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**English
Literary Study**

Date — Not applicable

Duration — 1 hour and 30 minutes

Total marks — 20

Attempt **ONLY** Part A **OR** Part B **OR** Part C **OR** Part D

PART A — POETRY — 20 marks

Attempt one question.

PART B — PROSE FICTION — 20 marks

Attempt one question.

PART C — PROSE NON-FICTION — 20 marks

Attempt one question.

PART D — DRAMA — 20 marks

Attempt one question.

You may not use the texts from your Dissertation for this paper.

Write your answers clearly in the answer booklet provided. In the answer booklet, you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

Before leaving the examination room you must give your answer booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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LITERARY STUDY – 20 marks

Your answer should take the form of a **CRITICAL ESSAY** appropriately structured to meet the demands of your selected question.

Attempt **ONLY** Part A OR Part B OR Part C OR Part D.

PART A – POETRY

Attempt **ONE** question

1. *“True wit is nature to advantage dressed
What oft was thought, but ne’er so well expressed.”*
With reference to at least **three** poems, discuss the effectiveness of “*wit*” in conveying the themes and main ideas of a particular poet.
2. With reference to at least **three** poems by a particular poet, discuss the effectiveness of the poet’s use of nature and the natural world in the presentation of significant themes and ideas.
3. Modern poets sometimes use traditional verse forms such as the elegy, the dramatic monologue, occasional poetry and the sonnet to express their themes and ideas.
Discuss the effective use of “traditional verse forms” in at least **three** poems by a modern poet.
4. *“Effective poetry emerges when a poet transforms his or her experience of the world into the universal experiences: love, loss, birth, death, regret . . .”*
Discuss the effectiveness of a poet’s presentation of “*universal experiences*” through the use of a range of poetic techniques. You should refer to at least **three** poems.
5. Discuss some of the ways by which poetry explores aspects of change. In your answer you should refer to at least **three** poems. You may refer to more than one poet’s work in your response.
6. *“Romantic poetry is a project of cultural inquiry, national fantasy, and sociopolitical critique as much as a poetry of self and nature.”*
Discuss with reference to at least **three** poems by any of the Romantic poets. You may refer to more than one poet’s work in your response.

OR

PART B — PROSE FICTION

Attempt ONE question

7. *“The business of the novelist is to show the sorriness underlying the grandest things, and the grandeur underlying the sorriest things.”*
Discuss with reference to any **two** nineteenth-century novels.
8. Discuss the thematic significance of the presentation of the minor characters in any **two** novels.
9. Discuss the thematic effectiveness of the use of setting in any **two** novels.
10. *“It is the alienation of the individual which pervades modern fiction.”*
Discuss with reference to any **two** modern novels.
11. *“Books break the shackles of time.”*
Discuss with reference to any **two** novels.
12. Discuss the effectiveness of narrative structure in at least **three** short stories.
13. *“The novel can deal unflinchingly with the social issues of the day.”*
Discuss with reference to any **two** novels.

OR

PART C — PROSE NON-FICTION

Attempt ONE question

14. *“Travel Writing is often more of a journey of self-discovery for the writer than an evocation of place and experience.”*

Discuss the relevance of this quotation with reference to at least **two non-fiction** texts.

15. *“Humour allows the writer—journalist, travel writer, diarist, social commentator, autobiographer—to disarm and charm the reader; it is a weapon deployed to create sympathy and understanding.”*

Discuss the effectiveness of humour in the creation of *“sympathy and understanding”* in at least **two non-fiction** texts.

16. *“A writer reflecting on past events must first create the time and place, culture and society in which those events occurred.”*

Discuss the effectiveness of some of the principal means by which *“the time and place, culture and society”* have been created in at least **two non-fiction** texts.

17. *“Some texts provoke action; others simply call for reflection.”*

Discuss some of the ways by which at least **two non-fiction** texts attempt to influence the reader.

OR

PART D — DRAMA

Attempt ONE question

18. *“The great tragedies stamp themselves on the imagination through a series of powerful theatrical images in which the whole meaning of the play can sometimes seem to be compacted.”*

Discuss the effectiveness of theatrical imagery in conveying meaning with reference to any **two** tragedies.

19. *“Concealment and discovery are central to any drama.”*

Discuss the structural and thematic significance of *“concealment and discovery”* in any **two** plays.

