Time allowed

- Perusal time: 10 minutes
- Working time: 3 hours (Part A and Part B)

Examination materials provided

- Paper Two Part A — Question book
- Paper Two Part A — Response book

Equipment allowed

- QSA-approved equipment

Directions

You may write in this book during perusal time.

Paper Two has two parts:
- Part A (yellow book): Question 1 — Imaginative and reflective writing
  Question 3 — Poetry: Analytical exposition

Attempt all questions.
All three responses are of equal worth.

Suggested time allocation

- Paper Two Part A: 1 hour
- Paper Two Part B: 2 hours

Assessment

Paper Two assesses the following assessment criteria:
- Knowledge and control of texts in their context
- Knowledge and control of textual features
- Knowledge and application of the constructedness of texts

Assessment standards are at the end of this book.

After the examination session

Take this book when you leave.
Planning space
Part A

Question 1 — Imaginative and reflective writing

Theme — Oneself

Write about 500 words of prose on one topic chosen from 1A or 1B overleaf. Use the stimulus as a springboard for an imaginative or reflective piece of writing.

You could demonstrate your understanding of the theme by:

• developing a substantial and obvious link to the stimulus
• constructing a piece of imaginative or reflective writing that provides insights into the stimulus
• promoting particular values, cultural assumptions, attitudes and beliefs related to the stimulus.
Either

**Topic 1A — Oneself**

**Genre:** Narrative/short story

**Roles and relationships:** Short story writer for a public audience

**Your task:** Construct a narrative/short story which reflects the quotation below.

> “To dare is to lose one’s footing temporarily. Not to dare is to lose oneself.”
> 
> Soren Kierkegaard (1813—1855)

You should:

- employ a range of descriptive techniques appropriate to your narrative style and purpose
- create a credible context, orientation, complication, rising action, climax and resolution.

or

**Topic 1B — Oneself**

**Genre:** Description

**Roles and relationships:** In role as a fictional character of your own creation

**Your task:** Construct a description of what you see when you look in the mirror. Use this description to reveal aspects of your character/personality/identity.

You should:

- construct a vivid image of what you are describing
- appeal to a range of senses.

End of Question 1

End of Part A
Assessment standards derived from the English Senior External Syllabus 2004
Question 1 — Imaginative and reflective writing

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The candidate has demonstrated knowledge of the ways in which texts are selectively constructed and read by: