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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.

Specific Marking Guidance

- When deciding how to reward an answer, examiners should consult both the indicative content and the associated marking grid(s). When using a levels-based mark scheme, the 'best fit' approach should be used.
- Examiners should first decide which descriptor most closely matches the answer and place it in that level.
- The mark awarded within the level will be decided based on the quality of the answer and will be modified according to how securely all bullet points are displayed at that level.
- Indicative content is exactly that – they are factual points that candidates are likely to use to construct their answer.
- It is possible for an answer to be constructed without mentioning some or all of these points, as long as they provide alternative responses to the indicative content that fulfils the requirements of the question. It is the examiner's responsibility to apply their professional judgement to the candidate's response in determining if the answer fulfils the requirements of the question.

Placing a mark within a level

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- In cases of uneven performance, the points above will still apply. Candidates will be placed in the level that best describes their answer according to the descriptors in that level. Marks will be awarded towards the top or bottom of that level depending on how they have evidenced each of the descriptor bullet points.
- If the candidate's answer meets the requirements fully, markers should be prepared to award full marks within the level. The top mark in the level is used for work that is as good as can realistically be expected within that level.

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AO2	Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects.
AO4	Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

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SECTION A – Modern Drama

Question number	Indicative content
1 ***A View from the Bridge***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • candidates are free to agree or disagree, wholly or in part, with the view that Beatrice is presented as an admirable character in the play • she is married to Eddie Carbone. They have no children, but bring up Beatrice's orphaned niece, Catherine, caring for her like a daughter • she is a good wife to Eddie, maintaining their home and considering Eddie's feelings: 'I'm just worried about you'. She defers to Eddie and is careful to avoid upsetting him before the arrival of her cousins • Beatrice represents the idea of a traditional housewife in the play. Her concern with domestic matters reflects her position as homemaker and mother figure: 'I was gonna clean the walls. I was gonna wax the floors'. Beatrice prepares meticulously for the arrival of her cousins, Marco and Rodolpho, from Sicily. She wants everything to be in order and regrets that she 'didn't even buy a new tablecloth' • Beatrice's appreciation of Catherine's need to follow a different course in her life could be seen as admirable. She encourages Catherine's growing independence: 'It means you gotta be your own self more' • it could be argued that Beatrice's acquiescence in Eddie's treatment of Catherine is not admirable. Beatrice remains silent when Eddie speaks affectionately to Catherine and, when confronted by Eddie, Beatrice denies feeling angry about it: 'Who's mad? … I'm not mad' • later in the play, Beatrice is seen to be pragmatic in her handling of Eddie's interest in Catherine. She confronts the situation, telling Eddie: 'You want somethin' else, Eddie, and you can never have her!' • it is apparent that Beatrice and Eddie have not had a physical relationship for some time, perhaps as a result of Eddie's fixation with Catherine. Nonetheless, Beatrice, arguably acting admirably, chooses her words carefully, ensuring that she does not put the blame on Eddie: 'Well, tell me, am I doing something wrong? Talk to me'. However, it could be argued that, by not directly apportioning blame to Eddie, Beatrice is not being completely honest about the situation and, therefore, is not acting admirably • Beatrice views the relationship of Catherine and Rodolpho as positive and urges Eddie to 'tell her good luck'. She admirably attempts to support Catherine in her relationship and tries to convince Eddie • ultimately, Beatrice remains loyal to Eddie. She stays with him rather than attending the wedding of Catherine and Rodolpho • Eddie's love for Beatrice is finally recognised at the end of the play. When he lies dying in her arms, he realises the value of his loyal wife and his last words are: 'My B!' Eddie's final words show his affection and admiration for Beatrice.

	(AO2) • Language: Beatrice's name means 'blessed', from the Italian word 'beata' • Language/Structure: Catherine and Beatrice are contrasting characters in the play. Even though Beatrice fulfils the role of a traditional housewife, she is admirable in her defence of Catherine's decision to go out to work, focusing on the healthy salary she will earn: 'Fifty dollars a week, Eddie' • Form: the image of Beatrice when her cousins are due to arrive, as portrayed in the stage directions, mirrors that of a saint in religious paintings: '*her hands are clasped at her breast; she seems half in fear, half in unutterable joy*' • Form/Structure: throughout the play, Beatrice stands by Eddie. This could be seen as admirable, particularly considering Eddie's feelings for Catherine and his betrayal of Marco and Rodolpho. Conversely, by not confronting Eddie more over his actions, Beatrice could be seen as not worthy of admiration • Structure: Beatrice acts as a peacemaker in the family, trying to draw Eddie, Catherine and Rodolpho together.

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	• having reported Marco and Rodolpho to the Immigration Bureau, Eddie has caused much tension between him and both his family and his community, an outcome that Alfieri warned him about. He is determined to fight Marco in order to restore his good name in the community. **(AO2)** • Language: Eddie deliberately embarrasses Catherine in front of Marco and Rodolpho, which causes friction in the family home: 'What's the high heels for, Garbo?' Eddie's sarcasm implies that Catherine is not behaving in an appropriate manner • Form: the stage directions clearly depict Eddie's anger at the flourishing relationship between Catherine and Rodolpho: '*twisting the newspaper into a tight roll*'. Eddie relieves his inner tension by using the newspaper as an outlet for his aggression • Form: the character of Beatrice acts as peacemaker, attempting to relieve the tension between characters • Structure: Marco's rage at Eddie's betrayal forms the climax of the play's tensions • Structure: at the end of the play, when Eddie is dying, family tensions are put aside as he turns to his wife, Beatrice, with the words: 'My B!'

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	• there is a clear contrast in Gerald's attitude to Sheila when he suggests she leaves the room and agrees with the Inspector who says 'And you think young women ought to be protected against unpleasant and disturbing things' • even after Gerald's affair with Eva/Daisy is exposed, Mr Birling sides with Gerald: 'I'm not defending him. But you must understand that a lot of young men – '. Mr Birling clearly believes that lower-class women should not have the right to protection. Gerald deems his behaviour normal: 'nearly any man would have done'. **(AO2)** • Language: during his celebratory toast, it could be argued that Mr Birling alludes to the idea that a woman's role is to please her husband. He references Gerald's happiness before that of his daughter's: 'She'll make you happy, and I'm sure you'll make her happy' • Language: Mrs Birling openly mocks other women, mirroring her husband's sexist, condescending comments. She calls Sheila 'over-excited' and 'childish', and comments on how Eva/Daisy acted with 'impertinence' • Language: Mr Birling's description of Eva/Daisy suggests that her physical appearance was more significant than her personality and work ethic: 'She was a lively good-looking girl – country-bred, I fancy' • Form: social customs accentuate the belief that men and women have distinct roles. Mrs Birling declares: 'I think Sheila and I had better go into the drawing room and leave you men' • Structure: Sheila is transformed from the stereotypical upper-class girl seen at the start of the play to the assertive and independent woman seen at the end.

