GCSE MARKING SCHEME

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About this marking scheme

The purpose of this marking scheme is to provide teachers, learners, and other interested parties, with an understanding of the assessment criteria used to assess this specific assessment.

This marking scheme reflects the criteria by which this assessment was marked in a live series and was finalised following detailed discussion at an examiners' conference. A team of qualified examiners were trained specifically in the application of this marking scheme. The aim of the conference was to ensure that the marking scheme was interpreted and applied in the same way by all examiners. It may not be possible, or appropriate, to capture every variation that a candidate may present in their responses within this marking scheme. However, during the training conference, examiners were guided in using their professional judgement to credit alternative valid responses as instructed by the document, and through reviewing exemplar responses.

Without the benefit of participation in the examiners' conference, teachers, learners and other users, may have different views on certain matters of detail or interpretation. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that this marking scheme is used alongside other guidance, such as published exemplar materials or Guidance for Teaching. This marking scheme is final and will not be changed, unless in the event that a clear error is identified, as it reflects the criteria used to assess candidate responses during the live series.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Prior to online marking

The first priority is for you to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the question paper is based. Examiners are asked to go carefully through the examination paper and mark scheme prior to the actual marking process and to consider all questions on the paper. You are also required to mark about ten of each item in training mode. In this mode, you will be able to practise using the on-screen comment bank. Needless to say, a thorough knowledge of the texts themselves is the prime requirement of examiners.

Further guidance on the training process is issued separately.

Online marking

WJEC will be using a method of marking examination scripts known as e-Marker ® for this paper. In this system, candidates' scripts are scanned and then transmitted to examiners electronically via the internet. Examiners mark on-screen; marked responses and marks are then submitted electronically.

- Examiners do not mark complete scripts. Instead, scripts are divided into segments by question (item), and are transmitted to examiners in this form.
- In terms of technical requirements, examiners participating will need a personal computer running on Windows Version 8 or later and a broadband internet connection. You may use Apple Mac computers, but the WJEC IT Helpdesk cannot offer technical support. The computer must be located in the examiner's home rather than their place of work, for reasons of confidentiality.
- For further details, please see the user guide available on e-Marker ® when you log on. Details of how to log on to the system and your username and password have been sent separately.

General Advice to Examiners

1. Familiarise yourself with the questions, and each part of the marking guidelines.

2. Be positive in your approach; look for details to reward in the candidate's response rather than faults to penalise.

3. Ticks and summative comments at the end of each response must show how you have judged the quality of an answer. **All comments must be based on the assessment criteria for the examination and taken from the comment bank.** Remember that your mark at the end of the response must tally with the skills that you have identified.

4. Tick points you reward, you are also required to include a summative comment at the end of the response and enter the mark. There must always be a comment at the end of each clip. This should not simply echo the mark but indicate the salient features of the candidate's performance. These comments will be based on the criteria established by the Principal Examiner for this paper and taken from the comment bank.

5. You must tick at the end of the response to show all of the response has been seen.

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Marking Problems

6. If for any reason you have particular problems in marking a response (e.g. unlikely interpretation, handwriting) you should follow the instructions for reporting a problem.

7. Please be mindful of wrong tier responses. The numbering of questions on the Higher tier and Foundation tier questions is different. A response that has an incorrect question number may well be a wrong tier response. In these instances, you should follow the instructions given through the examiner training for checking and reporting the problem.

Marking positively

8. Please approach the marking of scripts with an open mind and mark **positively**. All the questions provide opportunities for candidates to make informed, independent responses, and such opportunities need to be recognised in your marking. You must evaluate what is offered by the candidate, using the criteria, but without looking for what might have been presented or for what you might have written in the candidate's place. Some questions are relatively open, so it is particularly important in such instances that you are receptive to a range of responses.

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Assessment Objectives

AO1 Respond to texts critically and imaginatively; select and evaluate relevant textual detail to illustrate and support interpretations

AO2 Explain how language, structure and form contribute to writers' presentation of ideas, themes and settings

AO4 Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts; explain how texts have been influential and significant to self and other readers in different contexts and at different times

Assessment objective coverage and weightings in Unit 2a

	EWI literary heritage drama		**Contemporary prose**	
Assessment objective	**Section A (extract)**	**Section A (essay)**	**Section B (extract)**	**Section B (essay)**
AO1	✓ (50%)	✓ (33%)	✓ (50%)	✓ 33%)
AO2	✓ (50%)		✓ (50%)	✓ (67%)
AO4		✓ (67%)		

In determining the appropriate mark band and fine-tuning to a specific mark for the extract questions, you should give equal weighting to AO1 and AO2.

In determining the appropriate mark band and fine-tuning to a specific mark for the Section A essay questions, you should give approximately twice as much weight to AO4 as to AO1.

