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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, ie 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.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Assessment Objectives: 4ET0/01 and KET0/01

AO1	A close knowledge and understanding of prose, poetry and drama texts and their contexts.
AO2	Understanding and appreciation of writers' uses of the following as appropriate: characterisation, theme, plot and setting.
AO4	A focused, sensitive, lively and informed personal engagement with literary texts.

Paper 1: Drama and Prose

Section A: Drama

A View from the Bridge – Arthur Miller

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1(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Beatrice invites a good deal of sympathy from the audience. As the wife of Eddie Carbone, she is hard-working, maintaining a clean and welcoming home for her family. She is generous, risking herself by taking in her illegal immigrant cousins, Marco and Rodolfo. She is frustrated as a wife, reflected in her references to the lack of a physical relationship in her marriage to Eddie: 'When am I gonna be a wife again, Eddie?'• Beatrice stands by Eddie even though she knows about his feelings for Catherine and her loyalty remains even after he betrays their wider family and community by reporting Marco and Rodolfo to the authorities. She is prepared to sacrifice her own enjoyment of Catherine's wedding because Eddie refuses to attend. At the end of the play she is left a widow• Eddie can be seen as the object of audience sympathy as he battles with emotions and desires that, as a simple working longshoreman, he is ill-equipped to deal with. He is very protective of Catherine and struggles to cope with his jealousy as she grows closer to Rodolfo. It can be argued that he brings much of his misery on himself, but the end scene where he cries out: 'My B!' may draw sympathy for his tragic demise• Catherine can be considered as a focus for sympathy. She is torn between her daughterly devotion to Eddie, who has taken her in and who genuinely cares for her welfare, and her new love for Rodolfo whom she eventually chooses to marry. She is also torn between the traditional demands of the community for women to fulfil a demure and domesticated role and the new working world of women in a changing American society• Marco can be considered a character who attracts sympathy. As a hard-working Sicilian immigrant, motivated by love and concern for his family back home in Italy, his reasons for coming to America, albeit illegally, are justifiable. He does his best to fit in with the Carbone household, but is unable to contain his anger when he learns that Eddie has betrayed him by reporting him to the authorities. The sympathy of an audience may be strained when he breaks his promise to Alfieri not to go after Eddie, but even in this instance it is possible to identify with his rage• it is possible to sympathise with Rodolfo because Eddie treats him poorly and casts aspersions on his sexuality and his motivation in wanting to marry Catherine. Eddie demeans Rodolfo by kissing him on the lips to try to expose him as effeminate. <p>NB: Candidates may write about more than one character and compare: this is acceptable.</p>

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An Inspector Calls – J. B. Priestley

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4(b)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• reputation is a major theme in the play; the central conflict is based on the destruction of Hero's reputation by the plot of Don John and Borachio. Hero is the very soul of virtue, but is accused of adultery• Claudio is introduced as a young soldier with a good reputation from his time in the war. He is judged not by his deeds but by what others say and think of him: 'I find here that Don Pedro hath bestowed much honour on a young Florentine called Claudio.' He is praised by a messenger for his maturity, but ironically later proves to be immature when he is easily misled about Hero's honour• Don John's reputation is blighted by his illegitimate origins. He is welcomed by Leonato but it is made clear that this is only because of Don Pedro: 'Being reconciled to the Prince your brother, I owe you all duty.' The importance of legitimacy was critical in Elizabethan times and the idea links to Hero's status as a 'maid'. Her virginity is of utmost importance, one of the reasons why the plot to dishonour her chastity is so serious and has such impact• Hero's ruined reputation is the dramatic centre of the play's action. Shakespeare's use of her wedding as the context for her public dishonouring is particularly ironic. The accusation that she 'knows the heat of a luxurious bed' is one of the worst that could be levelled at a woman. Her dishonour also affects Leonato's reputation: he is chastised by Claudio who suggests that he has tried to pass her off as pure: 'Give not this rotten orange to your friend/She's but the sign and semblance of her honour'• Don Pedro implies that his reputation has been damaged because of the apparent revelation that he and Claudio have brought to light regarding Hero's chastity• the destruction of Hero's reputation is of such importance that only her symbolic death and rebirth will allow the wrong to be righted. Hero's reputation is grandly restored after her death when the deception has been exposed. Leonato orders Claudio to announce to the whole city that Hero was innocent, to write her an epitaph and to read and sing it to her at her tomb• Leonato grieves for Hero throughout her fake death as though she is really dead because of her ruined reputation. Don John's reputation is destroyed by the end of the play and his punishment is set to take place off stage.

