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Paper 1 Poetry and Prose

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Assessment Objectives

The Assessment Objectives are evenly weighted across each question. The assessment objectives for the paper are:

- **AO1** show detailed knowledge of the content of literary texts, supported by reference to the text
- **AO2** understand the meanings of literary texts and their context, and explore texts beyond surface meaning to show deeper awareness of ideas and attitudes
- AO3 recognise and appreciate ways in which writers use language, structure, and form to create and shape meanings and effects
- **AO4** communicate a sensitive and informed personal response

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BAND DESCRIPTORS TABLE

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Band 1	25 24 23	 Sustains personal engagement with task and text sustains a critical understanding of the text showing individuality and insight responds sensitively and in detail to the way the writer achieves effects incorporates well-selected reference to the text skilfully and with flair
Band 2	22 21 20	Sustains a perceptive, convincing and relevant personal response • shows a clear critical understanding of the text • responds sensitively and in detail to the way the writer achieves her/his effects • integrates much well-selected reference to the text
Band 3	19 18 17	Makes a well-developed, detailed and relevant personal response shows a clear understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications makes a developed response to the way the writer achieves her/his effects supports with careful and relevant reference to the text
Band 4	16 15 14	 Makes a reasonably developed relevant personal response shows understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications makes some response to the way the writer uses language shows some thoroughness in the use of supporting evidence from the text
Band 5	13 12 11	Begins to develop a relevant personal response
Band 6	10 9 8	Attempts to communicate a basic personal response to the task makes some relevant comments shows a basic understanding of surface meaning of the text makes a little supporting reference to the text
Band 7	7 6 5	Some evidence of simple personal response
Band 8	4 3 2	Limited attempt to respond • shows some limited understanding of simple/literal meaning
Below Band 8	0 / 0–1	No answer / Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 8.