In determining the appropriate mark band and fine-tuning to a specific mark for Section B essay questions, you should give approximately twice as much weight to AO2 as to AO1.

'Best fit' marking

The work for this unit should be marked according to the assessment criteria using a 'best fit' approach. For each of the assessment objectives, examiners select one of the band descriptors that most closely describes the quality of the work being marked.

- Where the candidate's work *convincingly* meets the statement, the highest mark should be awarded.
- Where the candidate's work *adequately* meets the statement, the most appropriate mark in the middle range should be awarded.
- Where the candidate's work *just* meets the statement, the lowest mark should be awarded.

Examiners should use the full range of marks available.

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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 Section A extract and Section B extract and essay	**Social, cultural, and historical contexts (AO4)** * Assessed in Section A essay
0	**0**	Nothing written, or what is written is irrelevant to the text or not 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.
		Errors in grammar, punctuation and spelling are likely to impede communication on occasions. Structure and organisation is limited and meaning is often unclear.		
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).
		Grammar, punctuation and spelling has some errors. There is some attempt to structure and organise writing and meaning is clear in places.		
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.
		Grammar, punctuation and spelling is generally good but with occasional errors. Structure and organisation is secure and meaning is generally clear.		
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.
		Grammar, punctuation and spelling is largely accurate. Structure and organisation is accomplished and meaning is clear.		

*** Please see grid on the previous page for AO weightings.**

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Section A (Literary Heritage drama)

An Inspector Calls

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

Look closely at how Mrs Birling and the Inspector speak and behave here. What does it reveal about them to an audience at this point in the play? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. [10]

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	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 marks, some discussion of the two characters here.
5-7 marks	At this level, candidates will select and highlight detail to support their discussion of Mrs Birling and the Inspector as they appear in the extract. At the top of the band, discussion of selected detail will be thoughtful and thorough.
8-10 marks	Discussion of the Inspector and Mrs Birling will be confident and evaluative, covering aspects such as his bluntness, her arrogance and the tension of the scene, with particular attention to how these are presented. Close focus on language/imagery will be evident in this band and good use may be made of stage directions to support the discussion.

1 2 **How does Priestley present the character of Eric 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 AO1 (33%) and AO4 (67%).

0 marks	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 Eric as he is presented. 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 Eric and how he is presented. At the top of this band, responses will be thoughtful and thorough, with an increasing understanding of contextual factors.
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 Eric and how he is presented throughout the play. There is likely to be some sensitivity in the discussion of his actions, and confident discussion of Eric's contributions throughout the play. Relevant discussion of subtext and the Inspector's message as it relates to Eric is also to be valued. There will be a clear grasp of the impact of contextual factors.

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1	3

What does the relationship between Gerald and Sheila, as it is presented in *An Inspector Calls,* tell an audience about life in Britain at the time in which the play is set? [20]

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO4 (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 worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Answers will be underdeveloped and based on simple narrative.
5-9 marks	Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness of, and some discussion of the relationship between Gerald and Sheila with, perhaps, 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 their relationship and what it tells us about life in Edwardian Britain, which will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band.
15-20 marks	Discussion of Gerald and Sheila's relationship as it presented and what it tells us about life in Edwardian Britain will be assured and evaluative, with overview as well as thorough direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity. This may include comments about class and gender, as well as societal conventions of the time. There will be a clear grasp of the impact of contextual factors.

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Hobson's Choice

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? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. [10]

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	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 how the characters speak and behave here.
8-10 marks	Answers will be assured, evaluative and closely read. There may be an appreciation of some of the tension and perhaps humour evident in this extract.

1 5 **How does Brighouse present the character of Willie Mossop 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 AO1 (33%) and AO4 (67%).

0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Very simple, general narrative and/or comments.
5-9 marks	Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness of the presentation of Willie Mossop with, perhaps, empathy at the top of this mark range. There will be some awareness of relevant contextual factors, particularly 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 presentation of Willie Mossop as he appears in the play. This discussion will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band, with an increasing understanding of contextual factors and attention to relevant detail and events.
15-20 marks	Discussion of the presentation of Willie Mossop throughout the play will be assured and evaluative. This will be addressed through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity. There will be a clear grasp of the impact of contextual factors. The main focus may be on the relationship between Willie and Maggie, but other relevant approaches should also be valued equally.

