

English Network Event, Spring 2015
Question Styles in Edexcel Certificate and GCSE 2015 English Language papers

Certificate English Language Paper 1, January 2014: Reading

1 What did the writer think he might see at the docks?

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(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 Look again at lines 8 – 12. Give **two** words or phrases that the writer uses to describe the size of the shed.

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Certificate Paper 1 focuses on non-fiction, whereas GCSE Paper 1 focuses on 19th century fiction.

3 **In your own words**, describe in detail the character of Robert.

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4 In what ways does the writer try to engage the reader in the ideas and events in this passage?

In your answer you should write about:

- how he describes the sights, sounds and smells of the docks
- how the writer describes Hercules and the pigs
- the words, phrases and techniques which the writer uses.

You may include **brief** quotations from the passage to support your answer.

(12)

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GCSE (9-1) English Language SAMs Paper 1: Reading

1 From lines 1 to 5, identify the phrase which explains why there is no blood on the floor.

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(Total for Question 1 = 1 mark)

2 From lines 12 to 18, give **two** ways the narrator's behaviour shows that he is confident he will not be caught.

You may use your own words or quotation from the text.

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(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)

3 In lines 19 to 24, how does the writer use language and structure to show the change in the narrator's mood?

Support your views with reference to the text.

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4 In this extract, there is an attempt to build tension.

Evaluate how successfully this is achieved.

Support your views with detailed reference to the text.

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Certificate English Language Paper 1, January 2014: Writing

- *6 Write a speech to be given to a youth organisation informing them about somebody in your life who has had a strong influence on you. (10)
- 7 Different times of the year bring with them different experiences, celebrations and activities. (20)
- Write a magazine article explaining which time of year you like best and why.
- You may choose to write about:
- the sorts of activities that take place
 - your own experience of special occasions during this time of year
 - the different foods, clothes and traditions that are associated with this time of year
- as well as any other ideas you may have.

Certificate Paper 1 includes two compulsory writing questions, focussing on transactional writing.

GCSE (9-1) English Language SAMs Paper 1: Writing

EITHER

- *5 Write about a time when you, or someone you know, tried to hide something. (40 marks)
- Your response could be real or imagined.
- *Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

(Total for Question 5 = 40 marks)

*OR

- 6 Look at the images provided. (40 marks)
- Write about a frightening experience.
- Your response could be real or imagined. You may wish to base your response on one of the images.
- *Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

(Total for Question 6 = 40 marks)

GCSE Paper 1 includes a choice of two writing questions, focussing on creative writing.

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Certificate English Language Paper 2, January 2014: Reading

- 1 How does the writer try to bring out the importance of the coming of electricity in *Electricity Comes to Cocoa Bottom*?

In your answer you should write about:

- how the people in the poem are presented
- how nature reacts to the event
- how the event itself is described
- the use of language.

You should refer closely to the text to support your answer. You may use **brief** quotations.

(15)

GCSE (9-1) English Language SAMs Paper 2: Reading

- 1 In lines 22 to 30, identify **two** requirements needed by people to be recruited by MI6 (SIS).

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(Total for Question 1 = 2 marks)

- 2 Give **one** example from lines 1 to 8 of how the writer uses language to show how the recruitment process has changed.

..... Support your example with a detailed text reference.

(Total for Question 2 = 2 marks)

- 3 Analyse how the writer uses language and structure to interest and engage readers.

Support your views with detailed reference to the text.

(15)

For Certificate Paper 2, the students have already studied the reading text, but in the GCSE Paper 2 the texts will be unseen.

- 4 How many messages does Leo Marks have to de-code?

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(Total for Question 4 = 1 mark)

- 5 Give **one** example from lines 6 to 8 of how Leo Marks uses language to show how difficult it was for him to break the code.

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(Total for Question 5 = 1 mark)

- 6 Leo Marks attempts to engage the reader through the description of his relationship with 'the girls'.

Evaluate how successfully this is achieved.
Support your views with detailed reference to the text.

(15)

- 7 (a) The two texts show the points of view of different spies.

What similarities do the spies Nick and Leo share in these texts?

Use evidence from both texts to support your answer.

(6)

- (b) Compare how the writers of Text 1 and Text 2 present their ideas and perspectives about intelligence agency work.

Support your answer with detailed reference to the texts.

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Certificate Paper 2 focuses on fiction, whereas GCSE Paper 2 focuses on non-fiction and literary non-fiction.

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Certificate English Language Paper 2, January 2014: Writing

- 2 (a) 'Young people spend too much time on the internet and watching television.'
Write the text of a short talk to an audience of teenagers, in which you give your views on this subject. (12)
- (b) Write a short story with the title 'The Fall'. (12)

Certificate Paper 2 includes two compulsory writing questions, focussing on both transactional and creative writing.

GCSE (9-1) English Language SAMs Paper 2: Writing

EITHER

- *8 Write a letter to MI6, applying for a position as an Intelligence Officer.

In your letter you could:

- state why you are interested in the position
- describe the experience and skills that make you a good candidate
- explain the difference you can make to your country

as well as any other ideas you might have.

**Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

(Total for Question 8 = 40 marks)

OR

- *9 Write an article for a newspaper, exploring how technology can track our movements.

You could write about:

- the ways we are tracked, e.g. phones, computers, CCTV, supermarket scanners
- who tracks us, e.g. the police, large businesses, the government
- what the benefits are and/or what the problems could be

as well as any other ideas you might have.

**Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

(Total for Question 9 = 40 marks)

GCSE Paper 1 includes a choice of two writing questions, focussing on transactional writing only.