

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

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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**

**YOU WILL BE GIVEN**

**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.**

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## **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.**

**(continued on the next page)**

**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)**

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**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)**

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**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)**

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**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)**

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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 SECTION B = 30 MARKS**

**TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS**

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