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INTRODUCTION

This marking scheme was used by WJEC for the 2018 examination. It was finalised after detailed discussion at examiners' conferences by all the examiners involved in the assessment. The conference was held shortly after the paper was taken so that reference could be made to the full range of candidates' responses, with photocopied scripts forming the basis of discussion. The aim of the conference was to ensure that the marking scheme was interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners.

It is hoped that this information will be of assistance to centres but it is recognised at the same time that, without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conference, teachers may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation.

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UNIT 2A: BAND CRITERIA

The following descriptions have been provided to indicate the way in which progression within the three criteria is likely to occur. Each successive description assumes demonstration of achievements in lower bands. You are asked to place work initially within a band and then to fine-tune using the marks within the band. It is recognised that work will not always fit neatly into one of the descriptions.

MARKS				
Extract	**Essay**	**Critical response to texts (AO1)** *Assessed in all questions	**Language, structure and form (AO2)** *Assessed in Q1 (i) and Q2 (i),(ii) and (iii)	**Social, cultural, and historical contexts (AO4)** *Assessed in Q1 (ii) and (iii)
0	**0**	Nothing worthy of credit.		
1	**1-4**	Candidates: rely on a narrative approach with some misreadings; make a personal response to the text.	Candidates: may make generalised comments about stylistic effects.	Candidates: make simple comments on textual background.
		Responses will show some appropriate quality of written communication.		
2-4	**5-9**	Candidates: display some understanding of main features; make generalised reference to relevant aspects of the text, echoing and paraphrasing; begin to select relevant detail.	Candidates: recognise and make simple comments on particular features of style and structure.	Candidates: show a limited awareness of social/cultural and historical contexts; begin to be aware how social/cultural and historical context is relevant to understanding the text(s).
		Responses will show generally appropriate quality of written communication.		
5-7	**10-14**	Candidates: make more detailed reference to text; discuss thoroughly, and increasingly thoughtfully, characters and relationships; probe the sub-text with increasing confidence; select and evaluate relevant textual details; understand and demonstrate how writers use ideas, themes and settings to affect the reader; convey ideas clearly and appropriately.	Candidates: see how different aspects of style and structure combine to create effects; show increasingly clear appreciation of how meanings and ideas are conveyed through language, structure and form.	Candidates: set texts in contexts more securely; begin to see how texts have been influential; have a clear grasp of social/cultural and historical context; begin to be able to relate texts to own and others' experience.
		Responses will show generally correct quality of written communication.		
8-10	**15-20**	Candidates: make increasingly assured selection and incorporation of relevant detail; are able to speculate/offer tentative judgements; evaluate characters/relationships and attitudes/motives; at the highest level, consistently handle texts with confidence, have an overview and ability to move from the specific to the general; convey ideas persuasively and cogently with apt textual support.	Candidates: show appreciation of how writers use language to achieve specific effects; make assured exploration and evaluation of the ways meaning, ideas and feeling are conveyed through language, structure and form; at the highest level, make assured analysis of stylistic features.	Candidates: show a clear understanding of social/cultural and historical contexts; relate texts to own and others' experience; identify and comment on importance of social/cultural and historical contexts. Awareness of literary tradition shown; at the highest level, show a clear understanding of social/cultural and historical contexts; relate details of text to literary background and explain how texts have been/are influential at different times.
		Responses will show correct quality of written communication throughout.		

*** Please see grid on the previous page for AO weightings in Q1 (i), (ii) and (iii) and Q2 (i), (ii) and (iii).**

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Section A (Literary Heritage drama)

Othello

1 1 Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:

Look closely at how Othello speaks and behaves here. What does it reveal about his character to an audience at this point in the play? [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Simple general comment(s) on the extract.

2-4 marks Answers will be dependent on simple re-telling, mainly based on the extract with some of discussion of Othello, with, perhaps, some empathy for 3-4.

5-7 marks Answers will be more focused and detailed with apt discussion of the Othello as he is shown in the extract - thoughtful and thorough for 7.

8-10 marks Discussion of Othello as he is shown here will be assured and evaluative, covering aspects such as his use of contrasting religious imagery in describing Desdemona and then his own condition. Close focus on language/imagery will be evident in this band.

