

English Language A
PAPER 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and
Imaginative Writing

Total Marks

Monday 12 June 2023 – Morning

Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

In the boxes below, write your name, centre number and candidate number.

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YOU MUST HAVE

Nil

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Source Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

Answer ONE question from each section.

Answer the questions in the spaces provided – there may be more space than you need.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 60.

The marks for EACH question are shown in brackets – use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.

Quality of written communication, including vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar, will be taken into account in your response to Section B.

Copies of the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology may NOT be brought into the examination.

Dictionaries may NOT be used in this examination.

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.

Check your answers if you have time at the end.

You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

SECTION A

Reading

Answer the question in this section.

You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Begin your answer on page 5.

Remind yourself of “Out, Out –”, taken from the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology in the Source Booklet.

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Section A continued.

1 How does the writer create sympathy for the boy in “Out, Out –”?

In your answer, you should write about:

- **how the saw and the boy’s reaction to the accident are presented**
- **how the other people in the poem react to the accident**
- **the use of language and structure.**

**You should support your answer with close reference to the poem, including BRIEF quotations.
(30 marks)**

Answer space continues on the next 16 pages.

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(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS

SECTION B

Imaginative Writing

Answer ONE question from this section.

You should spend about 45 minutes on your chosen question.

Begin your answer on page 24.

EITHER

- 2 Write about a time when you, or someone you know, met up with family or friends.**

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 2 = 30 marks)

OR

- 3 Write a story with the title ‘The Sunset Experience’.**

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 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4 Look at the images for Question 4 in the Source Booklet. You may choose ONE image to prompt your response to Question 4.**

Write a story that begins ‘The mountain looked impossibly high’.

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 4 = 30 marks)

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

Chosen question number:

Question 2 ☐ Question 3 ☐

Question 4 ☐

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TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS

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