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Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1)

Friday 6 June 2025

Morning (Time: 1 hour 30 minutes) **Paper reference 4WEA2/01R**

English Language A (Modular)

UNIT 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and Imaginative Writing

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*
- Plan your answers in the lined spaces provided. Plans will not be marked unless no other response is provided.

Information

- The total mark for this unit 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 3.

Remind yourself of *An Unknown Girl*, taken from the *Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology*.

An Unknown Girl

In the evening bazaar
studded with neon
an unknown girl
is hennaing¹ my hand.
She squeezes a wet brown line
from a nozzle.
She is icing my hand,
which she steadies with hers
on her satin-peach knee.
In the evening bazaar
for a few rupees
an unknown girl
is hennaing my hand.
As a little air catches
my shadow-stitched kameez²
a peacock spreads its lines
across my palm.
Colours leave the street
float up in balloons.
Dummies in shop-fronts
tilt and stare
with their Western perms.
Banners for Miss India 1993,
for curtain cloth
and sofa cloth
canopy me.
I have new brown veins.
In the evening bazaar
very deftly
an unknown girl
is hennaing my hand.
I am clinging
to these firm peacock lines
like people who cling
to the sides of a train.
Now the furious streets
are hushed.
I'll scrape off



the dry brown lines
before I sleep,
reveal soft as a snail trail
the amber bird beneath.
It will fade in a week.
When India appears and reappears
I'll lean across a country
with my hands outstretched
longing for the unknown girl
in the neon bazaar.

Moniza Alvi

¹ *hennaing*: the art of body decoration using a plant dye

² *kameez*: loose fitting tunic

1 How does the writer present identity in *An Unknown Girl*?

In your answer, you should write about:

- how the narrator presents thoughts and feelings about the girl
- how the narrator presents the relationship with India
- the use of language and structure.

You should support your answer with close reference to the poem, including **brief** quotations.

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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 12.

EITHER

- 2** Write about a time when you, or someone you know, went to see friends or family.

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 Candlelit Dinner'.

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.

Write a story that ends 'It moved into the shadows'.

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)



You may choose ONE image to prompt your response to Question 4.



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