

External assessment 2025

Question book

English

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.

***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.



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