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You must answer on the answer booklet/paper.

You will need: Answer booklet/paper

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

• Answer **two** questions in total:

Section A: answer one question.

Section B: answer one question.

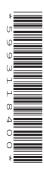
- You must answer at least one (b) passage-based question.
- If you have been given an answer booklet, follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet.
- Use a black or dark blue pen.
- Write your name, centre number and candidate number on all the work you hand in.
- Do not use an erasable pen or correction fluid.
- At the end of the examination, fasten all your work together. Do **not** use staples, paper clips or glue.

#### **INFORMATION**

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- All questions are worth 25 marks.

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You are reminded to make reference as appropriate to the literary and historical context of the text in your answers.

#### Section A

Answer **one** question from this section.

### All questions carry equal marks.

You must answer at least **one** passage-based question in the paper as a whole.

# WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: Antony and Cleopatra

- **1 Either (a)** In what ways, and with what dramatic effects, does Shakespeare present Egypt and its values in the play?
  - Or (b) Using the following passage as the central focus of your response, discuss some of the ways in which Shakespeare presents antagonism between Antony and Octavius (Caesar) in the play.

Antony:	I learn you take things ill which are not so, Or being, concern you not.	
Caesar:	I must be laugh'd at	
	If, or for nothing or a little, I	
	Should say myself offended, and with you	5
	Chiefly i' th' world; more laugh'd at that I should	
	Once name you derogately when to sound your name	
	It not concern'd me.	
Antony:	My being in Egypt, Caesar,	
	What was't to you?	10
Caesar:	No more than my residing here at Rome	
	Might be to you in Egypt. Yet, if you there	
	Did practise on my state, your being in Egypt	
	Might be my question.	
Antony:	How intend you – practis'd?	15
Caesar:	You may be pleas'd to catch at mine intent	
	By what did here befall me. Your wife and brother	
	Made wars upon me, and their contestation	
	Was theme for you; you were the word of war.	
Antony:	You do mistake your business; my brother never	20
	Did urge me in his act. I did inquire it,	
	And have my learning from some true reports	
	That drew their swords with you. Did he not rather	
	Discredit my authority with yours,	
	And make the wars alike against my stomach,	25
	Having alike your cause? Of this my letters	
	Before did satisfy you. If you'll patch a quarrel,	
	As matter whole you have not to make it with,	
	It must not be with this.	
Caesar:	You praise yourself	30
	By laying defects of judgement to me; but	
	You patch'd up your excuses.	
Antony:	Not so, not so;	
	I know you could not lack, I am certain on't,	
	Very necessity of this thought, that I,	35

	Your partner in the cause 'gainst which he fought, Could not with graceful eyes attend those wars Which fronted mine own peace. As for my wife, I would you had her spirit in such another! The third o' th' world is yours, which with a snaffle You may pace easy, but not such a wife.	40
Enobarbus:	Would we had all such wives, that the men might go to wars with the women!	
Antony:	So much uncurbable, her garboils, Caesar, Made out of her impatience – which not wanted Shrewdness of policy too – I grieving grant Did you too much disquiet. For that you must But say I could not help it.	45
Caesar:	I wrote to you	
	When rioting in Alexandria; you Did pocket up my letters, and with taunts Did gibe my missive out of audience.	50
Antony:	Sir, He fell upon me ere admitted. Then	
	Three kings I had newly feasted, and did want Of what I was i' th' morning; but next day I told him of myself, which was as much As to have ask'd him pardon. Let this fellow	55
	Be nothing of our strife; if we contend,	
0	Out of our question wipe him.	60
Caesar:	You have broken The article of your oath, which you shall never Have tongue to charge me with.	
Lepidus:	Soft, Caesar!	0.5
Antony:	No; Lepidus, let him speak. The honour is sacred which he talks on now, Supposing that I lack'd it. But on, Caesar: The article of my oath —	65
Caesar:	To lend me arms and aid when I requir'd them,	70
Antony:	The which you both denied.  Neglected, rather;  And then when poisoned hours had bound me up	
	From mine own knowledge. As nearly as I may, I'll play the penitent to you; but mine honesty Shall not make poor my greatness, nor my power Work without it. Truth is, that Fulvia,	75
	To have me out of Egypt, made wars here; For which myself, the ignorant motive, do So far ask pardon as befits mine honour To stoop in such a case.	80
Lepidus:	'Tis noble spoken.	
Maecenas:	If it might please you to enforce no further The griefs between ye – to forget them quite Were to remember that the present need Speaks to atone you.	85
Lepidus:	Worthily spoken, Maecenas.	

