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**WORLD LITERATURE**

Paper 2 Unseen Poetry

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**1 hour 15 minutes**

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

## INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

## INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [ ].

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**Question 1**

Read carefully the poem which describes a woman's feelings of unhappiness.

*Boats in the Bay*

I will take my trouble and wrap it in a blue handkerchief  
 And carry it down to the sea.  
 The sea is as smooth as silk, is as silent as glass;  
 It does not even whisper  
 Only the boats, rowed out by the girls in yellow  
 Ruffle its surface. 5  
 It is grey, not blue. It is flecked with boats like midges,  
 With happy people  
 Moving soundlessly over the level water.

I will take my trouble and drop it into the water 10  
 It is heavy as stone and smooth as a sea-washed pebble.  
 It will sink under the sea, and the happy people  
 Will row over it quietly, ruffling the clear water  
 Little dark boats like midges, skimming silently  
 Will pass backwards and forwards, the girls singing; 15  
 They will never know that they have sailed above sorrow.  
 Sink heavily and lie still, lie still my trouble.

- (a) How does the poet vividly describe the scene? [15]
- (b) How does the poet strikingly convey her thoughts and feelings? [15]

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