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Pearson Edexcel International GCSE

English Literature
Paper 1: Poetry and Modern Prose

Time: 1 hour 20 minutes plus your additional time allowance

Question Booklet

**DO NOT RETURN THIS
QUESTION BOOKLET WITH YOUR
ANSWER BOOKLET.**

Answer TWO questions:

**Answer the question in Section A
and ONE question from Section B.**

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SECTION A: Unseen Poetry

Answer the question in this section.

You should spend 35 minutes plus some of your additional time allowance on this question.

Read the following poem.

Poem For My Sister

**My little sister likes to try my shoes,
to strut in them,
admire her spindle-thin* twelve-year-old legs
in this season's styles.**

**She says they fit her perfectly,
but wobbles
on their high heels, they're
hard to balance.**

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**I like to watch my little sister
playing hopscotch*, admire the neat hops-and-skips
of her,
their quick peck,
never-missing their mark, not
over-stepping the line.
She is competent at peever*.**

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I try to warn my little sister 15
 about unsuitable shoes,
 point out my own distorted feet, the callouses*,
 odd patches of hard skin.
 I should not like to see her
 in my shoes. 20
 I wish she should stay
 sure footed,
 sensibly shod.

Liz Lochhead (1981)

Glossary

***spindle-thin** – a spindle is a very thin piece of wood or metal, often used for holding and twisting thread

***hopscotch** – a playground game where children hop on numbered squares drawn on the ground

***peever** – another word for hopscotch. The word derives from the stone or marker used in the game

***callouses** – hard, thickened skin

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- 1 Explore how the writer presents the narrator and her sister in this poem.**

In your answer, you should consider the writer's:

- **descriptive skills**
- **choice of language**
- **use of form and structure.**

Support your answer with examples from the poem.

(Total for Question 1 = 20 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 20 MARKS

SECTION B: Modern Prose

Answer ONE question on ONE text from this section.

You should spend 45 minutes plus some of your additional time allowance on this section.

To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

EITHER

- 2 Explore the theme of social inequality in *To Kill a Mockingbird*.**

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)

OR

- 3 Discuss the relationship between Calpurnia and the Finch family in this novel.**

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 3 = 40 marks)

Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck

EITHER

- 4 In what ways is cruelty an important theme in Of Mice and Men?**

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)

OR

- 5 Which ONE character do you consider to be the most unhappy in the novel?**

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 5 = 40 marks)

The Whale Rider, Witi Ihimaera

EITHER

6 Discuss the importance of fear in *The Whale Rider*.

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 6 = 40 marks)

OR

7 ‘Kahu seemed to say, “Down here?” and the dolphins made a nodding motion.’

Explore Kahu’s relationship with the natural world in the novel.

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 7 = 40 marks)

The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan

EITHER

- 8 In what ways is Ying-ying St. Clair significant in the novel?**

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 8 = 40 marks)

OR

- 9 ‘The characters experience both physical and emotional journeys.’**

Discuss the theme of journeys in *The Joy Luck Club*.

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 9 = 40 marks)

Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe

EITHER

10 Explore Okonkwo's weaknesses in Things Fall Apart.

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 10 = 40 marks)

OR

11 In what ways is loss significant in the novel?

You must consider the context of the novel in your answer.

(Total for Question 11 = 40 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 40 MARKS

TOTAL FOR PAPER = 60 MARKS

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