the characters see a contrast in differing ideas of leadership, as presented throughout the play: leadership according to Yoruba and Western ideals of leadership. According to Olunde, however, there are a number of similarities between the two cultures; they are just not recognised.

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Level 5	25-30	• Assured knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows assured personal engagement and a perceptive critical style. • Cohesive evaluation of language, form and structure. • Discriminating use of relevant examples in support.

SECTION B – Literary Heritage Texts

Question number	Indicative content
11 ***Romeo and Juliet***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • Shakespeare initially presents the relationship between Juliet and her father as one of love. As the play progresses, Lord Capulet's actions in forcing his daughter to marry Paris ultimately contribute to his daughter's tragic demise • Lord Capulet, as head of the family, is presented as fearsome. His word is to be respected and followed without question • Lord Capulet tries to control who and when his daughter, Juliet, marries. Near the beginning of the play, Lord Capulet tells Paris, who desires to marry Juliet, to 'let two summers wither in their pride / Ere we may think her ripe to be a bride'. He believes his daughter is too young to marry and he protects her. Their relationship is presented to be founded on love • however, a short while later in the play, Lord Capulet seeks to hasten the marriage of Juliet to Paris and sets a date 'early next Thursday morn'. He assumes that Juliet will do as he says without hesitation • Juliet's refusal to marry Paris results in Lord Capulet's threat to disown her. He perceives her act of defiance as a sign of dishonour: 'Hang thee, young baggage! Disobedient wretch', thus marking the drastic fragmentation of their relationship • Lord Capulet's love of his daughter is shown as he is distraught when he learns of Juliet's death. In agreement with Lord Montague, he immediately puts an end to the feud in recognition of its devastating consequences. **(AO2)** • Language: Lord Capulet questions his wife, Lady Capulet, over whether she has told Juliet yet of her upcoming marriage: 'Have you delivered to her our decree?' The noun 'decree' meaning an official order in law, suggests the authority Lord Capulet feels he holds over his daughter • Language/Structure: the irony in Lord Capulet's speech foreshadows Juliet's tragic demise: 'get thee to church o' Thursday, / Or never after look me in the face' • Language/Structure: at the end of the play, when Lord Capulet learns of the death of his daughter, he appeals emphatically for Montague's friendship: 'O brother Montague, give me thy hand. / …for no more / Can I demand'. With the death of his daughter, Lord Capulet's reaching out for Montague's hand signals an end to the feud • Form: Lord Capulet's character, as the powerful head of the family, is representative of the traditional, authoritative role of the head of the household at the time the play was written

	• Structure: the pressure Lord Capulet puts on Juliet, in wanting to rush her marriage to Paris, acts as a catalyst, accelerating the pace of the play as it moves towards its tragic outcome. **(AO4)** • in the patriarchal society of Elizabethan England, fathers like Lord Capulet would have virtually owned their daughters. It would have been the father's decision when and who his daughter married • when the play was first staged, the audience is likely to have disapproved of Juliet's act of defiance against her father, in her refusal to marry Paris • many of Shakespeare's plays show conflict between parents and children, as evident in the relationship between Juliet and Lord Capulet.

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Level 4	19-24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • There is a detailed awareness of the relationship between text and context. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
Level 5	25-30	• Assured knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows assured personal engagement and a perceptive critical style. • Cohesive evaluation of language, form and structure. • Understanding of the relationship between text and context is integrated convincingly into the response. • Discriminating use of relevant examples in support.

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12 ***Romeo and Juliet***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • from the very first few words of the play, the prologue makes the audience aware of the long-standing feud between the two families and its significance in the events which are to unfold: 'From ancient grudge break to new mutiny' • the feud demands family loyalty, often resulting in violent conflict between the two central families and ultimately leading to the deaths of Romeo and Juliet • through their loyalty and dedication to the families they serve, even the servants are party to the feud. At the beginning of the play, the Capulets' servants insult the Montagues' servants: 'A dog of the house of the Montague moves me' • Juliet's cousin, Tybalt, is presented as ruthless and vengeful. When he learns of Romeo's presence at the Capulet ball, he is angry because Romeo is a Montague: 'No, by the stock and honor of my kin, / To strike him dead, I hold it not a sin'. He later insists on fighting Romeo, yet Romeo refuses, resulting in Mercutio's death as he steps in to defend Romeo's honour. In an act of vengeance, Romeo then fights and kills Tybalt, marking the start of the spiralling events that lead to the deaths of Romeo and Juliet • Mercutio's final lines in the play clearly apportion blame for his death on the feuding families: 'A plague o' both your houses!' • at the end of the play, when the two families learn of the deaths of Romeo and Juliet, both families agree to put an end to the feud. **(AO2)** • Language: Prince Escalus is enraged by the violation of the civic order by the feuding families: 'Rebellious subjects, enemies to peace, / Profaners of this neighbour-stainèd steel' • Language: Prince Escalus directly addresses the heads of the two families, Lord Capulet and Lord Montague, when chastising the families for their violent feud: 'By thee, old Capulet, and Montague', thus suggesting the responsibility for the feud ultimately rests with the two men • Language/Form: the prologue highlights the intensity of the feud: 'civil blood makes civil hands unclean' • Form: it is ironic that such devastating consequences result from a feud for which the reason remains unknown for the entirety of the play • Structure: the end of the play signals an end to the feud. Capulet offers his hand to Montague and the men commit to raising statues of Romeo and Juliet.