20. Discuss the effectiveness of staging, lighting and sound in the dramatic presentation of the central concerns in any **two** plays.

21. *“Drama explores the local and the universal . . .”*

Discuss some of the principal means by which a playwright explores the *“local and the universal”* in any **two** plays.

22. Discuss the use of humour to explore the central concerns of any **two** twentieth century plays.

23. Discuss how the opening scene establishes important elements of character in any **two** plays.

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Marking Instructions

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General Marking Principles for Advanced Higher English — Literary Study

This information is provided to help you understand the general principles you must apply when marking candidate responses to questions in this Paper. These principles must be read in conjunction with the Detailed Marking Instructions, which identify the key features required in candidate responses.

- (a) Marks for each candidate response must always be assigned in line with these General Marking Principles and the Detailed Marking Instructions for this assessment.
- (b) Marking should always be positive. This means that, for each candidate response, marks are accumulated for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding: they are not deducted from a maximum on the basis of errors or omissions.

The Detailed Marking Instructions indicate the essential idea that a candidate should provide for each answer.

- Candidates should gain credit for their knowledge, understanding, analysis and evaluation of the texts selected for the question.
- The detailed marking instructions will allow you to place the work on a scale of marks out of 20.
- The Literary Study should first be read to establish whether it achieves minimum requirements for technical accuracy, and whether it is relevant to the question. There may be a few errors, but they should not impede understanding. If minimum standards are not achieved, the maximum mark which can be awarded is 9. To access the full range of marks the essay should communicate clearly at first reading.
- Assessment should be holistic. There may be strengths and weaknesses in the answers; assessment should focus as far as possible on the strengths, taking account of weaknesses only where they significantly detract from the overall essay.
- Candidates may display ability across more than one band descriptor. Assessors should recognise the closeness of the band descriptors and consider carefully the most appropriate overall band for the candidate's performance.

Once the appropriate band descriptor has been selected, the assessor should follow this guidance:

- If the evidence fully meets the standard described, award the highest available mark from the range.
- If the candidate's work just meets the standard described, award the lowest mark from the range.
- Otherwise, the mark should be awarded from the middle of the range.

Detailed Marking Instructions for all questions — Advanced Higher English Literary Study

	Marks 20–19	Marks 18–16	Marks 15–13	Marks 12-10	Marks 9–6	Marks 5–0
Knowledge and understanding The Literary study demonstrates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the texts a full and relevant exploration with sustained consideration of the implications of the question extensive use of textual evidence to support an argument which is clearly focused on the demands of the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> secure knowledge and understanding of the texts a relevant exploration which demonstrates secure consideration of the implications of the question extensive use of textual evidence which clearly supports the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> broad knowledge and understanding of the texts a relevant and thoughtful approach to the question use of textual evidence which is relevant to the demands of the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> knowledge and understanding of the texts a relevant approach to the question use of textual evidence to address the demands of the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited knowledge and understanding of the texts a limited approach to the question limited textual evidence to support the demands of the question 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> very little knowledge of the texts very little attempt to answer the question very little textual evidence
Analysis The Literary study demonstrates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relevant analysis of a task-appropriate range of literary techniques and/or features of language which skilfully strengthens the line of argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relevant analysis of a task-appropriate range of literary techniques and/or features of language which strengthens the line of argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> relevant analysis of a range of literary techniques and/or features of language which strengthens the line of argument 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> analysis of a range of literary techniques and/or features of language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited analysis of literary techniques and/or features of language 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> very little analysis of literary techniques and/or features of language
Evaluation The Literary study demonstrates:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a committed, clear evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question, and skilfully based on precise evidence discussed within the response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a clearly identifiable evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question and securely based on evidence discussed within the response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a discernible and relevant evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question and based on evidence discussed within the response. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> an evaluative stance with respect to the texts and the question but may be based on previously undiscussed evidence or demonstrate some weakness in relevance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limited evaluation with respect to the texts and/or lacks relevance to the question and/or evidence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> very little evidence of evaluation and/or supporting evidence
Technical Accuracy The literary study demonstrates:	minimum competence for technical accuracy which includes few errors in the use of structure, style, language and /or literary terminology				significant errors in structure, style, language and/or literary terminology	

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