

External assessment 2025

Question book

# English SEE

## SEE 2 Paper 2

### General instruction

- Work in this book will not be marked.

## Section 1

### Instructions

- There are two questions for each of the eight texts.
  - Respond to **one** of the questions for your chosen text in the form of an analytical essay.
  - Respond in 800–1000 words in the response book.
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### *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

- a) What comment does the novel make about human nature in times of war?

**OR**

- b) Analyse the significance of Etienne's character in the novel.

### *Burial Rites* by Hannah Kent

- a) Through telling Agnes's story, the novel challenges the way history is told.  
Discuss.

**OR**

- b) Analyse the significance of Margrét's character in the novel.

### *Macbeth* by William Shakespeare

- a) What comment does the play make about the consequences of immoral actions?

**OR**

- b) The play positions us to feel sympathy for Macbeth.  
Discuss.

### *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

- a) How is the reader invited to view the clones' attitudes to their predetermined futures?

**OR**

- b) Analyse the significance of Tommy's character in the novel.

***Othello* by William Shakespeare**

- a) What comment does the play make about the importance of reputation?

**OR**

- b) Analyse the significance of Emilia's character in the play.

***Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen**

- a) The novel invites the reader to be critical of a society that is based on rigid class distinctions. Discuss.

**OR**

- b) Analyse the significance of Mr Wickham's character in the novel.

***The Dry* by Jane Harper**

- a) In the novel, living in a small country town is both a blessing and a curse. Discuss.

**OR**

- b) Analyse the significance of Sergeant Greg Raco's character in the novel.

***The Yield* by Tara June Winch**

- a) How is the reader invited to view the importance of healing in the novel?

**OR**

- b) August had to leave her home and return to truly understand her identity. Discuss.