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Level 5	25-30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assured knowledge and understanding of the text evident in the response Comments about the writer's use of characterisation/theme/plot/setting for literary effect show a perceptive appreciation of the writer's craft Engagement with the text is assured, examples used are fully relevant Where response requires consideration of two or more features, a perceptive, balanced approach is evident

Romeo and Juliet – William Shakespeare

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5(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mercutio is a friend of Romeo who mocks his vision of love. He is a quick-witted anti-romantic who sees love as conflict: 'If love be rough with you, be rough with love.' He can be considered a foil to Romeo's romantic persona. He can be described as quite possessive of Romeo's friendship and attention• Mercutio's Queen Mab speech in Act 1 Scene 4 showcases his imagination and articulate use of language. It also demonstrates his cynical nature. He sees dreams as 'children of an idle brain'• Mercutio is unaware of Romeo's love for Juliet and their subsequent marriage. He stands outside the worlds of Verona, joining in with neither the feud nor the love story. He can be likened to Tybalt in his quick temper and strong sense of honour. It is this sense of honour and pride that arouses his anger in confrontation with Tybalt. He cannot understand Romeo's refusal to fight and is offended by it: 'Calm, dishonourable, vile submission!'• Mercutio's witty use of language pervades the play's first half. Upon encountering the Nurse, he teases her: 'A sail, a sail.' He uses sexually suggestive language verbally to spar with her. She cannot match Mercutio's wit, but joins in good-heartedly: 'the bawdy hand of the dial is now upon the prick of noon'• even in death, Mercutio uses humour: 'Ask for me tomorrow, and you shall find me a grave man.' His pun is accompanied by a chilling curse: 'A plague a' both your houses!' His death takes place in Act 3 and its significance directs the unfolding tragedy as Romeo, driven by vengeance, kills Tybalt who he had previously claimed to love• Mercutio's name reflects his mercurial nature and he can be seen as the play's jester. His changeable moods affect the unfolding events and add to the tense atmosphere. His death marks a turning point in the play and after this the momentum towards tragedy accelerates quickly.

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The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde

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6(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Miss Prism is presented by Wilde as a caricature: stuffy, pedantic and dull; she represents an archetypal governess of the time. Wilde despised his son's governess and the parody he creates in Miss Prism is the means he devised to mock her• Miss Prism is Cecily's governess and a great source of humour. Her clichés and pronouncements are amusing in their content and delivery. She approves of Jack's supposed respectability and is critical of his 'brother' who is described as 'unfortunate'• the comic element of Miss Prism's character enlivens the romantic interest she begins to feel in Dr Chasuble and adds an extra dynamic to the play's action• Miss Prism is essential to the play's plot as it is her mistake that leads to Jack's being abandoned at the railway station. It could be argued that the inclusion of Miss Prism's misplaced manuscript of a novel is used to ridicule female writers• Miss Prism's novel reflects the rise of the Victorian romance, and her attempt at writing fiction demonstrates her as romantically repressed. When this is linked to her interest in Dr Chasuble, she can be seen as a frustrated woman who seeks a life beyond that of her job as governess• Miss Prism attempts to combat her status as an unmarried woman with her intelligence, using a varied vocabulary including made-up words like 'womanthrope'. This is another source of humour in the play• Cecily uses Miss Prism's infatuation with Chasuble to manipulate Miss Prism into letting her out of lessons. This demonstrates how easily she can be duped and that Cecily is more in control than she is <p>Miss Prism recoils at the suggestion when Jack announces her as 'mother!' as this would indicate she is the mother of an illegitimate child.</p>

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Our Town – Thornton Wilder

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7(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emily Webb is one of the play's main characters. She is daughter to Mr and Mrs Webb and sister to Wally. She is George's school friend and neighbour, marrying him later in the play. She is a committed student and a thoughtful daughter. She joins the dead in the local cemetery after losing her life in childbirth• Emily's relationship with George is most important, it can be argued. Emily and George begin their romance in the play in the second half of Act 1 when George compliments her on a speech she made at school. Emily promises to help him with his homework. Dramatically, the stage directions state that the two should sit on the tops of ladders (they are in their bedrooms)• Emily is given away by her father on the day of her wedding to George, but gets cold feet before the ceremony and begs him to take her away, stating that she hates George. Emily's father is an intelligent man who comforts her and puts her at ease• Mrs Webb, Emily's mother, is described as a 'thin, crisp woman.' Her relationship with Emily is based on practical support - insisting that Emily eats her breakfast and focusing on concerns of health and physical welfare• George is devastated by Emily's death and lies down flat over her grave in his grief. This highlights Wilder's message that we do not appreciate what we have until it is gone; in this case, George does not fully realise what his relationship with Emily meant to him until she has died• Mrs Gibbs develops a relationship with Emily after death. She acts as a protective spirit when Emily first joins the dead and she helps Emily to come to terms with death and move forward in her current state rather than pine for life. Emily tells Mrs Gibbs that her \$350 legacy helped her and George. A bond is formed between them.