Act 2, Scene 2

## WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: Richard III

**2 Either (a)** Discuss the presentation and dramatic significance of dreams and dreaming in the play.

**Or (b)** Using the following passage as the central focus of your answer, discuss Shakespeare's presentation of Richard's relationships with women in the play.

Anne: Gloucester: Anne:	Ill rest betide the chamber where thou liest! So will it, madam, till I lie with you. I hope so.	
Gloucester:	I know so. But, gentle Lady Anne, To leave this keen encounter of our wits,	5
	And fall something into a slower method – Is not the causer of the timeless deaths	
	Of these Plantagenets, Henry and Edward, As blameful as the executioner?	
Anne:	Thou wast the cause and most accurs'd effect.	10
Gloucester:	Your beauty was the cause of that effect –	
	Your beauty that did haunt me in my sleep  To undertake the death of all the world	
	So I might live one hour in your sweet bosom.	
Anne:	If I thought that, I tell thee, homicide,	15
	These nails should rend that beauty from my cheeks.	
Gloucester:	These eyes could not endure that beauty's wreck; You should not blemish it if I stood by.	
	As all the world is cheered by the sun,	
	So I by that; it is my day, my life.	20
Anne:	Black night o'ershade thy day, and death thy life!	
Gloucester:	Curse not thyself, fair creature; thou art both.	
Anne: Gloucester:	I would I were, to be reveng'd on thee. It is a quarrel most unnatural,	
Giodecsier.	To be reveng'd on him that loveth thee.	25
Anne:	It is a quarrel just and reasonable,	
	To be reveng'd on him that kill'd my husband.	
Gloucester:	He that bereft thee, lady, of thy husband	
Anne:	Did it to help thee to a better husband.  His better doth not breathe upon the earth.	30
Gloucester:	He lives that loves thee better than he could.	
Anne:	Name him.	
Gloucester:	Plantagenet.	
Anne: Gloucester:	Why, that was he. The self-same name, but one of better nature.	35
Anne:	Where is he?	00
Gloucester:	Here. [She spits at him] Why dost thou	
	spit at me?	
Anne:	Would it were mortal poison, for thy sake!  Never came poison from so sweet a place.	40
Gloucester: Anne:	Never hung poison on a fouler toad.	40
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Out of my sight! Thou dost infect mine eyes.	
Gloucester:	Thine eyes, sweet lady, have infected mine.	
Anne:	Would they were basilisks to strike thee dead!	ΛE
Gloucester:	I would they were, that I might die at once; For now they kill me with a living death.	45
	Those eyes of thine from mine have drawn salt tears,	
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Sham'd their aspects with store of childish drops – These eyes, which never shed remorseful tear, No, when my father York and Edward wept To hear the piteous moan that Rutland made When black-fac'd Clifford shook his sword at him; Nor when thy warlike father, like a child,	50
Told the sad story of my father's death, And twenty times made pause to sob and weep That all the standers-by had wet their cheeks Like trees bedash'd with rain – in that sad time My manly eyes did scorn an humble tear;	55
And what these sorrows could not thence exhale	
Thy beauty hath, and made them blind with weeping. I never sued to friend nor enemy;	60
My tongue could never learn sweet smoothing word;	
But, now thy beauty is propos'd my fee,	
My proud heart sues, and prompts my tongue to speak. [She looks scornfully at him.	65
Teach not thy lip such scorn; for it was made	00
For kissing, lady, not for such contempt.	
If thy revengeful heart cannot forgive,	
Lo here I lend thee this sharp-pointed sword;	
Which if thou please to hide in this true breast	70
And let the soul forth that adoreth thee,	
I lay it naked to the deadly stroke,	
And humbly beg the death upon my knee.	
[He lays his breast open;	
she offers at it with his sword.	75
Nay, do not pause; for I did kill King Henry –	
But 'twas thy beauty that provoked me.	
Nay, now dispatch; 'twas I that stabb'd young Edward – But 'twas thy heavenly face that set me on.	
[She falls the sword.	80
Take up the sword again, or take up me.	00
Arise, dissembler; though I wish thy death,	
I will not be thy executioner.	