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	(AO2) • Language: when Sheila discovers the outcome of her complaint to Milwards about Eva/Daisy, the repetition of the adverb 'never' emphasises how apologetic she is for her behaviour: 'I'll never, never do it again' • Language/Structure: towards the end of the play, Eric's language is increasingly rebellious. Horrified at his parents' irresponsible and uncaring attitudes, he turns on them: 'I'm ashamed of you'. He makes it clear who is responsible for Eva's/Daisy's demise, showing increased independence and strength of character when he accuses Mr Birling: 'You're the one I blame for this' • Language/Structure: by the end of the play, Sheila echoes the Inspector's words, showing how far she has come since the beginning: 'Fire and blood and anguish! And it frightens me the way you talk' • Language/Structure: the Inspector's didactic warning towards the end of the play has the tone of a sermon. The imagery of hell conveys its gravity: 'fire and blood and anguish' • Form/Structure: Sheila's and Eric's moral redemption offers some hope in the play as Priestley suggests there may be a sign that the younger generation will be harbingers of social justice.

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	• Form: the characterisation of Siobhan is in direct contrast with that of Christopher's own mother. Unlike Judy, who attempts to show physical affection to Christopher, Siobhan understands how Christopher likes to be shown comfort in other ways. She shows an understanding of the individual needs of others • Structure: at no point in the play does Christopher report that Siobhan has become annoyed or overwhelmed by his behaviour, suggesting that Siobhan clearly understands Christopher and his needs • Structure: Siobhan is a constant in Christopher's life. When Christopher believes that his mother is dead and, later, when he discovers his father's deception, Siobhan provides Christopher with consolation and support.

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	(AO2) • Language: Christopher speaks practically to Mrs Alexander about Toby's needs: 'He eats special pellets and you can buy them from a pet shop' • Language: Ed takes responsibility for Christopher and ensures that he adapts how he is with his son because of Christopher's autism. He carefully uses clear time frames to help Christopher cope with difficult conversations: 'I'll do you a deal. Five minutes ok? That's all' • Language: Judy's words are maternal and caring when she looks after Christopher after finding him on the doorstep: 'Will you let me help you get your clothes off?' This marks the beginning of Judy, as a mother, taking responsibility for her son once more • Form: Judy's letters to Christopher detail how she has walked away from her responsibilities as a mother. She uses the excuse that Ed is a much better parent and she admits: 'I was not a very good mother' • Structure: by the end of the play, Ed takes responsibility for the consequences of his lies. He begins to repair his relationship with his son by buying him a puppy, Sandy.

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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–6	• Limited knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response is simple with little evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Minimal identification of language, form and structure. • Limited use of relevant examples in support.
Level 2	7–12	• Some knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response may be largely narrative with some evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Some comment on the language, form and structure. • Some use of relevant examples in support.
Level 3	13–18	• Sound knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows relevant personal engagement and an appropriate critical style. • Sound understanding of language, form and structure. • Use of clearly relevant examples in support.
Level 4	19–24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
Level 5	25–30	• Assured knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows assured personal engagement and a perceptive critical style. • Cohesive evaluation of language, form and structure. • Discriminating use of relevant examples in support.

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7 ***Kinder-transport***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • family relationships are important throughout the play and are central to the plot. Eva's parents send her by the Kindertransport to live in safety in Britain. Eva must leave behind her family and live with her adoptive mother, Lil • the opening scene of the play depicts the loving relationship between mother and daughter; Helga is preparing Eva for her journey to England. The relationship between Helga and Eva is important as Helga is convinced that she is acting in her daughter's best interests by sending her away on the Kindertransport: 'Of course they would send them away if they had places. Any good parent would do that' • at the same time, the audience sees the painful relationship between the adult, Evelyn, and her daughter, Faith, who is about to leave home. This is important as it shows the audience the effect of Eva's relationship with her birth mother on her own relationship, as an adult, with her daughter • Helga's decision to send Eva away on the Kindertransport, in her best interests, mirrors Evelyn's keenness for her own daughter to go to university, wanting the best for her: 'You've made a commitment to moving into that place. Stick by it' • as a child, when she arrives in England, Eva is taken in by Lil who adopts her. Lil is an important long-term presence in the life of Eva/Evelyn. She treats Faith as her own grandchild and Faith believes Lil to be her grandmother. The audience sees Evelyn sustaining a meaningful relationship with Lil in old age • Eva's/Evelyn's attitude to her birth parents changes. At first, she is eager to find jobs for them so that they can come to England. She holds out hope that her birth parents will be able to join her in England soon after she makes her own journey, and she waits at Manchester train station for their arrival • at seventeen, Evelyn rebuffs Helga when she comes to pick her up to move to New York because her feelings of abandonment are too painful: 'Didn't it ever occur to you that I wanted to die with you?' She even accuses her birth mother of having 'razor eyes' like the Ratcatcher • Eva/Evelyn and Helga lose their father and husband to the Nazi Holocaust. Helga tells Eva/Evelyn: 'I lost your father. He was sick and they put him in line for the showers. I saw it' • when Eva changes her name to Evelyn, this confirms that Helga has lost her hold over her daughter. Helga tries to explain the family importance of Evelyn's name: 'Eva was the name of your great-grandmother'

	• Faith gains access to her mother's childhood memories by reading her letters and looking through photos in the attic. When Faith confronts her mother about what she has found, Evelyn refuses to respond or to share any memories or truths from when she was a child • at the end of the play, the importance of family relationships to Faith is clear. She pledges to find and get to know her German relatives: 'I'm going to find out what everything means. Get in touch with my relatives. I want to meet them'. **(AO2)** • Language: when confronted with her past, Evelyn blames Lil for making her 'betray' her birth parents. Lil retaliates in anger: 'Go on then. Bare your grudge at me. What else do you want to blame me for?' • Language: Lil is unsettled by Faith's discovery of Evelyn's true identity and sees it as undermining her status with Faith as her grandmother. She questions Faith: 'Aren't I real now?' • Form/Structure: Faith represents the third generation of women in Helga's family and completes the legacy of guilt and regret that forms a central theme of the play. She shows determination to trace her family, clearly seeing this as important • Structure: the relationship between Faith and Evelyn reaches an important climax when Faith discovers Evelyn's true past. She demands answers about her family: 'I'm not letting go' • Structure: the confrontational scene with her birth mother, Helga, is a cathartic experience for Evelyn, an opening-up after years of silence. Evelyn cannot forgive Helga for 'coming back from the dead and punishing me for surviving on my own'.

