

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

Source Booklet (enclosed)

YOU WILL BE GIVEN

Nil

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.**

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INFORMATION continued.

**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.

Remind yourself of Significant Cigarettes (from The Road Home) in the Source Booklet, taken from the Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology.

- 1 How does the writer try to interest the reader in Significant Cigarettes?**

In your answer, you should write about:

- Lev's thoughts and feelings**
- how the journey is described**
- the use of language and structure.**

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

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(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS

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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 29.

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EITHER

- 2 Write about a time when you, or someone you know, missed someone.**

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 Fall’.

**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 provided on pages 16 and 17 of the Source Booklet.**

Write a story that begins ‘The view from the window was different ...’.

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 SECTION B = 30 MARKS
TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS
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