Act 1, Scene 2

Anne:

# WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: Twelfth Night

3 **Either** (a) Discuss the presentation and dramatic significance of self-deception in *Twelfth Night*.

**Or (b)** Using the extract below as the central focus of your answer, discuss Shakespeare's presentation of the relationship between Viola and Olivia in the play.

Viola:	Good madam, let me see your face.	
Olivia:	Have you any commission from your lord to negotiate with my face? You are now out of your text; but we will draw the curtain	
	and show you the picture. [Unveiling] Look you, sir, such a one	
	I was this present. Is't not well done?	5
Viola:	Excellently done, if God did all.	
Olivia:	'Tis in grain, sir; 'twill endure wind and weather.	
Viola:	'Tis beauty truly blent, whose red and white	
	Nature's own sweet and cunning hand laid on. Lady, you are the cruell'st she alive,	10
	If you will lead these graces to the grave,	10
	And leave the world no copy.	
Olivia:	O, sir, I will not be so hard-hearted; I will give out divers	
	schedules of my beauty. It shall be inventoried, and every	
	particle and utensil labell'd to my will: as - item, two lips	15
	indifferent red; item, two grey eyes with lids to them; item, one	
	neck, one chin, and so forth. Were you sent hither to praise	
	me?	
Viola:	I see you what you are: you are too proud;	00
	But, if you were the devil, you are fair.	20
	My lord and master loves you – O, such love	
	Could be but recompens'd though you were crown'd The nonpareil of beauty!	
Olivia:	How does he love me?	
Viola:	With adorations, fertile tears,	25
viola.	With groans that thunder love, with sighs of fire.	
Olivia:	Your lord does know my mind; I cannot love him.	
	Yet I suppose him virtuous, know him noble,	
	Of great estate, of fresh and stainless youth;	
	In voices well divulg'd, free, learn'd and valiant,	30
	And in dimension and the shape of nature	
	A gracious person; but yet I cannot love him.	
\ r \ I	He might have took his answer long ago.	
Viola:	If I did love you in my master's flame,	35
	With such a suff'ring, such a deadly life, In your denial I would find no sense;	30
	I would not understand it.	
Olivia:	Why, what would you?	
Viola:	Make me a willow cabin at your gate,	
	And call upon my soul within the house;	40
	Write loyal cantons of contemned love	
	And sing them loud even in the dead of night;	
	Halloo your name to the reverberate hills,	
	And make the babbling gossip of the air	
	Cry out 'Olivia!' O, you should not rest	45
	Between the elements of air and earth	

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But you should pity me!

Olivia:	You might do much.		
	What is your parentage?		
Viola:	Above my fortunes, yet my state is well:		50
	I am a gentleman.		
Olivia:	Get you to your lord.		
	I cannot love him; let him send no more –		
	Unless perchance you come to me again		
	To tell me how he takes it. Fare you well.		55
	I thank you for your pains; spend this for me.		
Viola:	I am no fee'd post, lady; keep your purse;		
	My master, not myself, lacks recompense.		
	Love make his heart of flint that you shall love;		
	And let your fervour, like my master's, be		60
	Plac'd in contempt! Farewell, fair cruelty.	[Exit.	
Olivia:	'What is your parentage?'		
	'Above my fortunes, yet my state is well:		
	I am a gentleman.' I'll be sworn thou art;		
	Thy tongue, thy face, thy limbs, actions, and spirit,		65
	Do give thee five-fold blazon. Not too fast! Soft, soft!		
	Unless the master were the man. How now!		
	Even so quickly may one catch the plague?		
	Methinks I feel this youth's perfections		
	With an invisible and subtle stealth		70
	To creep in at mine eyes. Well, let it be.		
	What ho, Malvolio!		