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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–6	• Limited knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response is simple with little evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Minimal identification of language, form and structure. • Limited use of relevant examples in support.
Level 2	7–12	• Some knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response may be largely narrative with some evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Some comment on the language, form and structure. • Some use of relevant examples in support.
Level 3	13–18	• Sound knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows relevant personal engagement and an appropriate critical style. • Sound understanding of language, form and structure. • Use of clearly relevant examples in support.
Level 4	19–24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
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Question number	Indicative content
8 ***Kinder-transport***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • Eva/Evelyn is depicted throughout the play both as a child and as an adult. The play opens with a scene depicting the loving relationship between the child, Eva, and her mother, Helga, who is preparing Eva for her journey to safety in England • prior to Eva's journey, Helga wants to reassure herself that Eva can be independent. She makes sure that Eva is able to sew the button on her coat by herself • on the eve of leaving her parents behind, Eva is reading a book, *Der Rattenfänger*. As Eva reads the story of the Ratcatcher, she asks her mother the meaning of the word 'abyss' when the children in the book disappear into it. The narrative of the story is chilling but, as a child, Eva is not able to comprehend the true meaning. To Eva, the Ratcatcher is a shapeshifter and becomes all the people in uniform who may send her away or be unkind to her simply because she is a foreigner • Helga knows that sending her nine-year-old daughter away is the right thing to do. The Kindertransport is destined to save Eva from the tyranny of the Nazi purges: 'There's no "later" left, Eva'. Eva becomes one of the first children to escape to England on the Kindertransport and her life changes forever • in England, Eva is taken in by Lil who adopts her and whose first action is to get rid of Eva's label with the Star of David on it: 'Over. Finished. Done. Goodbye. Yes. That's the word. Goodbye' • as she adapts to her new home, Eva experiences loss of culture, language and religion. At first, Eva's Jewish religion means that she cannot eat products derived from pigs. She tries to explain this: 'Got ham in. I not to eat ham. It from pig'. Eva knows very little English when she arrives and Lil does not understand Eva's German. However, Lil recognises how Eva is using German to cope: 'Don't hide behind the German. It won't protect you and you know it' • it can be argued that Lil is instrumental in influencing Eva to abandon her German-Jewish culture. She refers to the Jewish religion in terms of 'old laws', suggesting that it is outdated. Eva struggles with the loss of her identity while living in England • as a child, Eva naively believes that her birth parents will join her in England. She comes to realise that they will not • Eva becomes Evelyn when she changes her name on her naturalisation papers when she is 16, wanting to be accepted in England.

	(AO2) • Language: Helga recognises that Eva must grow up fast if she is to survive, evident in the use of the verb 'have to': 'You have to be able to manage on your own' • Language: Lil is instrumental in Eva's loss of her Jewish faith, although she means well in her attempts to ensure that Eva can adapt to life in England. She refers to the Bible to suggest to Eva that loss of rules in religion is not a problem: '… the Lord Jesus said that we needn't keep to the old laws anymore' • Form: the description of the attic of Evelyn's and Faith's home shows how, as an adult, Evelyn wants the memories of her childhood to be locked away: '*Dusty storage room filled with crates, bags, boxes and some old furniture*' • Form/Structure: the child Eva and the adult Evelyn share the stage as past and present are dramatically interlocked. This helps the audience to see the differences between Eva as a child and Evelyn as an adult • Structure: there are parallels in the ways in which Lil and Helga show care for Eva as a child. There is juxtaposition in Helga making Eva sew buttons on her own coat and Lil sewing up Eva's skirt for her.

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9 ***Death and the King's Horseman***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • Olunde is presented as different from his father, Elesin, in a number of ways throughout the play. As one of a new generation of Yoruba, Olunde has left home to study and to pursue a career in the West • he is an educated man, having been helped by Simon Pilkings in his quest to train as a doctor in England. Elesin reacted badly to this, as Jane Pilkings points out: 'When you left he swore publicly you were no longer his son'. Elesin is perceived, at least initially, to be a man loyal to his culture and the Yoruba traditions. He deems Olunde's action in leaving as disloyal and dishonourable • nevertheless, when Olunde learns of the King's death, he returns to honour his father and his role in the death ritual • Olunde's appearance, unlike his father who dresses traditionally, is that of an urban European: 'A figure emerges from the shadows, a young black man dressed in a sober Western suit' • Olunde does not fear the white colonialists and is able to understand them. He is dismissive of their self-importance and aggrandising ways: '... I had plenty of time to study your people. I saw nothing, finally, that gave you the right to pass judgement on other peoples and their ways. Nothing at all' • Elesin loses the will to continue fulfilling his duty to his King and allows himself to be arrested for attempted suicide: 'My will was squelched in the spittle of an alien race'. Olunde is horrified when he discovers that his father has not completed the ritual. He says: 'I have no father, eater of left-overs' • Olunde chooses to take his father's place in the suicide ritual in order to preserve the integrity of his family and the natural order of the universe according to Yoruba traditions and beliefs • it is ironic that Elesin previously disowned his son for seemingly acting dishonourably by moving to the West, yet it is Olunde who actually fulfils his father's duty. Olunde's allegiance to Yoruba culture is affirmed through his action, in direct contrast with his father's inaction • Iyaloja removes the covering from Olunde's body in front of Elesin with the words: 'There lies the honour of your household and of our race'. Iyaloja's words emphasise how, unlike his father, Olunde has acted dutifully • Elesin is devastated when he discovers that his son has taken his place in the suicide ritual. It is his son's action, in actually going through with the death ritual, that leads Elesin to take his own life in the prison cell where he is confined.

