Information about the 2012 examination

The examination will be based on the *English Senior External Syllabus 2004*. It will consist of two papers. Each paper will have 3 hours working time and 10 minutes perusal/planning time.

Each paper will consist of three questions requiring extended written responses. All six responses will contribute equally to the candidate’s level of achievement.

Information about the format of the papers was provided in *English — subject notice 1* published in March 2012.

Genres and forms of writing

**Paper One Part A**

**Question 1: Novel — Imaginative response to literature**

Candidates are required to:

- demonstrate understanding of the text
- provide evidence from the text
- provide insights into the characters of the text
- apply the conventions of the stipulated genre and exploit the roles and relationships of this genre.

Candidates must respond in one of the following forms:

- **Interior monologue**
- **Description**

**Paper One Part B**

**Question 2: Drama — Persuasive/reflective response to literature suitable for a public audience**

Candidates are required to:

- demonstrate understanding of the text
- provide evidence from the text
- provide insights into the characters of the text
- apply the conventions of the stipulated genre and exploit the roles and relationships of this genre.

Candidates must respond in one of the following forms, in role as a character of a play:

- **Memoir**
- **Persuasive speech**
Paper One Part B

Question 3: Nonfiction prose — Persuasive/reflective response suitable for the mass media or for speaking and/or presenting to an audience, specific or general

Candidates are required to:
• demonstrate understanding of the text/s
• provide evidence through the use of paraphrasing and by making reference to key events and passages from the text/s
• apply terminology specific to the deconstruction of text/s
• apply terminology specific to the deconstruction of nonfiction prose
• identify and reflect upon the invited reading/s of the text/s
• analyse the means by which this reading or these readings is/are achieved
• apply the conventions of the stipulated genre and exploit the roles and relationships of this genre.

Candidates must respond in one of the following forms:
Opinion column or Book club speech.

Paper Two Part A

Question 1: Imaginative and reflective writing

Candidates are required to:
• employ narrative devices to promote particular values, assumptions, attitudes and beliefs
• use the written stimulus and theme provided as springboards for writing
• apply the conventions of the stipulated genre and exploit the roles and relationships (provided in the stimulus) of this genre.

Candidates must respond in one of the following forms:
Narrative/short story or Speech transcript or Eulogy.

Paper Two Part B

Question 2: Media — Analytical expository response

Candidates are required to:
• analyse the ways in which the media constructs stereotypes
• discuss the consequences of the construction of stereotypes in the media
• apply terminology specific to the deconstruction of the media
• apply the conventions of analytical exposition and exploit the roles and relationships of this genre.
**Paper Two Part B**

**Question 3: Poetry — Analytical expository response**

Candidates are required to:

- demonstrate understanding of the provided poem/s
- apply terminology specific to the deconstruction of poetry
- apply the conventions of analytical exposition and exploit the roles and relationships of this genre.

Candidates must respond to one of the following topics:

**Topic 3A — Unseen poem**
Identify an invited reading of the unseen poem provided in the examination and explain how this invited reading is achieved.

or

**Topic 3B — Notified poems**
Identify and analyse contrasting representations in any two of the notified poems published in *English — subject notice 1*.

**Level of achievement**

Each candidate’s level of achievement will be determined by applying the syllabus standards to an overall assessment of responses across both Paper One and Paper Two.

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