

N5

National Qualifications

2026

English

Reading for Understanding,
Analysis and Evaluation
(Questions)

Thursday, 30 April

Instructions to Candidates

Candidates should enter their surname, forename(s), date of birth, Scottish candidate number and the name and level of the subject at the top of their first answer sheet.

Total marks — 30

Attempt ALL questions.

An ow in the margin indicates a new question.

Read the questions carefully and refer to the text, which is printed in a separate booklet.

You must clearly identify the question number you are attempting on your answer sheet.

Marks are shown in square brackets at the end of each question or part question.

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ow 1. Refer to lines 1 to 11.

Using your own words as far as possible, explain two things we learn about old age. [2 marks]

ow 2. Refer to lines 12 to 24.

By referring to two examples of language, explain how the writer makes clear the positive aspects of the TV series Old People's Home for 4 Year Olds. [4 marks]

ow 3. Refer to lines 25 to 56.

Using your own words as far as possible, identify five things we learn about Victor, the 97-year-old resident of Lark Hill. [5 marks]

ow 4. Refer to lines 57 to 72.

Using your own words as far as possible, explain six things that the TV series is trying to do. [6 marks]

ow 5. Refer to lines 73 to 94.

By referring to two examples of language, explain how the writer creates a clear sense of Lavinia's achievement. [4 marks]

[Braille page 3] ow 6. Refer to lines 101 to 112.

Using your own words as far as possible, explain how the writer makes it clear that the treatment of old people has changed over time. [3 marks]

You should make three key points in your answer.

ow 7. Refer to lines 121 to 133.

By referring to one example of word choice, explain how the writer makes it clear that the TV series had a strong impact. [2 marks]

ow 8. Refer to the sentence in line 134 "How can this model spread?"

By referring to any part of this sentence, explain how it helps to provide a link between the writer's ideas at this point in the passage. [2 marks]

ow 9. Refer to lines 144 to 157.

Select any expression from these lines and explain how it contributes to the passage's effective conclusion. [2 marks]

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