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	(AO2) • Language: Olunde's reaction to seeing the Pilkingses dressed in the *egungun* costumes reflects his understanding of colonial attitudes: 'No I am not shocked, Mrs Pilkings. You forget that I have now spent four years among your people. I discovered that you have no respect for what you do not understand' • Language: Olunde's direct and wise observations are in contrast to Elesin's metaphorical language. Olunde shows that he understands the white colonialists very well: 'Then I slowly realised that your greatest art is the art of survival. But at least have the humility to let others survive in their own way'. In contrast, Elesin decries: 'the white skin covered our future, preventing us from seeing the death our enemies had prepared for us' • Language/Structure: through Olunde, the audience sees some similarity between the Yoruba and the British. He acts as a bridge between the two cultures. When Jane asks if ritual suicide is a valid freedom, Olunde refers to the Second World War as a parallel situation: 'Is that worse than mass suicide? Mrs Pilkings, what do you call what those young men are sent to do by their generals in this war?' • Form: Olunde is considered a mouthpiece for Soyinka's views throughout the play • Structure: Soyinka presents the contrast very strongly between Elesin and Olunde, as Olunde fulfils his duty whilst Elesin fails to do so.

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Level 2	7–12	• Some knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response may be largely narrative with some evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Some comment on the language, form and structure. • Some use of relevant examples in support.
Level 3	13–18	• Sound knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows relevant personal engagement and an appropriate critical style. • Sound understanding of language, form and structure. • Use of clearly relevant examples in support.
Level 4	19–24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
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10 ***Death and the King's Horseman***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • the theme of guilt is apparent throughout the play. Whilst certain characters show guilt for their actions or for the actions of others, other characters show no guilt at all • Olunde disowns his father, Elesin, when he learns of his failure to complete the death ritual: 'I have no father, eater of left-overs'. It could be argued that Olunde harbours guilt over the fact that it is his father who has not completed the ritual • indeed, in order to expiate his father's betrayal of his duty, Olunde fulfils the death ritual himself; as he cannot bear to 'let honour fly out of doors, he stopped it with his life' • as a member of the native police, Amusa is under the direction of Simon Pilkings. Although Amusa does not himself follow Yoruba traditions, he shows respect for them. He challenges the Pilkingses, arguably as a result of his guilt that someone he is associated with has shown a lack of regard for local customs: 'How can man talk against death to person in uniform of death?' • Elesin wishes to look at the body of his son so that he may mourn his death: 'I speak my message from heart to heart of silence'. Elesin's guilt is apparent in the remorse he shows towards his son • neither Simon nor Jane Pilkings shows any guilt for the consequences of their intervention in the death ritual. Ultimately, both believe that locking Elesin up to prevent his committing suicide was the right thing to do • the Praise-Singer apportions all the blame to Elesin for allowing others to interfere with the ritual: 'You sat with folded arms while evil strangers tilted the world from its course'. The Praise-Singer does not appear to harbour any guilt himself for Elesin's failure • in despair, wracked with guilt, Elesin kills himself with his own chains. He is unable to cope with the consequences of not having fulfilled the death ritual. **(AO2)** • Language: Elesin's dereliction of duty went against his and his people's beliefs, so much so that he declares their 'world is tumbling in the void of strangers'. As a result, Elesin cannot bear to live with his guilt • Language: Elesin tries to cast the blame for his failure to fulfil his duty on a number of causes, but he knows that he is guilty as a result of his inaction. Finally, Elesin is honest and open: 'there was a longing on earth-held limbs'

	• Language/Form: Elesin is so devastated at the sight of Olunde's body that he instinctively kills himself. The use of the indefinite article '*a*' and the adjectives in the stage directions shows the impetus of his single action to end his life, clearly revealing the extent of his guilt: '*a swift decisive pull*' • Language/Structure: at the end of the play, Elesin adopts a confessional tone to express his guilt at conjuring up excuses to delay his fulfilment of the role: 'First I blamed the white man, then I blamed my gods for deserting me'.

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Level 2	7–12	• Some knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response may be largely narrative with some evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Some comment on the language, form and structure. • Some use of relevant examples in support.
Level 3	13–18	• Sound knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows relevant personal engagement and an appropriate critical style. • Sound understanding of language, form and structure. • Use of clearly relevant examples in support.
Level 4	19–24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
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SECTION B – Literary Heritage Texts

Question number	Indicative content
11 ***Romeo and Juliet***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • Tybalt is presented as ruthless and vengeful in the play. He is Juliet's cousin and holds a deep hatred for the Montagues • he shows his violent nature early in the play when he participates in the fighting and disturbance, which is directly against the Prince's rules. He immediately makes his hatred of the Montagues clear: 'What, drawn and talk of peace? I hate the word, / As I hate hell, all Montagues, and thee' • Tybalt realises that Romeo is at the Capulet party and he is incensed: 'Fetch me my rapier, boy'. Lord Capulet orders Tybalt to leave Romeo alone. Tybalt is loyal to Lord Capulet and obeys him • he appears to hate Romeo the most out of all the Montagues. He declares: 'Romeo, the hate I bear thee can afford / No better term than this, – thou art a villain' • Tybalt's fight with Mercutio acts as a turning point in the play. Using the term 'Boy', Tybalt expresses his disgust at Romeo's refusal to fight. Tybalt mortally wounds Mercutio • Romeo seeks revenge against Tybalt for Mercutio's death, which results in Tybalt's death and Romeo's banishment • Lady Capulet is distressed upon hearing of Tybalt's death: 'Tybalt, my cousin, O my brother's child!' • though Juliet is perhaps grieving more because of her parting from Romeo, it is Lord Capulet's belief that Juliet's grief is solely because of the death of Tybalt that causes him to bring her marriage to Paris forward. **(AO2)** • Language: Tybalt appears as the enemy to peace in the encounter with the Montagues in the streets of Verona. His fierce exclamation and repetition of the word 'peace' indicate his loathing of it • Language: Tybalt acts aggressively when Romeo refuses to fight him, and uses insulting language: 'Boy, this shall not excuse the injuries / That thou hast done me' • Language/Form: at the Capulet ball, Tybalt's anger and desire to fight with Romeo are quashed by Lord Capulet, but he states: 'I will withdraw, but this intrusion shall, / Now seeming sweet, convert to bitt'rest gall'. Speaking in rhyming couplets, Tybalt sounds menacing and threatening while his metaphor about sweetness becoming bitterness is foreboding • Structure: Tybalt's intense hatred of the Montagues is clear from the very first scene of the play.

