

SECTION A: Drama

**Answer ONE question on ONE text from this section.
You should spend about 45 minutes on your answer.**

Julius Caesar – William Shakespeare

1. Either

- (a) How far do you agree that Cassius is presented as the villain of the play?

Or

- (b) Brutus and Antony both make funeral speeches.

Explain which of the **two** speeches you consider to be more effective.

(Total 40 marks)

The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde

2. Either

- (a) Which **two** characters do you think contribute most to the humour in this play?

Give reasons for your choices.

Or

- (b) Some audiences think that this play presents a negative view of marriage.

How far do you agree with this opinion?

(Total 40 marks)

A Doll's House – Henrik Ibsen

3. Either

- (a) 'What happens at the end of the play changes our view on Nora and Helmer.'

How far do you agree with this statement?

Or

- (b) 'Money, and its influence, is an important theme for Ibsen.'

What do you consider to be the significance of money in this play?

(Total 40 marks)



A View from the Bridge – Arthur Miller

4. Either

- (a) Some audiences feel angry about the behaviour of the male characters in this play.

What do you think there is in any of the male characters which might make the audience feel this way?

Or

- (b) Do you consider *A View from the Bridge* to be an effective title for this play?

(Total 40 marks)

My Children! My Africa! – Athol Fugard

5. Either

- (a) What significance does Mr M's relationship with Thami have in the play?

Or

- (b) What do you consider to be the main themes explored by Fugard in this play?

Give reasons for your choice.

(Total 40 marks)

Begin your answer on page 4.



Indicate which question you are answering by marking the box (☒).
If you change your mind, put a line through the box (☒)
and then indicate your new question with a cross (☒).

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Question 2(a) ☐ **Question 2(b)** ☐

Question 3(a) ☐ **Question 3(b)** ☐

Question 4(a) ☐ **Question 4(b)** ☐

Question 5(a) ☐ **Question 5(b)** ☐

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SECTION B: Prose

**Answer ONE question on ONE text from this section.
You should spend about 45 minutes on your answer.**

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

6. Either

- (a) How successfully does Austen develop the contrast in character between Wickham and Darcy?

Or

- (b) Letters written by the characters are important in this novel.

Choose **two or three** letters and show their significance.

(Total 40 marks)

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress – Dai Sijie

7. Either

- (a) ‘Few characters in this story are completely likeable.’

Choose **two** characters and write about them to show how far you agree with this statement.

Or

- (b) ‘In this novel, re-education does not always achieve what the Chinese authorities intended.’

How far do you agree with this statement?

(Total 40 marks)

The English Teacher – R.K. Narayan

8. Either

- (a) What can we learn from a study of Krishna and Susila’s relationship?

Or

- (b) ‘Narayan is very successful at involving the reader in his story.’

Write about **two** episodes, or situations, to show how far you agree with this statement.

(Total 40 marks)



A Man of the People – Chinua Achebe

9. Either

- (a) What impressions have you formed of **two** of the female characters in *A Man of the People*?

Explore their roles within the novel.

Or

- (b) ‘*A Man of the People* is just a story about politics.’

How far do you agree with this view?

(Total 40 marks)

Stories from Around the World

10. Either

- (a) Choose **one** memorable character from *The Stolen Party* and **one** character from one other story in the collection.

How successful are the writers in bringing these characters to life?

Or

- (b) ‘Some of these writers are very successful in recreating for the reader the atmosphere, traditions and ways of life in different countries.’

Write about **two** stories from the collection to show how far you agree with this view.

(Total 40 marks)

Begin your answer on page 12.





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