	(AO4) • medieval Italy was well-known for its vendettas and deadly feuds, providing an appropriate setting for long-running feud between the Capulets and the Montagues • at the time the play was set, duelling was a common means of resolving family disputes, although it was illegal. Many gentlemen carried swords around with them in readiness • the negative effects of feuding families seeking revenge for dishonouring family loyalty were a powerful threat to the stability of Elizabethan society.

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13 ***Macbeth***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • the theme of trust is prevalent throughout the play, often proven to be misplaced. When Duncan is murdered, much suspicion is placed on his guards: 'No man's life was to be trusted with them' • Macbeth places trust in what the apparitions say: 'Thou hast harped my fear aright'. His confidence grows as a result: 'Then live, Macduff. What need I fear of thee?' This contrasts with Banquo's suspicions of them • Duncan had believed the previous Thane of Cawdor was 'a gentleman on whom' he had 'built an absolute trust'. After Cawdor's execution for treachery, it is ironic that Duncan rewards the 'worthy' Macbeth with the title of Thane of Cawdor • Lady Macbeth shows little trust in her husband. She belittles and manipulates him in an attempt to ensure he follows through with sinful acts, including the murder of Duncan • Macduff does not trust Macbeth. He suspects Macbeth of wrongdoing soon after the death of Duncan. He refuses to bow before Macbeth and will not attend his coronation: 'No, cousin, I'll to Fife' • Malcolm and Donalbain do not trust anyone after Duncan's murder: 'There's daggers in men's smiles'. They flee to England and Ireland. Later, Malcolm checks thoroughly whether he can trust Macduff's loyalty to Scotland by professing to be full of vices • when Macbeth starts to see the branches of the trees moving closer to Dunsinane, it marks a moment of realisation that he could well be defeated. Despite this, Macbeth continues to trust the prophecies, believing that 'none of woman born / Shall harm Macbeth'. **(AO2)** • Language: Lady Macbeth does not fully trust Macbeth. Her use of metaphorical language shows she sees a core weakness in him: 'Yet do I fear thy nature. / It is too full o' the milk of human kindness'. She does not trust Macbeth to kill Duncan • Language: Banquo questions the motives of the witches, reminding the audience of their link to the devil: 'What, can the devil speak true?' • Language/Form: the witches' cautionary chant at the beginning of the play warns that nothing is as it appears to be, foreshadowing how trust can be easily misplaced in the play: 'Fair is foul, and foul is fair' • Language/Structure: when Duncan arrives at Macbeth's castle, he shows a misguided trust in Macbeth and his good character: 'This castle hath a pleasant seat'. This 'pleasant seat', after all, is the setting of his gruesome murder

	• Structure: Macduff's trust in his instincts about Macbeth ultimately leads to the restoration of the Chain of Being. Malcolm is the rightful heir to the throne. **(AO4)** • King James I was highly interested in the idea of witchcraft and even wrote a book about it. Witches were perceived as evil beings, able to manipulate and control men and women • many of Shakespeare's plays featured kings and queens having their positions usurped by traitors who should not be trusted • Shakespeare is believed to have written the play to please James I as it was a warning to potential traitors, reminding the audience of the Divine Right of Kings.

