

# 2018 Senior External Examination

## English

### Paper Two Part A — Question book

Monday 22 October 2018

1:15 pm to 4:25 pm

#### 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

- QCAA-approved equipment

#### Directions

Do not write during perusal time.

Paper Two has **two** parts:

- Part A (yellow book): Question 1 — Imaginative or reflective writing
- Part B (blue book):      Question 2 — Media: Analytical exposition  
                                    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 contexts
- 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

The supervisor will collect this book when you leave.

## **Planning space**

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## **Part A**

### **Question 1 — Imaginative or reflective writing**

#### **Theme: A fork in the road**

Construct an imaginative or reflective text of about **500 words** on **one** topic chosen from **1A** or **1B** on page 2. Use the stimulus material to provide ideas for your writing.

You should 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.
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*Either*

## **Topic 1A — A fork in the road**

**Genre:** Narrative/short story

**Roles and relationships:** Narrative/short story writer for a public audience

**Your task:** Construct a narrative/short story in response to the stimulus below. You may choose a single image or a combination of images.



You should:

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

*or*

## **Topic 1B — A fork in the road**

**Genre:** Autobiographical extract

**Roles and relationships:** As a fictional character of your own creation

**Your task:** Construct an extract of this character's autobiography that reflects one of the quotations below.

*Our life is the sum total of all the decisions we make every day, and those decisions are determined by our priorities. — Myles Monroe*

*Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans. — John Lennon, 'Beautiful Boy'*

You should:

- focus on a specific event from your fictional character's life
- explore the impact this has had on your fictional character and others.

**End of Question 1**

**End of Part A**

## **Assessment standards derived from the English Senior External Syllabus 2004**

### **Question 1 — Imaginative and reflective writing**

| Criterion   | A   | B   | C  | D   | E  |
|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| <b>The candidate has demonstrated knowledge that meanings in texts are shaped by purpose, cultural context and social situation by:</b> |   |   |  |   |  |
| <b>Knowledge and control of texts in their contexts</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exploiting the patterns and conventions of the specified genre to achieve cultural purposes</li> <li>• selecting and synthesising substantial, relevant subject matter</li> <li>• exploiting the ways in which the writer's/speaker's role and relationships with readers are affected by power, distance and affect.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• employing the patterns and conventions of the specified genre to achieve cultural purposes</li> <li>• selecting and usually synthesising considerable relevant subject matter</li> <li>• establishing the writer's/speaker's role and controlling the ways relationships with readers are influenced by power, distance and affect.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in the main, employing the patterns and conventions of the specified genre to achieve particular cultural purposes</li> <li>• selecting sufficient relevant subject matter</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• unevenly using the patterns and conventions of the specified genre to achieve cultural purposes</li> <li>• selecting some relevant subject matter</li> <li>• establishing the writer's/speaker's role and maintaining the ways relationships with readers are influenced by power, distance and affect.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• occasionally using some conventions of the specified genre to achieve some purposes</li> <li>• selecting some subject matter that relates to the task</li> <li>• generally establishing the writer's/speaker's role and sometimes maintaining the ways relationships with readers are influenced by power or distance or affect.</li> <li>• identifying the writer's/speaker's role and making some use of relationships with readers.</li> </ul> |

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| Criterion  | A   | B   | C  | D  | E  |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>Knowledge and control of textual features</b> | <p><b>The candidate has demonstrated knowledge of appropriateness of textual features for purpose, genre, and register by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• exploiting the sequencing and organisation of subject matter in stages</li> <li>• making discerning use of cohesive ties to emphasise ideas and connect parts of texts</li> <li>• exploiting an extensive range of apt vocabulary, including figurative uses</li> <li>• combining a wide range of clause and sentence structures for specific effects, while sustaining grammatical accuracy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sequencing and organising subject matter logically in stages</li> <li>• controlling the use of cohesive ties to connect ideas and parts of texts</li> <li>• selecting, with occasional lapses, a wide range of suitable vocabulary, including figurative uses</li> <li>• controlling a wide range of clause and sentence structures, while generally maintaining grammatical accuracy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• in the main, sequencing and organising subject matter in stages</li> <li>• usually linking ideas with cohesive ties</li> <li>• using suitable vocabulary</li> <li>• using a range of clause and sentence structures with occasional lapses in grammatical accuracy</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• occasionally sequencing and organising subject matter in stages</li> <li>• making lapses in linking ideas with cohesive ties</li> <li>• using basic vocabulary</li> <li>• using clause and sentence structures accurately in places, but with frequent grammatical lapses in subject–verb agreement, continuity of tenses and pronoun references</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• linking some ideas with conjunctions</li> <li>• using a narrow range of basic vocabulary</li> <li>• using a narrow range of clause and sentence structures with frequent grammatical lapses that impede understanding</li> <li>• using some punctuation, though not paragraphing</li> <li>• using some conventional spelling, but lapses impede understanding.</li> </ul> |

**(continued)**

| Criterion   | A  | B   | C   | D   | E  |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|
| <b>The candidate has demonstrated knowledge of the ways in which texts are selectively constructed and read by:</b> |  |   |   |   |  |
| <b>Knowledge and application of the constructedness of texts</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>exploiting the ways cultural assumptions, values, beliefs and attitudes underpin texts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>making effective use of the ways cultural assumptions, values, beliefs and attitudes underpin texts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>making use of the ways cultural assumptions, values, beliefs and attitudes underpin texts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>sometimes making use of some of the ways cultural assumptions, values, beliefs and attitudes underpin texts</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>making very general distinctions when occasionally shaping some representations of concepts and of the relationships and identities of individuals, groups, times and places</li> </ul> |

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