1 2 **How is the character of Cassio important to the play as a whole? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be brief and general based on simple narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with some discussion of Cassio and his importance to the play. There is likely to be awareness of the play's context, and, perhaps, empathy, towards the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks Candidates will use a sound knowledge of the text to support their discussion of Cassio and his importance to the play. For 13 – 14 discussion of his importance to the play will be thoughtful and thorough. There will be some appreciation of how the context of the play is relevant to his character (e.g. ambition, loyalty).

15-20 marks Answers will be confident and well supported by apt detail, with clear, coherent discussion of Cassio and his importance to the play as a whole, as well as an increasing appreciation of how the context of the play is relevant to this. At the top, answers will be increasingly evaluative, and may be original.

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'The play *Othello* is about the destruction of love by hate.' How far do you agree with this statement? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

Please remember that in this question, as with all such open questions, comment is free, and be flexible in judging what is offered, using the marking guidelines.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be underdeveloped and based on simple, patchy narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be reliant on narrative with some discussion of love and hate in the play, awareness of the play's context, and, perhaps, empathy, towards the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks Answers will reveal a secure and selective knowledge of the play to support discussion of love and hate, in what will probably be narrative driven accounts. At the top of this mark range, discussion will be thorough and thoughtful, addressing the idea of love being destroyed by hate directly. The issue of context may well be only implicitly addressed at this level.

15-20 marks Answers will be well referenced, discussing the destruction of love by hate with some sensitivity, and, towards the top of this mark range, will be evaluative. A case might well be built to say that other factors, such as lack of trust and jealousy, destroy love instead and this should also be valued if well supported. There will probably be an increasingly clear grasp of the play's context (male/female roles etc.).

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Much Ado About Nothing

1 4 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

Look closely at how the characters speak and behave here. What does it reveal about them to an audience? [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Simple general comments - very brief, probably.

2-4 marks Answers will be based on simple reorganisation/paraphrase, with some discussion of what is going on, and some awareness of the characters as presented here, for 3 – 4.

5-7 marks Answers will be more focused and supported by apt detail, and for 7 will be thorough and thoughtful.

8-10 marks Answers will be closely read, assured and evaluative, with a clear focus on "how." There is likely to be discussion of the humour shown between the characters and how it is presented in the extract.

1 5 **How does Shakespeare present the character of Hero to an audience throughout the play? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be underdeveloped and based on simple, patchy narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be reliant on narrative with some discussion of Hero, awareness of the play's context, and, perhaps, empathy, towards the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks Answers will reveal a secure and selective knowledge of the play to support a discussion of Hero as she is presented in the play, in what will be, probably, narrative driven accounts. At the top of this mark range, discussion will be thorough and thoughtful. The issue of presentation may well be only implicitly addressed at this level, as may discussion of the play's context.

15-20 marks Answers will be well referenced, discussing Hero's presentation in detail and, towards the top of this mark range, will be evaluative. The issue of how she is presented will probably be addressed with some success at the top of this mark range, too, and there will probably be an increasingly clear grasp of the play's context (patriarchal attitudes; male/female roles etc.)

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1	6

'*Much Ado About Nothing* is a play in which the characters discover the truth about themselves and others. How far do you agree with this statement? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]

Please remember that, in this question, as with all such open questions, comment is free, and be flexible in judging what is offered, using the marking guidelines.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be dependent on simple general story telling.

5-9 marks Answers will be reliant on narrative with some relevant discussion of events in the play, awareness of the play's context, and, perhaps, empathy, towards the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks Answers will reveal a secure and selective knowledge of the play to support discussion of characters who discover the truth about themselves and others, in what will probably be narrative driven accounts. At the top of this mark range, discussion will be thorough and thoughtful, addressing the significance of some of the discoveries. The issue of context may well be only implicitly addressed at this level.

15-20 marks Answers will be well referenced, discussing relevant discoveries with some sensitivity, and, towards the top of this mark range, will be evaluative. A case might well be built to say that the play is not about this at all but about other issues such as trust and love and this should also be valued if well supported. There will probably be an increasingly clear grasp of the play's context.

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An Inspector Calls

1 7 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

Look closely at how Mr Birling speaks and behaves here. What does it reveal about his character to an audience at this point in the play? [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Simple, general comments – very brief, probably.

2-4 marks Candidates will re-tell the extract, with, for 3/4, some discussion of Mr Birling as he appears here.

5-7 marks At this level, candidates will select and highlight detail to support their discussion of Mr Birling as he appears in the extract. At the top of the band, discussion of selected detail will be thoughtful and thorough.

8-10 marks Discussion of Mr Birling as he is shown here will be assured and evaluative, covering aspects such as his arrogance and overconfidence, with particular attention to how these are presented. Close focus on language/imagery will be evident in this band.

1 8 **'Gerald Croft is presented as a character who is neither good nor bad.' How far do you agree with this statement? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be underdeveloped and based on simple, general narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be dependent on simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of Gerald. There will be some awareness of relevant contextual factors, particularly at the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks At this level, and particularly at the bottom of this band, answers will still be narrative driven, but with an increasingly secure and selective use of the text to support a discussion of Gerald and how he is presented. At the top of this band, responses will be thoughtful and thorough, with an increasing understanding of contextual factors and direct discussion of the statement at the head of the question.

15-20 marks In this band, answers will be assured in their use of selected detail, and will have a clear sense of overview and evaluation in their consideration of the presentation of Gerald. There is likely to be some sensitivity in the discussion of his relationships with Sheila and Daisy Renton/Eva Smith, for instance, and confident discussion of his attitudes as shown through the play. There will be a clear grasp of the impact of contextual factors. Candidates can be equally successful in suggesting that he is good, bad or neither, as long as these suggestions are confidently supported.

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1	9

Show how Priestley uses the life and death of Eva Smith to highlight some aspects of society at the time the play is set. [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

As with all questions of this type, candidates may approach this in different ways, as opinion is free, so judge according to the marking guidelines.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be underdeveloped and based on simple narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be dependent on simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of the life and death of Eva Smith, where there may well also be empathy evident. Reference to context will probably be implicit at this level.

10-14 marks At this level, and particularly at the bottom of this band, answers will still be narrative driven, but with an increasingly secure and selective use of the text. At the top of this band, responses will be thoughtful and thorough in their discussion of the factors affecting the life and death of Eva Smith, including those related to context.

15-20 marks In this band, answers will be assured in their use of selected detail, and will have a clear sense of how Priestley presents Eva's life and death to highlight aspects of society. Various aspects of society such as class and poverty may be addressed with relevant support to suggest their importance. Coverage of the play will be more comprehensive at this level, with overview and evaluation, especially at the top of the band.

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Hobson's Choice

2 0 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

Look closely at how the characters speak and behave here. What does it reveal about them to an audience? [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Very simple, and brief, point(s).

2-4 marks Answers will be dependent on re-telling of what is happening in the extract with, perhaps, empathy and some discussion of the characters emerging at 3, and more evident for 4.

5-7 marks Discussion of the extract will be more focused, with relevant detail selected to support judgements. For 7 answers will contain sustained and thoughtful discussion of the characters as they are presented here.

8-10 marks Answers will be assured, evaluative and closely read. There may be an appreciation of some of the humour evident in the presentation of the characters in this extract.

2 1 **How does Brighouse present Henry Hobson to an audience throughout the play? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Very simple, general narrative and/ or comments.

5-9 marks Answers will tend to be general, probably dependent on simple narrative but with an emerging discussion of Henry Hobson and his presentation, perhaps shown through empathy and awareness of the context of the time, for 8 or 9.

10-14 marks Answers will probably be narrative driven but with apt focus on key areas of the text. For 13 – 14 answers will be thoughtful and thorough in their discussion of Henry Hobson and his presentation, with some understanding of the play's historical context. Reference to "presentation" may well be implicit at times at this level.

15-20 marks Answers will be evaluative, assured and perhaps, at the top, original, showing an understanding of the play's context, in the discussion of Henry Hobson. The issue of presentation will probably be addressed with some success at this level, with the likely inclusion of some sensitive discussion of the development of his relationships with others such as his daughters and Willie Mossop.

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2	2

'As the title suggests, this play is about making choices.' How far do you agree with this statement? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

Please remember that, in this question, as with all such open questions, comment is free, and be flexible in judging what is offered, using the marking guidelines.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be based on simple, patchy narrative, with simple judgements.