Act 1, Scene 5

### **Section B**

Answer **one** question from this section.

You must answer at least **one** passage-based question in the paper as a whole.

# BEN JONSON: Volpone

4 Either (a) 'Volpone: What a rare punishment / Is avarice to itself.'

Discuss Jonson's presentation of greed in the light of this quotation.

**Or (b)** Using the following passage as the central focus of your answer, discuss the dramatic presentation of Mosca's 'villainy' (line 17) in the play.

Corvino: Mosca:	Mosca, pray you a word. Lord! Will not you take your dispatch hence yet? Methinks of all you should have been th' example.	
	Why should you stay here? With what thought? What promise? Hear you: do not you know I know you an ass, And that you would most fain have been a wittol If fortune would have let you? That you are A declared cuckold, on good terms? This pearl,	5
	You'll say, was yours? Right. This diamond? I'll not deny't, but thank you. Much here else? It may be so. Why, think that these good works May help to hide your bad. I'll not betray you, Although you be but extraordinary,	10
	And have it only in title, it sufficeth.	
	Go home, be melancholic too, or mad.	15
	[Exit CORVINO.	
Volpone	[aside]: Rare, Mosca! How his villainy becomes him!	
Voltore: Corbaccio:	Certain he doth delude all these for me.  Mosca the heir?	
Volpone	[aside]: O, his four eyes have found it!	20
Corbaccio:	l'm cozened, cheated, by a parasite slave!	20
COIDGOOIC.	Harlot, th'ast gulled me.	
Mosca:	Yes, sir. Stop your mouth,	
	Or I shall draw the only tooth is left.	
	Are not you he, that filthy, covetous wretch	25
	With the three legs, that here, in hope of prey,	
	Have, any time this three year, snuffed about	
	With your most grov'ling nose, and would have hired	
	Me to the pois'ning of my patron, sir?	
	Are not you he that have, today, in court,	30
	Professed the disinheriting of your son?	
	Perjured yourself? Go home, and die, and stink.	
	If you but croak a syllable, all comes out.  Away, and call your porters! Go, go stink.	
	[Exit CORBACCIO.	35
Volpone	[aside]: Excellent variet!	00
Voltore:	Now, my faithful Mosca,	
	I find thy constancy –	
Mosca:	Sir?	
Voltore:	Sincere.	40

Mosca	[writing again]: Of porphyry – I mar'l you'll be the	A table		
Voltore:				
Mosca:	ray, leave on flow, alloy are gen	Why, who are you?		
	What, who did send for you? O,		45	
	Reverend sir! Good faith, I am g		. •	
	That any chance of mine should	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Your (I must needs say) most de			
	But I protest, sir, it was cast upon	•		
	And I could, almost, wish to be v		50	
	But that the will o' th' dead must			
	Marry, my joy is that you need it	not;		
	You have a gift, sir (thank your e			
	Will never let you want while the	re are men		
	And malice to breed causes. Wo	ould I had	55	
	But half the like, for all my fortun	e, sir.		
	If I have any suits – as I do hope	·,		
	Things being so easy and direct	, I shall not –		
	I will make bold with your obstre	perous aid;		
	Conceive me, for your fee, sir. In	ı meantime,	60	
	You that have so much law, I kno	ow ha' the conscience		
	Not to be covetous of what is mi	ne.		
	Good sir, I thank you for my plate	e; 'twill help		
	To set up a young man. Good fa	ith, you look		
	As you were costive; best go ho	me and purge, sir.	65	
		[Exit VOLTORE.		

Act 5, Scene 1

## HAROLD PINTER: The Birthday Party

- **5 Either (a)** In what ways, and with what dramatic effects, does Pinter present reactions to authority in the play?
  - **Or (b)** Using the passage below as the central focus of your answer, discuss Pinter's dramatic presentation of predatory men in the play.

