

Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level in English Literature – XET01 & YET01

Unit 1: Post-2000 Poetry: removal of 7 poems from *Poems of the Decade*

Unit 4: Pre-1900 Poetry: removal of 7 poems from *The Romantics*

June 2021

Dear Colleagues

Amendment to the list of prescribed poetry – first assessment in June 2022

We have been listening to your feedback on Unit 1 and Unit 4 of International Advanced Subsidiary and Advanced Level in English Literature and have made amendments to the list of prescribed poetry in these units with effect from first assessment in June 2022.

This is part of a continuous self-review of our qualifications, informed by feedback from our learners, centres and other stakeholders.

IAS Unit 1: Post-2000 Poetry, Poems of the Decade – amendments to the range of poetry for study

In order to support the in-depth study of the prescribed poems and the application of analytical vigour when discussing these poems in the examination, we have removed the following poems from the prescribed list:

Inheritance, Eavan Boland

A Leisure Centre is also a Temple of Learning, Sue Boyle

The War Correspondent, Ciaran Carson

The Fox in the National Museum of Wales, Robert Minhinnick

Fantasia on a Theme of James Wright, Sean O'Brien

You, Shiva, and my Mum, Ruth Padel

Song, George Szirtes

IA2 Unit 4: Pre-1900 Poetry, The Romantics – amendments to the range of poetry for study

We undertook a review of the collections, which resulted in the decision to remove a number of poems from *The Romantics* section in order to ensure that our students have studied a similar amount of poetry to that covered in Unit 1. We have removed the following poems from the prescribed list:

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner, Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Fare Thee Well, George Gordon, Lord Byron

To Autumn, John Keats

To a Wreath of Snow, Emily Brontë

R. Alcona to J. Brenzaida, Emily Brontë

Julian M. and A.G Rochelle, Emily Brontë

Last lines, Emily Brontë

Updated assessment materials

The [updated prescribed lists of poems](#) can be found on the Pearson Qualifications website and in the [Pearson Edexcel International A Level English Literature Specification Issue 6, Appendix 5: Prescribed texts](#), and in the [Pearson Edexcel International A Level English Literature Sample Assessment Materials Issue 3](#).

Please be aware that any students sitting their examinations prior to June 2022 should continue to study the current list of specified poetry in [Issue 5](#) of the Pearson Edexcel International A Level A level English Literature specification and [issue 2](#) of the sample assessment materials.

If you have any questions about this change, please [contact](#) our English Subject Advisor, Clare Haviland.

Yours faithfully

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