5-9 marks Answers will be reliant on narrative with some discussion of choices that are made in the play, awareness of the play's context, and, perhaps, empathy, towards the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks Answers will reveal a secure and selective knowledge of the play to support discussion of the choices that characters make, in what will probably be narrative driven accounts. At the top of this mark range, discussion will be thorough and thoughtful, addressing the idea of choice directly. The issue of context may well be only implicitly addressed at this level.

15-20 marks Answers will be well referenced, discussing the making of choices in the play with some sensitivity, and, towards the top of this mark range, will be evaluative. A case might well be built to say that the play is not about making choices but rather about having to live with the choices made by others or indeed about having no choice at all, and these should also be valued if well supported. There will be an increasingly clear grasp of the play's context (male/female roles etc.).

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A Taste of Honey

2 3 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

How does Shelagh Delaney present the relationship between Jo and Geof here? [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Expression of very simple, and brief, point of view about Jo and Geof as they appear here.

2-4 marks Answers will be dependent on re-telling of some of the events of the extract with, perhaps, empathy and some discussion emerging at 3, and more evident for 4.

5-7 marks Discussion of Jo and Geof and their relationship will be more focused, with relevant detail from the extract to support judgements. For 7 answers will contain sustained and thoughtful discussion of the relationship as presented in the extract.

8-10 marks Answers will be assured, evaluative and closely read. Insight will be revealed through an understanding of Jo and Geof's relationship as it is shown here. There may also be some sensitive discussion of what the extract shows us about Jo and her relationship with Jimmie/ the boy.

2 4 **In *A Taste of Honey* how does Delaney present the character of Helen to an audience? Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be based on a simple, partial retelling of all, or parts of, the play, with scant reference, if any, to the question.

5-9 marks Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of Helen as she is presented in the play, (perhaps with uneven coverage) at 8 plus. There will probably be some awareness of the play's context although this may be implicit.

10-14 marks Candidates will use a sound knowledge of text to support their discussion of Helen. For 13–14, discussion will be increasingly thorough and thoughtful, with an increasing understanding of the play's context.

15-20 marks Answers will be carefully considered, assured and evaluative, with sensitive discussion of Helen and her presentation to an audience. At this level, the issue of presentation will be addressed with increasing confidence, and there will be a clear grasp of central issues about the play's context (e.g. attitudes to single parenthood, poverty, male/female roles etc.)

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2	5

How are different kinds of love presented in *A Taste of Honey?* Remember to support your answer with reference to the play and comment on its social, cultural and historical context. [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A04 (67%).

Please remember that, in this question, as with all such open questions, comment is free, and be flexible in judging what is offered, using the marking guidelines.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be underdeveloped, and based on simple narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be reliant on narrative with some discussion of love in the play, awareness of the play's context, and, perhaps, empathy, towards the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks Answers will reveal a secure and selective knowledge of the play to support discussion of the kinds of love that are presented, in what will probably be narrative driven accounts. At the top of this mark range, discussion will be thorough and thoughtful, addressing the idea of kinds of love directly. The issue of context may well be only implicitly addressed at this level.

15-20 marks Answers will be well referenced, discussing kinds of love and how they are presented with some sensitivity, and, towards the top of this mark range, will be evaluative. A range of relationships within the paly are likely to be considered to build an overview. There will be an increasingly clear grasp of the play's context (male/female roles, parenting, poverty etc.).

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Section B (Contemporary prose)

Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha

2 6 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

How does Roddy Doyle create mood and atmosphere here? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Answers will be brief, with some simple comments on what is going on.

2-4 marks Answers will tend towards reorganisation, with some discussion and awareness for 3/4. Empathy will probably be evident at 4.

5-7 marks Answers will be more focused on mood and atmosphere, with details selected and discussed. There will be increasing thoughtfulness for 7.

8-10 marks Answers will be assured and analytical, with some appreciation and evaluation of how mood and atmosphere is created here. There is likely to be some sensitivity and perhaps some appreciation of the relationship between Paddy and his Ma as it is presented in this extract, and how this adds to the mood and atmosphere.

2 7 **How is the character of Sinbad important to the novel as a whole? [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be brief and patchy in knowledge.

5-9 marks Answers will be narrative driven, discussing Sinbad with some awareness/empathy for 8 – 9.

10-14 marks Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on key areas of the text. For 13 – 14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful in their discussion of Sinbad, and, for example, his relationships with his parents as well as that with Paddy.