	(AO4) • the character of Tybalt is related to violence; he is known as 'King of Cats'. Such animals were renowned for their fighting and aggression • at the time Shakespeare was writing, quarrels and misunderstandings were often resolved through duelling in England and Italy. In Tybalt's confrontation with Mercutio, he is frustrated as his original intent was to recover his wounded honour through a duel with Romeo • although duelling was considered an honourable means of dealing with disputes, it was illegal.

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	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–6	• Limited knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response is simple with little evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Minimal identification of language, form and structure. • There is little comment on the relationship between text and context. • Limited use of relevant examples in support.
Level 2	7–12	• Some knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response may be largely narrative with some evidence of personal engagement or critical style. • Some comment on the language, form and structure. • There is some comment on the relationship between text and context. • Some use of relevant examples in support.
Level 3	13–18	• Sound knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows relevant personal engagement and an appropriate critical style. • Sound understanding of language, form and structure. • There is relevant comment on the relationship between text and context. • Use of clearly relevant examples in support.
Level 4	19–24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • There is a detailed awareness of the relationship between text and context. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
Level 5	25–30	• Assured knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows assured personal engagement and a perceptive critical style. • Cohesive evaluation of language, form and structure. • Understanding of the relationship between text and context is integrated convincingly into the response. • Discriminating use of relevant examples in support.

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12 ***Romeo and Juliet***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • the act of marriage, or the prospect of marriage, is significant as it is central to many of the events in the play • the significance of marriage is introduced early in the play. Paris, a kinsman to Prince Escalus and bearer of the title, 'County Paris', approaches Lord Capulet, Juliet's father, to request her hand in marriage • Lord Capulet talks with Paris about a match with Juliet but decides: 'Let two summers wither in their pride, / Ere we may think her ripe to be a bride'. At this stage, Lord Capulet places greater significance on his daughter's happiness than on the prospect of her marriage • Juliet's proposed marriage to Paris is significant as it highlights how Lady Capulet, Juliet's mother, is not close to her daughter. She finds talking with her about the match with Paris uncomfortable and she needs the Nurse to be present: 'Nurse, come back again' • Romeo acts impulsively, perhaps showing the significant value he places on marriage, proposing to Juliet on the very day he meets her, with the ceremony to take place the next day. Romeo commits to this even after discovering that their families are enemies. Friar Lawrence warns him that 'they stumble that run fast' • Friar Lawrence's decision to marry Romeo and Juliet in secret is significant because it triggers the events of the rest of the play • Friar Lawrence recognises the significance of Romeo and Juliet's marriage. He advises Romeo to use the marriage to heal rifts with his enemies: 'To blaze your marriage, reconcile your friends'. Friar Lawrence hopes that the marriage will end the feud between the Montagues and Capulets • after his measured approach at the play's opening, Paris presses for a swift wedding to Juliet very soon after Tybalt's death. Lord Capulet seeks to hasten the marriage of Juliet to Paris and sets a date 'early next Thursday morn'. This is significant as it results in Friar Lawrence's, ultimately, deadly plan • Lady Capulet's delivery of Lord Capulet's edict is met with refusal by Juliet. Lady Capulet washes her hands of Juliet: 'Tell him so yourself' • ultimately, both Romeo and Juliet could be deemed to die as a result of their marriage; Friar Lawrence's plan is only concocted as a way for Juliet not to commit bigamy. **(AO2)** • Language: Lord Capulet's response to Juliet's refusal to marry Paris is violent and extreme: 'Hang thee, young baggage, disobedient wretch!' His angry reaction exemplifies the significance he places on the prospect of Juliet marrying Paris

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	• Language/Structure: the Capulets' preparations for the wedding the morning after Juliet takes the Friar's potion are in contrast to her soliloquy and focused on practicality: 'Look to the bak'd meats, good Angelica, / Spare not for cost' • Form/Structure: the decision of Lord and Lady Capulet in rushing the marriage to Paris is instrumental in accelerating the pace of the play as it moves to its tragic outcome • Form/Structure: night is significant in the play as it is used for scenes of love. Romeo and Juliet agree to marry the same night they meet and then spend their wedding night together • Structure: there is a contrast in the ways in which Romeo and Paris seek Juliet's hand in marriage. Unlike Romeo, Paris goes through Juliet's father: 'But now, my lord, what say you to my suit?' **(AO4)** • Elizabethan marriages were often arranged by parents to benefit the wider family rather than for love, so the marriage of Romeo and Juliet might have met the disapproval of the audience at the time the play was first staged • in the patriarchal society of Elizabethan England, a man such as Lord Capulet would effectively own his daughter. It is Lord Capulet's affection for Juliet that makes him hold off from, at first, agreeing to the marriage • Lady Capulet intimates that she herself was a young girl when she married and gave birth. This was very common in Shakespeare's time for reasons of early mortality.