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1	6

What does the play 'Hobson's Choice' tell us about working life for people in Britain at the time the play is set? 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 AO1 (33%) and AO4 (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 worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Answers will be based on simple, patchy narrative with simple judgements.
5-9 marks	Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of working life in the play. At the top of this mark range, there may be some specific detail.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound knowledge of the text to support their discussion of the representation of working life in the play, and answers will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band, with an increasing understanding of contextual factors.
15-20 marks	Discussion of the representation of working life in the play and will be assured and evaluative, supported through overview as well as through direct reference, and treated with increasing sensitivity at the top of this band. Towards the top of the band there is likely to a greater range in the characters and events discussed. There will be a clear grasp of the impact of contextual factors.

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A Taste of Honey

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

Look closely at how Helen and Geof speak and behave here. What does it reveal about them to an audience? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. **[10]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit.
1 mark	Expression of very simple, and brief, point of view.
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 Helen and Geof here will be more focused, with relevant detail from the extract to support judgements. For 7 marks, answers will contain sustained and thoughtful discussion of how they appear in the extract.
8-10 marks	Answers will be assured, evaluative and closely read. Insight will be revealed through an understanding of the conversation between Helen and Geof in the extract. There may, for example, be some sensitive discussion of what the extract shows us about Helen's desire to be in charge as well as, perhaps, discussion of her harsh attitude towards Geof.

1 8 **How is the character of Jo 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 AO1 (33%) and AO4 (67%).

0 marks	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 Jo as she appears in the play with, perhaps, empathy for 8-9 marks. There will be some awareness of relevant contextual factors, particularly at the top of this mark range.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound knowledge of the text to support their discussion of Jo as she is presented throughout the play, which will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band, with an increasing understanding of contextual factors.
15-20 marks	Discussion of how Jo is presented will be assured and evaluative, and addressed with increasing confidence, through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity. There will be a clear grasp of the impact of contextual factors.

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1	9

'*A Taste of Honey* is a play about people looking for security and stability.' How far do you agree? 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 AO1 (33%) and AO4 (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 worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Answers will be underdeveloped and based on simple narrative.
5-9 marks	Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of people looking for security and stability in the play. At the top of this mark range, there may be a little specific detail.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound knowledge of the text to support their discussion of people looking for security and stability in the play. Answers will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band, with an increasing understanding of contextual factors.
15-20 marks	Discussion of people looking for security and stability in the play will be assured and evaluative, supported through overview as well as through direct reference, and treated with increasing sensitivity at the top of this band. Contexts are likely to be explored confidently to support this discussion. There will be a clear grasp of the impact of contextual factors.

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Section B (Contemporary prose)

Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha

2 0 **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 AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	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 the extract and the events Paddy describes, 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 the mood and atmosphere created here. There is likely to be confident selection of a range of details from the extract to show how the writer has built tension, as well as a personal response.

2 1 **Which relationship in Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha do you think is the most interesting? Show how Doyle presents this relationship in the novel. [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (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 worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Answers will be brief and patchy in knowledge.
5-9 marks	Answers will be narrative driven, discussing the chosen relationship with some awareness/empathy for 8-9.
10-14 marks	Answers will still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on the chosen relationship. For 13-14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful in their discussion of the chosen relationship and why it is the most interesting. There may or may not be comparison to other relationships from the book.
15-20 marks	There will be a confident, detailed discussion of the chosen relationship. There is likely to be some sensitive discussion of how this chosen relationship develops and changes. There is also likely to be an appreciation of how this relationship fits into the themes of the novel as a whole. There may or may not be comparison to other relationships from the book.

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2	2

'*Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*? is about growing up, not just about a series of childhood adventures.' How far do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for what you say. **[20]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (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 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 discussion of the statement. 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 statement. There will be an engaged and informed personal response that may choose to focus on a range of relevant incidents to evaluate the statement, or may focus more directly on a sustained overview of the growing up process as it is presented across the novel.

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Heroes

2 3 **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 AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	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 of the mood and atmosphere in the extract will be more focused and supported by apt detail. For 7, discussion will be increasingly thorough and thoughtful.
8-10 marks	Answers will be closely read and assured. At the top of the mark range, they will also be evaluative and analytical. Features such as the naivety of the perspective shown by Francis in the extract may well be addressed with confidence. There is likely to be some appreciation of specific language choices made by the author.

2 4 **How is the character of Larry La Salle important to the novel as a whole? [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

0 marks	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 dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of Larry as he is presented in the novel. At this level responses may be engaged and include some unsupported judgements.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound, detailed knowledge of the text to support their discussion of Larry and why he is important to the novel as a whole, which will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band.
15-20 marks	Discussion of Larry and why he is important to the novel as a whole will be assured and evaluative, and his character will be addressed with increasing assurance, through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity.