[MEG sits on a shoe-box, downstage, right. LULU, at the table, pours more drink for GOLDBERG and herself, and gives GOLDBERG his glass.]

Goldberg: Thank you.

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They can soothe you.

[They embrace.]

Act 2

## RICHARD BRINSLEY SHERIDAN: The School for Scandal

6 Either (a) Discuss The School for Scandal as a comedy of manners.

**Or (b)** Using the passage below as the central focus of your answer, discuss Sheridan's dramatic presentation of hypocrisy in the play.

	[Enter JOSEPH SURFACE [and SERVANT]]	
Joseph Surface:	Sir, I beg you ten thousand pardons for keeping you a moment waiting. Mr Stanley, I presume?	
Sir Oliver Surface: Joseph Surface:	At your service.  Sir, I beg you will do me the honour to sit down. I	5
Sir Oliver Surface:	entreat you, sir.  Dear sir, there's no occasion. [Aside] Too civil by half!  [JOSEPH SURFACE and SIR OLIVER SURFACE sit]	
Joseph Surface:	I have not the pleasure of knowing you, Mr Stanley; but I am extremely happy to see you look so well. You were nearly related to my mother, I think, Mr Stanley?	10
Sir Oliver Surface:	I was, sir – so nearly that my present poverty, I fear, may do discredit to her wealthy children. Else I should not have presumed to trouble you.	15
Joseph Surface:	Dear sir, there needs no apology. He that is in distress, though a stranger, has a right to claim kindred with the wealthy. I am sure I wish I was of that class, and had it in my power to offer you even a	
	small relief.	20
Sir Oliver Surface:	If your uncle Sir Oliver were here, I should have a friend.	
Joseph Surface:	I wish he were, sir, with all my heart. You should not want an advocate with him, believe me, sir.	
Sir Oliver Surface:	I should not need one; my distresses would recommend me. But I imagined his bounty had enabled you to become the agent of his charity.	25
Joseph Surface:	My dear sir, you were strangely misinformed. Sir Oliver is a worthy man, a very worthy sort of man. But avarice, Mr Stanley, is the vice of age. I will tell you, my good sir, in confidence, what he has done for me has been a mere nothing, though people, I know, have thought otherwise; and for my part I never	30
Sir Oliver Surface:	chose to contradict the report.  What, has he never transmitted you bullion, rupees, pagodas?	35
Joseph Surface:	O, dear sir, nothing of the kind. No, no, a few presents now and then. China, shawls, congou tea, avadavats, and Indian crackers. Little more, believe me.	
Sir Oliver Surface	[aside]: Here's gratitude for twelve thousand pounds! Avadavats and Indian crackers!	40
Joseph Surface:	Then, my dear sir, you have heard, I doubt not, of the extravagance of my brother. There are very few would credit what I have done for that unfortunate	ΛE
Sir Oliver Surface	young man! [aside]: Not I for one!	45
Joseph Surface:	The sums I have lent him! Indeed I have been exceedingly to blame. It was an amiable weakness!	

	However, I don't pretend to defend it, and now I feel it doubly culpable, since it has deprived me of the power of serving <i>you</i> , Mr Stanley, as my heart directs.	50
Sir Oliver Surface	[aside]: Dissembler! – Then, sir, you cannot assist me?	
Joseph Surface:	At present, it grieves me to say, I cannot; but whenever I have ability you may depend upon hearing from me.	55
Sir Oliver Surface:	I am extremely sorry.	
Joseph Surface:	Not more than I am, believe me. To pity, without the power to relieve, is still more painful than to ask and be denied.	60
Sir Oliver Surface: Joseph Surface:	Kind sir, your most obedient humble servant. You leave me deeply affected, Mr Stanley. [To SERVANT] William, be ready to open the door.	
Sir Oliver Surface:	O, dear sir, no ceremony.	
Joseph Surface:	Your very obedient.	65
Sir Oliver Surface:	Sir, your most obsequious.	
Joseph Surface:	You may depend upon hearing from me, whenever I can be of service.	
Sir Oliver Surface:	Sweet sir, you are too good.	
Joseph Surface:	In the meantime I wish you health and spirits.	70
Sir Oliver Surface:	Your ever grateful and perpetual humble servant.	
Joseph Surface:	Sir, yours as sincerely.	
Sir Oliver Surface	[aside]: Charles, you are my heir!	
	[Exit.	