15-20 marks There will be a confident, detailed discussion of Sinbad as he is presented across the novel and a clear evaluation of his importance to the novel as a whole, particularly at the top of the band. There is likely to be some sensitive discussion of his various relationships within the family.

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2	8

'Friendships are the most important aspect of Paddy's childhood.' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

As with all questions of this type, candidates may approach this in different ways, as opinion is free, so judge according to the marking guidelines.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be limited and general.

5-9 marks Answers will be narrative driven, with some discussion/awareness/empathy for 8 – 9.

10-14 marks Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on key areas of the text to support the discussion of friendships and Paddy's childhood. For 13 – 14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful, building a direct response to the task.

15-20 marks At this level there will be a clear focus on the task and some sensitive, supported discussion of how important friendships are to Paddy's childhood. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to show to what extent the candidate agrees with the statement. This will be increasingly evaluative at the top of the band.

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Heroes

2 9 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

How does Robert Cormier create mood and atmosphere here? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Brief responses, and simple comments on what is happening.

2-4 marks Answers will tend to be underdeveloped, with some awareness, and some discussion, for 3/4.

5-7 marks Discussion will be more focused and supported by apt detail. For 7, discussion of the creation of mood and atmosphere will be thorough and thoughtful.

8-10 marks Answers will be closely read and assured. At the top they will also be evaluative and analytical. Features such as the poignancy of this meeting between Francis and Enrico and the dark humour used between them at times in the extract may well be addressed with confidence.

3 0 **'Francis is just an ordinary young man who makes some bad decisions that change his life forever'. How far do you agree with this statement? [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

As with all questions of this type, candidates may approach this in different ways, as opinion is free, so judge according to the marking guidelines.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Simple brief answers, based on a general re-telling of some relevant parts of the story.

5-9 marks Answers will be narrative driven, with some discussion/awareness/empathy for 8 – 9.

10-14 marks Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on key areas of the text to support the discussion of some of the choices that Francis makes.. For 13 – 14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful, building a direct response to the task.

15-20 marks At this level there will be a clear focus on the task and some sensitive, supported discussion of Francis and some of the choices that he makes. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to show to what extent the candidate agrees with the statement. This will be increasingly evaluative at the top of the band.

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3	1

For which character in *Heroes* do you have the most sympathy? Show how Robert Cormier creates sympathy for your chosen character. [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

As with all such open questions, remember that comment is free, so judge according to the marking criteria.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Simple comments based on probably patchy narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness of, and some discussion of, the chosen character with, probably, empathy at the top of this mark range.

10-14 marks Candidates will use a sound knowledge of the text to support their discussion of the chosen character which will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band.

15-20 marks Discussion of the chosen character will be assured and evaluative, and the issue of presentation to create sympathy will be addressed with increasing assurance, through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity.

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Never Let Me Go

3 2 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

How does Ishiguro create mood and atmosphere here? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks	Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.
1 mark	Brief responses, and simple comments.
2-4 marks	Answers will probably operate on the level of simple paraphrase, with empathy/awareness for 4.
5-7 marks	Candidates will select and highlight detail in order to support their judgements. For 7, discussion of the extract will be thorough and thoughtful.
8-10 marks	Answers will be closely read, sensitive and increasingly analytical of Ishiguro's skill. There may be some discussion of the narrator's perspective and/or the poignancy of this scene from near the end of the book and how this relates to mood and atmosphere.

3 3 **How is the character of Tommy important to the novel as a whole? [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

0 marks	Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Answers will be based on simple, general narrative.
5-9 marks	Answers will be narrative driven, with some discussion/awareness/empathy for 8 – 9.
10-14 marks	Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on key areas of the text. For 13 – 14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful in their discussion of Tommy, and, for example, his relationships with others such as Ruth and Kathy.
15-20 marks	There will be a confident, detailed discussion of Tommy as he is presented across the novel and a clear evaluation of his importance to the novel as a whole, particularly at the top of the band.

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3	4

'By the end of *Never Let Me Go* we have most of the answers'. How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

As with all such open questions, remember that comment is free, so judge according to the marking criteria.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be simple and general.

5-9 marks Answers will be narrative driven, with some discussion/awareness/empathy for 8 – 9.