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Level 4	19–24	• Thorough knowledge and understanding of the text. • The response shows thorough personal engagement and a • sustained critical style. • Sustained analysis of language, form and structure. • There is a detailed awareness of the relationship between text and context. • Use of fully relevant examples in support.
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13 *Macbeth*	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • candidates are free to agree or disagree, either wholly or in part, with the view that the ending of the play is successful • towards the end of the play, there is some doubt introduced over the play's outcome. This could be seen as a way of making the ending of the play intriguing, as the audience is curious to see how it will end. When young Siward heroically confronts Macbeth, he is killed mercilessly. Macbeth's confidence is clear: 'What's he / That was not born of woman? Such a one / Am I to fear, or none'. Macbeth believes that he is invincible and that he can control the outcome of the battle • the end of the play could be deemed dramatic and exciting. Macduff confronts Macbeth, calling him a 'hell-hound' and a monster for all the evil deeds that he has committed. Even in the final bloody battle, Macbeth appears resolute as he tells Macduff: 'I will not yield', 'Before my body, / I throw my warlike shield', even though Macbeth finds out that he is doomed to lose as Macduff is not 'of woman born' • at the end of the play, the human side of Macbeth emerges, as he finally accepts his guilt. He admits to Macduff that his 'soul is charged with blood'. Throughout the play, Macbeth becomes increasingly detached from his conscience, and therefore, for Macbeth to show signs of guilt at the end, could, again, offer some form of closure for the audience • Macduff takes Macbeth's severed head to Malcolm, providing proof that Macbeth has finally been overthrown: 'Hail, king, for so thou art. Behold where stands / Th'usurper's cursed head' • Malcolm is shown to be honourable, such as when he tests Macduff's loyalty to Scotland. At the end of the play, Malcolm promises to reward all those who fought for him: 'My thanes and kinsmen, / Henceforth be earls, the first that ever Scotland / In such an honour nam'd'. The audience could therefore feel a sense of relief that those worthy of an honour are to be recognised finally • it could be argued that the end of the play is not successful, as there are questions left unanswered, such as Fleance's fate and how Banquo's line of descendants become kings • ultimately, the ending of the play could be considered successful, as it teaches the lesson that good will always overcome evil. Macduff declares 'The time is free'. The audience could feel relief that Macbeth's bloody rule has finally been brought to an end. **(AO2)** • Language: even Siward recognises the greater good his son's death has eventually brought upon Scotland: 'They say he parted well and paid his score, / And so God be with him'. However, Siward sees 'comfort' in the death of Macbeth despite the death of his son

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	• Language: Macduff calls Macbeth 'coward', 'monster', 'tyrant', providing drama at the end of the play • Language/Structure: Malcolm's gardening metaphor at the end of the play appears to mirror Duncan's words, in which he praised the valiant soldiers upon their return from battle, signalling that a new age has begun: 'What's more to do, / Which would be planted newly with the time, – / As calling home our exil'd friends abroad' • Form: the stage directions depict an abrupt end for Macbeth: 'Macbeth *slain*' • Structure: at the end of the play, with the death of Macbeth, rightful power is restored. **(AO4)** • it was a common belief in Jacobean England that death was a matter of fate and that when it was a person's time to die, that was it. For the Jacobean audience, the final battle scene would seem to be an appropriate time for Macbeth to die so it might not, therefore, have been a surprise • the fate of Fleance is left unknown. It is believed that Shakespeare did this to please James I, who was thought to be in the direct line of descent from the real Banquo • the end of the play reflects the social expectations at the time Shakespeare was writing that good will always overcome evil.

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	• Language: Banquo's language shows his loyalty and commitment to Duncan: 'my allegiance clear' • Form/Structure: Banquo acts as a foil to Macbeth as his attitudes to the Witches' prophecies are contrasted with those of Macbeth. Banquo remains composed and declares: 'neither beg nor fear your favours nor your hate'. In contrast, Macbeth commands the Witches to 'stay, you imperfect speakers' • Structure: the appearance of the ghost of Banquo with his 'gory locks' at Macbeth's banquet is a dramatic turning point in the play's direction as Macbeth realises he is not safe, even from the dead. **(AO4)** • Banquo's role in the original Holinshed source for *Macbeth* was as Macbeth's co-conspirator • the context of Banquo's moral strength was rooted in his Christian distrust of the Witches • *Macbeth* was written for James I and the presentation of Banquo as father to a line of kings could be seen as an acknowledgement to him.

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15 ***The Merchant of Venice***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • candidates are free to choose any character they deem interesting in the play. Responses should be rewarded based on the arguments presented • Antonio could be seen as interesting, central to the main narrative strand. As a good friend to Bassanio, he is happy to lend him money and is even willing to sacrifice his life to help his close friend with his financial difficulties, by agreeing to the bond with Shylock. When he is unable to repay the bond, Antonio stands by the letter of the law, accepting his fate if that is in line with the rules: 'The Duke cannot deny the course of law' • Shylock is a compelling and multifaceted character. He is victimised and subjected to verbal insults throughout: 'cut-throat dog'. However, he shows his deceitful side by agreeing to the bond with Antonio, motivated by his desire for revenge. When Antonio fails to repay him, Shylock is determined to get his 'pound of flesh', even though he knows it will result in Antonio's death • Portia could be seen as interesting for complying with her father's choice of husband for her, even after his death. She likens her situation to that of Hesione of Troy, portraying herself as a victim. Nevertheless, she abides by the rules of the casket challenge • Portia's confidence and intelligence can be seen clearly in the trial scene. She seeks mercy for Antonio and, when that fails, she skilfully uses the letter of the law to save him. At Portia's behest, the Duke shows mercy to Shylock at the end of the play by allowing him to live • as an impetuous and romantic young man, Bassanio could be deemed to be an interesting character. He belongs to a wealthy, privileged class in Venice. However, as the play opens, he is impoverished as a result of his reckless spending. There is some doubt over his true feelings for Portia, particularly as, when he expresses his desire to pursue her, he is seemingly motivated by her wealth: 'In Belmont is a lady richly left'. However, upon choosing the correct casket, he appears overcome with passion and joy, describing Portia as a 'demi-god' • Jessica is presented as a girl frustrated by her father's strict control. She could be seen as interesting, escaping the family home where she lives with Shylock in order to pursue happiness with Lorenzo. She directly criticises the behaviour of her father, even at a time when girls were considered to be the property of their fathers: 'ashamed to be my father's child!' • Lorenzo is a friend of Antonio and Bassanio. His attitude to love could be seen as interesting as, unlike Bassanio, there is no indication that Lorenzo is marrying Jessica for her wealth • Lancelot, originally Shylock's servant, switches allegiance to Bassanio and adds comic relief when he pretends to his blind father that he is not his son, trying 'confusions with him'

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	• Nerissa is interesting as she is more like a friend to Portia than a servant. She is honest with Portia, telling her how well off she is when Portia complains she is 'aweary of this great world'. **(AO2)** • Language: when Lorenzo talks about Jessica, his words reflect love of her personality and appearance: 'Beshrew me but I love her heartily. / For she is wise … ', 'And fair she is, if that mine eyes be true'. He does not appear to be influenced by her money • Language: Bassanio shows his impatience in the casket challenge, wanting to choose without delay. He uses a metaphor to describe the wait as being tortured on 'the rack' • Language: Jessica's use of the future tense when referring to her change of religion shows her determination to be with Lorenzo: 'shall … become a Christian' • Language/Form: in her famous courtroom speech, Portia uses imagery to show the value of mercy: 'The quality of mercy is not strained – / It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven' • Language/Form/Structure: throughout the play, Shylock is only referred to by his name six times. Most people refer to Shylock as the 'Jew', which shows he is not accepted by society. Indeed, in his 'Hath not a Jew eyes?' speech, blank verse changes to prose to convey how impassioned he is about the treatment of Jews. **(AO4)** • by obeying her father's wishes in choosing her husband, Portia honours his memory and follows the patriarchal social hierarchy that prevailed in Shakespeare's time • in this patriarchal society, the fact that Jessica eloped with Lorenzo to pursue happiness could be seen as interesting • Jews in Shakespeare's England were a marginalised group, and Shakespeare's audience would have been very familiar with portrayals of Jews as villains. A modern audience is likely to be more sympathetic towards Shylock's plight.