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2 5 **'War destroys the lives of the characters in *Heroes* more than any other factor.' How far do you agree with this statement?**

[20]

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

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

0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Simple comments based on probably patchy narrative.
5-9 marks	Answers will be narrative driven, with some discussion / awareness / empathy for 8-9.
10-14 marks	Answers may well still be narrative dependent, but with apt focus on key areas of the text to support discussion of the statement. 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 statement. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to suggest whether the statement is valid, supported by a good range of detail from across the text. This will be increasingly evaluative at the top of the band.

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Never Let Me Go

2 6 **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 AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	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 nostalgia and/or wanting to belong and how this relates to the mood and atmosphere of the extract.

2 7 **'Ruth is the one who causes the main events in *Never Let Me Go*?' How far do you agree with this statement? [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Answers will be based on simple, general narrative.
5-9 marks	Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of Ruth and perhaps the main events of the book. There may be empathy at the top of this mark range and a limited amount of detail.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound, detailed knowledge of the text to support their discussion of the statement, which will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band.
15-20 marks	Discussion of the statement will be assured and evaluative, and the idea of how far the candidate agrees will be addressed with increasing assurance, through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity. Some will suggest other instigators for the main events of the book to refute the statement, some will choose to focus entirely on Ruth. Both approaches should be valued.

Please look for, and reward, valid alternatives.

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2 8 **How is hope presented as important to the characters in *Never Let Me Go?***

[20]

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

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

0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Answers will be simple and general.
5-9 marks	Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of the importance of hope in the novel. There may be empathy at the top of this mark range and a limited amount of detail.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound knowledge of the text to support their discussion of the importance of hope in the novel. This discussion will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band.
15-20 marks	Discussion of the presentation of hope in the novel will be assured and evaluative, and its importance will be addressed with increasing assurance, through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity.

Please look for, and reward, valid alternatives.

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About A Boy

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

How are Will and Suzie presented here? Refer closely to the extract in your answer. **[10]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	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	Candidates will select and highlight detail in order to support their judgements. For 7, discussion of the characters as they are presented in the extract will be thorough and thoughtful.
8-10 marks	Answers will be closely read, sensitive and increasingly confident. There may be some discussion of tension and/or humour and how they are created, including through language choices.

3 0 **How is the character of Fiona important to the novel as a whole?** **[20]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Patchy, simple narrative, perhaps with little focus on the question.
5-9 marks	Answers will be dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of Fiona as she appears in the novel. There may be empathy at the top of this mark range and a limited amount of detail.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound, detailed knowledge of the text to support their discussion of Fiona and her importance to the novel as a whole, which will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band.
15-20 marks	Discussion of Fiona and her importance to the novel as a whole will be assured and evaluative. Her appearances throughout the text will be addressed with increasing confidence, through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity.

Please look for, and reward, valid alternatives.

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3	1

Which relationship in *About a Boy* do you think is the most interesting? Show how this relationship is presented in the novel. [20]

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

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

0 marks	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 the chosen relationship. 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 chosen relationship. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to show why this relationship can be considered the most interesting. This will be increasingly evaluative at the top of the band. The focus may be on one relationship or on comparing several. Quality should be rewarded rather than one particular approach.

Please look for, and reward, valid alternatives.

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Resistance

3 2 **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 AO1 (50%) and AO2 (50%).

0 marks	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. There may well be some sensitive appreciation of tension and language choice in this extract and the events taking place.

3 3 **Which relationship in *Resistance* do you think is the most interesting? Show how this relationship is presented in the novel. [20]**

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

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

0 marks	Nothing worthy of credit.
1-4 marks	Simple comments based on probably 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 the chosen relationship. For 13-14, answers will be thorough and thoughtful in their discussion of the chosen relationship and why it is interesting.
15-20 marks	At this level, there will be a clear focus on the task and some sensitive, supported discussion of the chosen relationship. There will also be an engaged and informed personal response to show why this relationship can be considered the most interesting. This will be increasingly evaluative at the top of the band. The focus may be on one relationship or on comparing several. Quality should be rewarded rather than one particular approach.

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3	4

'Love is the strongest motivation for many of the characters in *Resistance.'* How far do you agree with this statement? [20]

This question covers assessment objectives AO1 (33%) and AO2 (67%).

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

0 marks	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 dependent on fairly simple narrative with an awareness and some discussion of the statement, probably with empathy at the top of this mark range and some limited detail.
10-14 marks	Candidates will use a sound knowledge of the text to support their discussion of the statement, which will become increasingly thoughtful and thorough at the top of this band.
15-20 marks	Discussion of the statement will be assured and evaluative, through overview as well as through direct reference, and with increasing sensitivity to show how love is important. Quality of analysis should be rewarded rather than a particular approach. For instance, some candidates may choose to compare the importance of love as a motivation to other possible motivations such as loyalty and honour.

Please look for, and reward, valid alternatives.

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