10-14 marks Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on key areas of the text to support the discussion of the answers that are learnt. For 13 – 14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful, building a direct response to the task.

15-20 marks At this level there will be a clear focus on the task and some sensitive, supported discussion of the questions that are resolved during the novel, as well, perhaps, as those that are not. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to show to what extent the candidate agrees with the statement. This will be increasingly evaluative at the top of the band.

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About A Boy

3 5 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

How does Nick Hornby present the relationship between Will and Marcus here? [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Brief responses, and very simple comments.

2-4 marks Answers will tend to be underdeveloped, or dependent on paraphrase, with some awareness and empathy for 4.

5-7 marks Discussion will be more focused and supported by apt detail. For 7, discussion of the extract, and the relationship as it appears in it, will be thorough and thoughtful.

8-10 marks Answers will be closely read and sensitive in appreciating the relationship between Will and Marcus as it is presented in the extract. As well as some confident discussion of their exchanges there may well be some appreciation of how Hornby uses humour in the extract.

3 6 **How is the character of Ellie important to the novel as a whole? [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Patchy, simple narrative, perhaps with little focus on the question.

5-9 marks Answers will be narrative dependent, with some discussion emerging of Ellie and empathy for 8 – 9.

10-14 marks Answers will still be narrative driven, but use of the text will be more selective. For 13 – 14, answers will be more sustained and detailed in their discussion of Ellie, although the issue of her importance to the novel as a whole may be only addressed implicitly at this level.

15-20 marks Answers will be confident and well considered, revealing a sensitive understanding of Ellie and her importance to the novel as a whole. The issue of her importance will be addressed with increasing assurance at the top of this band, where evaluation will also be evident.

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'The Humour in *About a Boy* is what makes such a sad story bearable.' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

As with all such open questions, remember that comment is free, so judge according to the marking criteria.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Answers will be typified by simple, patchy narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be narrative driven, with some discussion/awareness/empathy for 8 – 9.

10-14 marks Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on key areas of the text to support the discussion of humour as it used in the novel. For 13 – 14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful, building a direct response to the task.

15-20 marks At this level there will be a clear focus on the task and some sensitive, supported discussion of humour and to what extent it makes the story bearable. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to show to what extent the candidate agrees with the statement. This will be increasingly evaluative at the top of the band.

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Resistance

3 8 **Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question:**

How does Owen Sheers create mood and atmosphere here? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. [10]

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (50%) and A02 (50%).

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1 mark Brief responses, and simple comments on what is happening.

2-4 marks Answers will tend to be underdeveloped, with some awareness and, perhaps, empathy for 4.

5-7 marks Discussion will be more focused and supported by apt detail. For 7, discussion of the extract will be thorough and thoughtful.

8-10 marks Answers will be closely read, assured, evaluative and analytical.

3 9 **'The characters in *Resistance* have to make some very difficult choices as their world changes around them.' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

As with all such open questions, remember that comment is free, so judge according to the marking criteria.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Simple comments based on probably patchy narrative.

5-9 marks Answers will be dependent on relatively simple narrative, with some discussion, empathy and awareness for 8 plus.

10-14 marks Answers may still be narrative driven, but use of knowledge of the text will be more focused and selective to support a discussion of some of the difficult choices presented in the text. For 12 to 14, answers will be more sustained, with thorough discussion.

15-20 marks Answers will include a confident and detailed discussion from across the text that deals with the question directly to show how far the candidate agrees with the statement. At the top of the band answers will be increasingly evaluative.

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Some readers find the ending of Resistance disappointing. How far do you agree? **[20]**

This question covers assessment objectives A01 (33%) and A02 (67%).

As with all such open questions, remember that comment is free, so judge according to the marking criteria.

0 marks Nothing written, or nothing worthy of credit.

1-4 marks Simple, brief answers, based on a general re-telling of some of what happens in the novel.

5-9 marks Answers will be narrative driven, with some discussion/awareness/empathy and focus on the ending and whether it is effective for 8 – 9.

10-14 marks Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with focus on the task and a clear knowledge of the ending of the book. For 13 – 14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful, addressing the task directly.

15-20 marks Answers will be evaluative and assured, with a detailed appreciation of how the ending relates to the rest of the book. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to show to what extent the candidate agrees that the ending is disappointing.

Please look for, and reward, valid alternatives.

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