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16 ***The Merchant of Venice***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the play. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • the theme of punishment is prominent in the play. Indeed, the court scene, in which Shylock is ultimately punished for his pursuit of the bond with Antonio, forms the climax of the play. Throughout, many of the characters show a desire for Shylock to be punished • Shylock is punished for being a Jew. His hatred of Antonio, which results in his pursuing the bond in court, is a direct result of the acts of anti-Semitism that he has experienced: 'If I can catch him once upon the hip, I will feed fat the ancient grudge I bear him' • Jessica chooses to steal Shylock's wealth so that she is able to elope with Lorenzo. Jessica could be deemed to punish her father for his treatment of her, even giving up her Jewish faith. Her behaviour causes Shylock to feel a 'passion so confused, so strange, outrageous'. Shylock is devastated by Jessica's actions when he learns that she has stolen the turquoise ring, given to him by his wife, and traded it for a pet monkey • Shylock is determined to pursue his legal rights so that Antonio is punished for failing to repay the bond. He makes the point in absolute terms: 'The pound of flesh which I demand of him / Is dearly bought, 'tis mine, and I will have it' • during the trial scene, Portia delivers a powerful verdict to Shylock: 'Thou shalt have more justice than thou desir'st'. She seeks to punish him, emphasising that Shylock shall have 'all justice' • there are some parts of the play where Shylock is presented as a covetous and spiteful person. He tells the court: 'More than a lodged hate and a certain loathing / I bear Antonio, that I follow thus'. He is determined to do whatever it takes to punish Antonio • the Duke is in charge of trying the case and is on Antonio's side. The Duke says Shylock is 'an inhuman wretch, / Incapable of pity, void and empty', which seemingly results in Shylock's punishment • at the end of the play, Shylock faces a very harsh legal punishment: he must become a Christian and all his fortune is confiscated • nevertheless, despite Shylock's seemingly wanting to punish Antonio throughout the play, Antonio can be seen to be merciful when he chooses to give up the share of Shylock's possessions the court awarded him as punishment for plotting against him. **(AO2)** • Language: Shylock's repeated use of the first person reminds the audience that he holds a personal grievance against Antonio: 'I'll plague him, I'll torture him – I am glad of it'. Shylock's desire to punish Antonio is also clear when he repeats 'I will have my bond', when he has Antonio committed to gaol

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	• Language/Structure: Jessica runs away with a large amount of Shylock's money and jewels: 'O my ducats! O my daughter!' He uses extreme language to show his desire for Jessica to suffer as punishment: 'I would my daughter were dead at my foot' • Form: the punishment suffered by Shylock could be seen as a representation of the general, severe treatment of the Jewish population of the time • Structure: at the end of the play, Shylock is shamed and loses everything: his wealth, his religion and his daughter. His punishment under the law is significant. **(AO4)** • Shylock was portrayed by actors of the time in an exaggerated way. Richard Burbage and Will Kempe, Shakespeare's actors, used false beards and red noses to portray Shylock as a monster, increasing the likelihood of further persecution of Jews by wider society • a reluctance to show mercy to Shylock may have stemmed from the fact that Christians were not allowed to practise usury (lending money and charging interest) • Jessica's conversion to Christianity meant that she was dead in the eyes of the Jewish community, as all cultural and religious traditions were handed down through the women.

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17 ***Pride and Prejudice***	**Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the novel. Evidence of a degree of personal response must be given. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points may be made:** **(AO1)** • throughout the novel, there are a number of examples of loveless marriages. However, there are also examples of marriages based on love • Lady Catherine De Bourgh recommends that Mr Collins seek a bride. Within a week, he plans to propose to Elizabeth Bennet, to the delight of Mrs Bennet who hopes the marriage will secure their future. After Elizabeth's refusal, Mr Collins seamlessly turns his attention to Charlotte Lucas • Mr Collins' lengthy proposal of marriage to Elizabeth does not mention love. It is, like his letters, verbose and focused on practicality and propriety. Regardless of her mother's wishes, Elizabeth does not want to marry simply to secure her future • the marriage of Charlotte and Mr Collins is without love. Charlotte fully accepts this and her approach to marriage is pragmatic. Charlotte wants to leave her parents' house and cease being a burden to them, and also to her brothers after the death of her parents, if she does not marry. She marries Mr Collins 'solely from the pure and disinterested desire of an establishment'. She has neither independent wealth nor good looks: hence her acceptance of the obsequious Mr Collins • the marriage of Lydia Bennet and Mr Wickham is based on infatuation, rather than real love, as he only goes through with it when bribed to do so by Mr Darcy. Lydia herself is too young and naïve to understand the nature of love. It is unlikely any happiness in their marriage will endure • it appears Mr and Mrs Bennet's marriage may have begun with some love; Mr Bennet admits that he was 'captivated by youth and beauty'. However, they are not a good match and, by this stage of their marriage, there is some doubt cast over their love. Mr Bennet spends a good deal of time away from his wife in his library • in contrast, the Gardiners are happily married with four children. Their marriage is based on long-lasting affection • the love between Jane Bennet and Mr Bingley is also easily seen, and there is a strong sense that they will enjoy a happy marriage together as they have such gentle dispositions. Indeed, at the end of the novel, Jane and Mr Bingley decide to move out of the area a year after they are married, in part to avoid Mrs Bennet's overbearing nature • furthermore, Mr Darcy and Elizabeth are presented as a genuine love match by the end of the novel. The fact that they have had to build their relationship from a position of hostility arguably makes their relationship stronger. **(AO2)** • Language: Charlotte's philosophy of marriage enables her to tolerate Mr Collins. There is humour in her view: 'it is better to know as little as possible of the defects of the person with whom you are to pass your life'

