



English 2025 v1.2

IA3: Sample assessment instrument 1

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Student name	sample only
Student number	sample only
Teacher	sample only
Exam date	sample only

Marking summary

Criterion	Marks allocated	Provisional marks
Knowledge application	9	
Organisation and development	8	
Textual features	8	
Overall	25	

Conditions

Technique	Examination — extended response
Unit	Unit 4: Close study of literary texts
Topic/s	Topic 1: Creative responses to literary texts
Time	2 hours + 15 minutes planning
Seen / Unseen	Seen
Other	<p>This examination will occur over two sessions. The teacher will collect all student work at the end of the first session and return it at the beginning of the next supervised session. It will all be collected at the end of the second session.</p> <p>Students are to have no more than 2 hours working time and 15 minutes planning time in total.</p> <p>The teacher must provide the task to students one week prior to the examination.</p> <p>No teacher advice, guidance or feedback once the task is distributed</p> <p>No access to the springboard text or notes in the examination</p>

Task

In this unit, you have studied poetry from a variety of times, places and contexts. You have examined and experimented with how textual and language features can be used in various literary styles, including short stories.

Create a short story that draws on a perspective, concept, identity or setting in one of the poems you have studied this term by Ali Alizadeh, Amanda Gorman, Ali Cobby Eckermann, Kirli Saunders, Samuel Wagan Watson, WB Yeats, Sylvia Plath and John Keats. Your short story can be set in either the same or a different time and place as the poem. It should use ideas, attitudes, values or beliefs that underpin the original poem to influence your readers.

To complete this task, you must:

- choose a poem you have studied this term, from the poets listed above
- choose an aspect (or aspects) of that poem as a springboard for your short story, e.g. focus your writing on an idea, a perspective, attitude, value or belief that the poem addresses
- decide how you would like to position your reader in relation to this focus
- decide how you will use the patterns and conventions of a short story to prompt emotional and/or critical responses in your reader, e.g. in your use of plot structure, narrative viewpoint, characterisation, figurative language.

Instrument-specific marking guide (IA3): Examination — extended response (25%)

Knowledge application	Marks
The student response has the following characteristics:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subtle and complex creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and/or places in an imaginative text • discerning manipulation of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and/or beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions • discerning use of aesthetic features and/or stylistic devices to prompt emotional and critical audience responses 	8–9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • effective creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and/or places in an imaginative text • effective manipulation of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and/or beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions • effective use of aesthetic features and/or stylistic devices to prompt emotional and critical audience responses 	6–7
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appropriate creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and/or places in an imaginative text • appropriate use of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and/or beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions • appropriate use of aesthetic features and/or stylistic devices to prompt audience responses 	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • superficial creation of perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and/or places in an imaginative text • superficial use of the ways cultural assumptions, attitudes, values and/or beliefs underpin texts and invite audiences to take up positions • use of aspects of aesthetic features and/or stylistic devices that vary in suitability 	3–4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creation of fragmented perspectives and representations of concepts, identities, times and/or places in an imaginative text • fragmented use of some ways ideas underpin texts • fragmented use of language features. 	1–2
The student response does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

Organisation and development	Marks
The student response has the following characteristics:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discerning use of the patterns and conventions of an imaginative text and the role of the writer to achieve particular purposes and relationships with audiences discerning selection and synthesis of subject matter to support perspectives discerning organisation and sequencing of subject matter to achieve particular purposes, including discerning use of cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of an imaginative text 	7–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective use of the patterns and conventions of an imaginative text and the role of the writer to achieve particular purposes and relationships with audiences effective selection and synthesis of subject matter to support perspectives effective organisation and sequencing of subject matter to achieve particular purposes, including effective use of cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of an imaginative text 	5–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> suitable use of the patterns and conventions of an imaginative text and the role of the writer to achieve particular purposes and relationships with audiences suitable selection and adequate synthesis of subject matter to support perspectives suitable organisation and sequencing of subject matter to achieve particular purposes, including suitable use of cohesive devices to emphasise ideas and connect parts of an imaginative text 	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> inconsistent use of the patterns and conventions of an imaginative text, and of the role of the writer narrow selection of subject matter to support perspectives disjointed organisation and sequencing of subject matter, including some use of cohesive devices to connect parts of an imaginative text 	2–3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> fragmented use of patterns and conventions of an imaginative text fragmented selection of subject matter some connections between parts of a text. 	1
The student response does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0

Textual features	Marks
The student response has the following characteristics:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discerning language choices for particular purposes discerning combination of a range of grammatically accurate/appropriate language structures, including clauses and sentences, to achieve particular purposes discerning use of written features, including conventional spelling and punctuation, to achieve particular purposes 	7–8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> effective language choices for particular purposes effective use of a range of grammatically accurate/appropriate language structures, including clauses and sentences, to achieve particular purposes effective use of written features, including conventional spelling and punctuation, to achieve particular purposes 	5–6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> suitable language choices for particular purposes 	4

Textual features	Marks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • suitable use of a range of mostly grammatically accurate/appropriate language structures, including clauses and sentences, to achieve particular purposes • suitable use of written features, including conventional spelling and punctuation, to achieve particular purposes 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inconsistent language choices • inconsistent use of grammar and language structures • use of written features, including spelling and punctuation, that vary in suitability 	2–3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inappropriate language choices • fragmented use of grammar and language structures • variable and inappropriate use of written features, including spelling and punctuation 	1
The student response does not satisfy any of the descriptors above.	0



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