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National Qualifications

2026

English

Reading for Understanding,
Analysis and Evaluation
(Questions)

Friday, 1 May

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 **[Braille page 2]** sheet.

Total marks — 30

Attempt ALL questions.

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.

An ow in the margin indicates a new question.

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Passage 1

ow 1. Refer to lines 1 to 20.

By referring to at least two examples, analyse how the writer uses language to convey the dangers threatening our planet. [4 marks]

ow 2. Refer to lines 21 to 34.

Identify two points revealed by recent research on extreme weather. Use your own words in your answer. [2 marks]

[Braille page 4] ow 3. Refer to lines 35 to 56.

Explain fully the writer's explanation for the lack of interest in environmental threats. Use your own words in your answer. [3 marks]

ow 4. Refer to lines 57 to 77.

By referring to at least two examples, analyse how the writer uses language to criticise the oil and gas industry. [3 marks]

ow 5. Refer to lines 78 to 93.

Explain fully why there is a lack of public understanding of global warming. Use your own words in your answer. [2 marks]

[Braille page 5] ow 6. Refer to lines 94 to 120.

By referring to at least two examples, analyse how the writer conveys the ineffectiveness of the language used by climate campaigners. [4 marks]

ow 7. Refer to lines 121 to 146.

Explain fully what the writer thinks climate campaigners should do. Use your own words in your answer. [3 marks]

ow 8. Refer to lines 147 to 163.

By referring to at least two examples, analyse how the writer uses both imagery and sentence structure to convey the urgency of the situation. [4 **[Braille page 6]** marks]

Question on both passages

ow 9. Refer to both passages.

Both writers agree on the challenges facing climate campaigners.

Identify three key areas on which they agree. You should support the points you make by referring to important ideas in both passages.

You may answer this question in continuous prose or in a series of developed bullet points. [5 marks]

[END OF QUESTION PAPER]