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14 ***Macbeth***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • Macbeth changes as the play progresses. Initially, he is presented as a respected Thane who shows much loyalty to Duncan, as the defeat of the treacherous Thane of Cawdor is largely because of the leadership of Macbeth and Banquo. Macbeth's descent into tyranny contrasts directly with his initial portrayal • at first, Macbeth appears open and honest with his wife, Lady Macbeth. In his letter to her, he tells her about his meeting with the 'weird sisters' • Macbeth initially fears the witches' intentions as they appear to know his 'deep desires'. However, the prophecies serve to increase his confidence and provide him with a false sense of security, which he acts upon • early in the play, Macbeth appears loyal to King Duncan who refers to him as: 'O valiant cousin'. When Malcolm is given the title Prince of Cumberland, despite having to be rescued by the sergeant, Macbeth's disappointment and ambition motivate him to change. He is emboldened by the prophecies and spurred on by Lady Macbeth to murder Duncan • after killing Duncan, Macbeth changes his response to fear. It appears to empower him, driving him to further tyranny: 'My strange and self-abuse / Is the initiate fear, that wants hard use. / We are yet but young in deed' • Macbeth's disturbed mind becomes increasingly apparent. He visualises the dagger and sees Banquo's ghost • Lady Macbeth's death also marks a change in Macbeth. He suggests that he is weakened by it: 'She should have died hereafter; / There would have been a time for such a word'. **(AO2)** • Language: Macbeth is initially described as a courageous soldier: 'brave Macbeth'. There is a marked contrast in Macbeth's character when he subsequently sees Banquo's ghost, showing his inability to cope with guilt: 'Thou canst not say I did it. Never shake / Thy gory locks at me' • Language: even after the murder of Duncan, the imagery of fear in Macbeth's speech shows how he is shaken by the very thought of murder: 'My thought, whose murder yet is but fantastical, / Shakes so my single state of man that function…' • Form: Macbeth's soliloquy when he sees the dagger marks the start of the decline of his mental state • Form: Macbeth's hubris becomes his dominant trait. His tragic fall is a result of his boldness and his later belief in his personal invincibility, having seen the witches again

	• Structure: the suicide of Lady Macbeth spurs Macbeth into further tyranny. **(AO4)** • at the time the play was written, there was a strong belief in the Divine Right of Kings. Macbeth's transformation into an evil tyrant, killing the King, would probably have shocked the audience of the time • a contemporary audience was likely to have recognised the role of the witches in Macbeth's changing character. The supernatural was considered evil and linked with the devil • written for James I, the play serves as a cautionary tale to warn potential assassins of the dire consequences that would befall them if they were to dare to follow a path like Macbeth's.

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	• many plays written during this period perpetuated hatred of Jews, through portraying villains, such as Shylock, as scheming and sinister • the treatment of Shylock allows the modern audience to reflect on the views of society at the time the play was set.

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	• Jews were often persecuted in revenge for unfounded accusations of the desecration of Christian churches • *The Merchant of Venice* is said to have been based on the character of Barabbas in *The Jew of Malta.* However, Barabbas is portrayed as a pure villain compared to Shylock, who, although he seeks revenge, shows examples of how he has been wronged by society.

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	(AO4) • compared to other works of the time, Austen's novels do not typically reflect the Romantic movement, as is evident by the presentation of many of the relationships between characters, including that of Mr Collins and Charlotte Lucas • when the novel was written, fathers' fortunes were mostly inherited by the eldest son or male heir. Mr Collins' situation would therefore not have been unusual • Austen's presentation of Mr Collins explores the role of the church in society.

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	(AO4) • although engaged for one night, Austen never married, even though love and marriage were key themes in her novels • Elizabeth's refusal to accept marriage proposals from Mr Collins and Mr Darcy would have shocked most contemporary readers. Women were expected to accept the proposals of prosperous men without hesitation • at the time the novel was written, women and their property became the legal possession of their husbands upon marriage.

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	• Form: as the narrator, Pip has the ability to reveal his views on events and characters in the novel • Structure: the novel is a bildungsroman, following Pip's growth and development into adulthood. **(AO4)** • Dickens had a difficult relationship with his own mother, which is perhaps reflected in the portrayal of Pip as a child and Mrs Joe's treatment of him • at the time Dickens wrote the novel, narratives that centred on the journey of the main character from boyhood to manhood were popular • like Pip towards the end of the novel, Dickens raised his social standing in society.

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	(AO4) • in the time Dickens was writing, convicts were a sub-class, detached from society. The wealth achieved by Magwitch in Australia brings him some power despite his status • *Great Expectations* fits a pattern of fiction released at the time the novel was written, depicting growth and personal development of a character, such as the journey Pip experiences from boyhood to manhood • at the time the novel was set, London was a city of much prosperity but also widespread and extreme poverty. The most sought-after jobs and opportunities for acquiring wealth were seen to be in London.

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	(AO4) • in the strict Puritan society at the time the novel was set, adultery was seen as a mortal sin. As a result, mothers often had their children taken away from their care • it was typical for Puritans at the time the novel was set to look for symbols to confirm divine sentiments, reflected by the interpretation of the formation of the 'A' in the sky • Hawthorne uses the symbol of the scarlet letter to show society's dogged refusal to change ideas and beliefs. Hester has no choice other than to accept responsibility for her sin and wear the scarlet letter.

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	• Hawthorne is thought to have wanted to show the potential consequences of such strict, rigid societal views and the possible effects of subsequent relentless attrition • Chillingworth's evil acts are accentuated by his doing so in his role as a physician; typically seen by the Puritan community as a position of trust and respect.

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