

**Paper Reference(s) 4ET1/01R**  
**Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1)**

**English Literature**  
**PAPER 1: Poetry and Modern Prose**

**Time: 1 hour 20 minutes**

**Question Booklet**

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

**Answer TWO questions:**

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

	<b>PAGE</b>
<b>SECTION A: Unseen Poetry</b>	<b>3–5</b>
<b>SECTION B: Modern Prose</b>	
<b>To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Of Mice and Men, John Steinbeck</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>The Whale Rider, Witi Ihimaera</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>The Joy Luck Club, Amy Tan</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Things Fall Apart, Chinua Achebe</b>	<b>12</b>

**Turn over**

## **SECTION A**

### **Unseen Poetry**

**Answer the question in this section.**

**You should spend 35 minutes on this question.**

**(continued on the next page)**

**Section A continued.**

**Read the following poem.**

## **The Hurt Boy And The Birds**

**The hurt boy talked to the birds  
and fed them the crumbs of his heart.**

**It was not easy to find the words  
for secrets he hid under his skin.**

**The hurt boy spoke of a bully's fist  
that made his face a bruised moon –  
his spectacles stamped to ruin.**

5

**It was not easy to find the words  
for things that nightly hissed  
as if his pillow was a hideaway for creepy-  
crawlies\* –  
the note sent to the girl he fancied  
held high in mockery.**

10

**But the hurt boy talked to the birds  
and their feathers gave him welcome –**

**(continued on the next page)**

**Turn over**

**Section A continued.**

**Their wings taught him new ways to become. 15**

**JOHN AGARD (2004)**

**\*creepy-crawlies – small insects and spiders**

**(continued on the next page)**

**continued.**

**1 Explore how the writer presents the hurt boy 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**

**Turn over**

## **SECTION B**

### **Modern Prose**

**Answer ONE question on ONE text from this section.**

**You should spend 45 minutes on this section.**

## **To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee**

### **EITHER**

- 2 In what ways is Tom Robinson significant in the novel?**

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

**(Total for Question 2 = 40 marks)**

### **OR**

- 3 Discuss the setting of Maycomb in To Kill a Mockingbird.**

**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 'George is a selfish character and does not truly care for Lennie.'**

**How far do you agree with this statement?**

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

**(Total for Question 4 = 40 marks)**

### **OR**

- 5 Explore the theme of isolation in Of Mice and Men.**

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

**(Total for Question 5 = 40 marks)**

---

## **The Whale Rider, Witi Ihimaera**

### **EITHER**

- 6 Examine the relationship between Kahu and her uncle, Rawiri.**

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

**(Total for Question 6 = 40 marks)**

### **OR**

- 7 Discuss the importance of courage in The Whale Rider.**

**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 Explore the relationship between An-mei Hsu and her daughter, Rose, in the novel.**

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

**(Total for Question 8 = 40 marks)**

### **OR**

- 9 ‘I wondered why my destiny had been decided, why I should have an unhappy life...’ (Lindo Jong)**

**Examine the theme of destiny 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 In what ways is Ikemefuna important in the novel?**

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

**(Total for Question 10 = 40 marks)**

### **OR**

**11 'It is an abomination for a man to take his own life. It is an offence against the Earth, and a man who commits it will not be buried by his clansmen.' (Chapter 25)**

**Examine the theme of shame in Things Fall Apart.**

**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**

**END OF PAPER**