Act 5, Scene 1

### TIMBERLAKE WERTENBAKER: Our Country's Good

7 **Either** (a) Discuss Wertenbaker's dramatic exploration of the 'rule of law' in the play.

**Or (b)** Using the extract below as the central focus of your answer, discuss some of the ways in which Wertenbaker presents the relationship between the past and the present in the play as a whole.

Ralph: Well?

Ketch: Don't you want to finish your prayers? I can be very quiet. I

used to watch my mother, may her poor soul rest in peace, I

used to watch her say her prayers, every night.

Ralph: Get on with it! 5

Ketch: When I say my prayers I have a terrible doubt. How can I

be sure God is forgiving me? What if he will forgive me, but hasn't forgiven me yet? That's why I don't want to die, Sir. That's why I can't die. Not until I am sure. Are you sure?

Ralph: I'm not a convict: I don't sin.

Ketch: To be sure. Forgive me, Sir. But if we're in God's power, then

surely he makes us sin. I was given a guardian angel when I was born, like all good Catholics, why didn't my guardian angel look after me better? But I think he must've stayed in Ireland. I think the devil tempted my mother to London and both our guardian angels stayed behind. Have you ever been to Ireland, Sir? It's a beautiful country. If I'd been an angel I wouldn't have left it either. And when we came within six fields of Westminister, the devils took over. But it's God's

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judgement I'm frightened of. And the women's. They're so hard. Why is that?

Why have you come here?

Ketch: I'm coming to that, Sir. Ralph: Hurry up, then.

Ketch: I'm speaking as fast as I can, Sir –

Ralph: Ketch –

Ralph:

Ketch: James, Sir, James, Daniel, Patrick, after my three uncles.

Good men they were too, didn't go to London. If my mother hadn't brought us to London, may God give peace to her soul and breathe pity into the hearts of hard women – because the docks are in London and if I hadn't worked on the docks, on that day, May 23rd, 1785, do you remember it, Sir? Shadwell Dock. If only we hadn't left, then I wouldn't have been there, then nothing would have happened, I wouldn't have become a coal heaver on Shadwell Dock and been there on the 23rd of May when we refused to unload because they were paying us so hadly. Sir I ween't even

because they were paying us so badly, Sir. I wasn't even near the sailor who got killed. He shouldn't have done the unloading, that was wrong of the sailors, but I didn't kill him, maybe one blow, not to look stupid, you know, just to show I was with the lads, even if I wasn't, but I didn't kill him. And

they caught five at random, Sir, and I was among the five, and they found the cudgel, but I just had that to look good, that's all, and when they said to me later you can hang or you can give the names, what was I to do, what would you

have done, Sir?

Ralph: I wouldn't have been in that situation, Freeman.

Ketch: To be sure, forgive me, Sir. I only told on the ones I saw, I didn't tell anything that wasn't true, death is a horrible thing,

that poor sailor.

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Ralph: Freeman, I'm going to go to bed now –

Ketch:

I understand, Sir, I understand. And when it happened again, here! And I had hopes of making a good life here. It's because I'm so friendly, see, so I go along, and then I'm the one who gets caught. That theft, I didn't do it, I was just there, keeping a look out, just to help some friends, you know. But when they say to you, hang or be hanged, what do you do? Someone has to do it. I try to do it well. God had mercy on the whore, the thief, the lame, surely he'll forgive the hang – it's the women – they're without mercy – not like you and me, Sir, men. What I wanted to say, Sir, is that I heard them talking about the play.

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[Pause]

Some players came into our village once. They were loved like the angels, Lieutenant, like the angels. And the way the women watched them – the light of a spring dawn in their eyes.

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Lieutenant –

I want to be an actor.

Act 1, Scene 9

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