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	• Form/Structure: the central premise and 'hook' of Austen's narrative is its gently ironic opening: 'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife' • Form/Structure: Charlotte's marriage to Mr Collins presents a contrast to the relationship of Elizabeth and Mr Darcy • Structure: the story's resolution suggests that marriage is better if loving, but that it is not a necessary element in this union. **(AO4)** • marriage was often seen more as a duty rather than for love: Mr Collins does not love Elizabeth or Charlotte but intends to gain a wife as his 'duty'. Elizabeth's and Charlotte's views of love and marriage are reflected in the novel: Charlotte is happy to marry Mr Collins for future stability • in Austen's time, marriage was a social necessity for women without independent wealth. By some, love was not considered a requirement for a good marriage • although the novel stresses the importance of love and compatibility, Austen never condemns Charlotte's marriage of convenience • despite the apparent loveless marriages in *Pride and Prejudice*, in Austen's final novel, *Persuasion*, there are three examples of successful marriages: the Musgroves, the Crofts and the Harvilles.

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	(AO4) • as a member of the land-owning gentry, Mr Darcy enjoyed considerable power. Members of this social group would have been likely to look down on those who earned their money through trade. However, Mr Bingley was accepted because his family's money was acquired by a previous generation, even though it was gained through trade • large country estates, of the kind Mr Darcy owns, served as a symbol of the wealth and power of the landed gentry at the time the novel was written • in Austen's time, certain qualities were expected of a gentleman. These included manners and social etiquette.

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	(AO2) • Language: Mrs Joe, with Joe, raises Pip from infancy. She is an atypical motherly figure, as she is savage and violent towards Pip. It is ironic that the stick Mrs Joe uses to beat Pip with is referred to as a 'Tickler'. The word 'Tickler' suggests moments of joy, yet in reality its use inflicts pain, resulting in Pip's immense fear of Mrs Joe • Language: anaphora is used to emphasise Pip's feelings towards Estella: 'I loved her against reason, against promise, against hope, against happiness, against all discouragement that could be' • Language: Biddy appears wise and does not hold back from telling Pip what she thinks, either through her words or by her actions: ' "Oh, there are many kinds of pride," said Biddy, looking at me and shaking her head'. Biddy appears to be a voice of wisdom in Pip's life • Language/Form: Pip's description of Miss Havisham reflects the fairytale nature of her character and demonstrates his early fascination with her: 'I saw that the bride within the bridal dress had withered like the dress, and like the flowers had no brightness left' • Structure: it is only towards the end of the novel that Pip fully realises Miss Havisham's true nature. **(AO4)** • family was crucial in Victorian society and large extended families were the norm. As Pip was an orphan, Mrs Joe would have been expected to take him in, as she was his older sister • Victorian Christianity laid great stress on helping the underprivileged through charitable deeds • Dickens had a difficult relationship with his own mother, which is perhaps reflected in the portrayal of some of the female characters in the novel, particularly in the depiction of the menacing Mrs Joe and the cruel Miss Havisham.

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	(AO2) • Language/Form: Dickens uses charactonym to represent Pip's good nature, as, like a seed or pip, he grows throughout the novel, learning from his past mistakes • Language/Structure: Miss Havisham is filled with guilt and regret; she repeats and exclaims 'What have I done!'; she realises the wrongs she has done to Estella and confesses to stealing, metaphorically, Estella's heart and replacing it with 'ice'. She knows Pip is right and looks for some compassion and understanding • Language/Structure: at the end of the novel, Estella uses metaphorical language to reflect on how she has grown and learnt from her experiences in life: 'I have been bent and broken, but – I hope – into a better shape' • Form: throughout the events of the novel, Dickens offers a moral lesson that loyalty, kindness, love and tolerance are more important than social climbing and wealth • Form: as the narrator, Pip often judges his past actions with much castigation. He is presented as honest and open about his past wrongs: 'I was too cowardly to do what I knew to be right, as I had been too cowardly to avoid doing what I knew to be wrong'. **(AO4)** • at the time Dickens was writing, novels showing personal development and self-improvement were popular • it was not until 1870, a few years after the novel was written, that the Education Act was passed, which started the move towards a universal education system for children in Britain • Dickens used his work to share lessons on social injustice and the precarious nature of fortune and success. He himself experienced the vagaries of social mobility in Victorian England.

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	• Structure: Pearl is only allowed to continue to live with her mother as a result of Governor Bellingham's permitting her to do so • Structure: Governor Bellingham and Mistress Hibbins are polar opposites, even though they are closely related. **(AO4)** • Richard Bellingham was a real person: he was Governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony several times, for ten years, between 1641 and 1672 • in real life, Richard Bellingham was prosecuted for two legal violations: he did not publish his upcoming marriage to his second wife in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth and he also performed the marriage ceremony himself. He escaped punishment by refusing to give up his position as a Judge and officiated at his own trial • Henry Wadsworth Longfellow's *The New England Tragedies* also fictionalises the real-life Richard Bellingham.

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	• Language/Structure: the novel ends with a description of Hester's tombstone: 'ON A FIELD, SABLE, THE LETTER A, GULES'. Her continuing to bear the symbol, even after her death, emphasised in capital letters, could be a sign of her pride in her survival of her treatment at the hands of the Puritan community • Form/Structure: Hester is presented by Hawthorne as the strongest character in the novel. Her independence and ability to cope with her situation are admirable. In contrast, both the main male characters, Dimmesdale and Chillingworth, arguably, appear weak • Structure: towards the end of the novel, Hester shows a strength of character by not holding a grudge against the community. Instead, she helps those who seek her counsel. **(AO4)** • at the time the novel is set, women were often victims of society's gender bias and strict religious views • Hawthorne uses the novel to highlight the importance of tolerance and compassion • the very idea that Dimmesdale, a Puritan minister, committed adultery would probably have shocked the Puritan community at the time the novel was set. Dimmesdale could be seen to lack a true strength of character, by failing to confess to having acted in a way completely unacceptable to the community, leaving Hester to take the blame. However, his reasons for doing so, could, arguably, be understandable given the circumstances.

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