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Section B: Prose

Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

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8(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Darcy's power comes from his wealth, his influence, his family connections (he is the nephew of Lady Catherine) and his intelligent, forthright manner. It can be argued that he is the most powerful as his high birth and wealth give him a prominent social status • although pride may superficially appear to be a strength of Darcy, it does weaken him, initially blinding him to the qualities of others, such as Elizabeth and Jane. He has a strong influence over Mr Bingley, so much so that he is able to persuade him first to leave Netherfield and Jane, and later to return • because Mr Darcy sees himself as highly powerful and eligible, his first proposal is messy and ill-considered as he focuses on how unsuitable a match Elizabeth is for him • Mr Darcy's power is demonstrated and he becomes an unlikely hero when he intervenes in Lydia and Wickham's elopement, limiting the damage to Lydia's honour and to the whole Bennet family • his power and status are indicated through his impressive estate at Pemberley and the affectionate endorsement of Mrs Reynolds, his housekeeper. This is part of what seals Elizabeth's decision to accept his proposal: 'at that moment she felt that to be mistress of Pemberley might be something!' • some candidates may argue that Lady Catherine de Bourgh can be considered a powerful character. She is Darcy's aunt and the patron of Mr Collins. She comes from an aristocratic family and is fond of showing off her wealth and superior status. She tries to exert power over every character and is against Darcy marrying Elizabeth, claiming that she would be tarnishing Pemberley with her lower status • George Wickham's smooth manners and easy conversation, along with a dashing appearance, give him power over the impressionable young women in the novel. His power comes from the threat he presents to the reputations of young women: firstly Darcy's sister, Georgiana, Miss King and then Lydia Bennet • the apparent power of Mr Collins comes from the fact that he has Lady Catherine as a patron and that he is heir to the entailed Bennet estate.

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Pride and Prejudice – Jane Austen

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8(b)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• one of the first friendships is between Mrs Bennet and Lady Lucas who meet frequently to gossip. Lady Lucas is much less inclined to idle tittle-tattle than Mrs Bennet, coming across as much more level-headed and less prone to hyperbole. Mrs Bennet alludes to a belief that Lady Lucas is trying to get the better of her, but overall this is a constant, if at times fickle, friendship• Elizabeth and Charlotte Lucas enjoy a genuine friendship. They confide in each other and appear to be like-minded. Their friendship later exposes the differences between their beliefs about love and marriage• when Charlotte marries Mr Collins, her friendship with Elizabeth is threatened as the latter feels her relationship with Charlotte must be over because she has married a man that Elizabeth does not like or respect. Eventually Elizabeth overcomes this, visiting Charlotte in her married home and indulging with her friend in some gentle teasing of Mr Collins and his ways• Mr Darcy and Mr Bingley are good friends. They are different, but exist as foils for one another. Mr Darcy is proud and assertive while Mr Bingley is kind and understanding, perhaps a little naïve. Mr Darcy tends to watch over the innocent Bingley but, by doing so, endangers Mr Bingley's relationship with Jane. They remain friends at the end of the novel despite this• the Gardiners are good friends, as well as relatives, of the Bennets and offer support at crucial times, sometimes taking on the role of sensible 'parents' to Elizabeth and Jane. Jane stays with them in London at the time when her attempts to see Mr Bingley are proving futile• Elizabeth promotes a certain cynicism regarding friendship; this is in keeping with her character: 'There are few people whom I really love, and still fewer of whom I think well.' She builds a friendship with Darcy gradually, but without good friends like him and the Gardiners intervening with Lydia's elopement, the Bennet family would face ruin and disgrace.

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To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

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9(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mayella, the eldest daughter of Bob Ewell, accuses Tom Robinson of trying to rape her when in fact all he had tried to do was help her and show her some kindness. Her mother has died some years ago and she lives with her abusive father and seven younger siblings• Mayella can be considered a victim. She lives a miserable and lonely life of poverty and violence, but the reader sees another side to her that appreciates beauty and nature when she grows a tiny patch of geraniums in the backyard: 'Against the fence, in a line, were six chipped-enamel slop jars holding brilliant red geraniums.' The existence of these flowers shows that she has a desire to better her surroundings and improve her life• Mayella's only appearance is at Tom's trial where she performs a part, that of an innocent white woman attacked by a black man. She plays the role of victim, fabricating her story of Tom's attack. In reality, her desperate lies are partly due to the fact that she is a genuine victim of her own violent father, Bob Ewell. Bob is the one who beats and assaults her and her allegations come in a large part from the fear she holds of him• Atticus compares Mayella to a child, which again affirms her status as a victim, but not of the crime that is being tried in court. She has done an 'unspeakable' thing in kissing a black man and her guilt, as well as fear, drives her to the false accusation against Tom Robinson. It can be argued that she is the victim of the prejudices ingrained in Maycomb attitudes• a reader may well sympathise with Mayella's situation, but this is strained when she doggedly sticks to her story that Tom tried to rape her, even when it is clear that his life is at stake as a result of her lies• Mayella, usually a powerless and degraded young woman, gains a lot of attention because of the story she makes up and she also has power over Tom's life. Later in the trial, readers are less likely to see her as a victim as she cruelly persists with her lies and ultimately does cost Tom his life.

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The English Teacher – R. K. Narayan

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10(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• several characters help Krishna. These include: Susila, Leela, his parents, Susila's parents, the Headmaster and the medium• Susila helps Krishna by enriching his life when she comes to live with him in Malgudi. She brings him out of his closeted world of academia. His mundane and monotonous life is given new energy by his lovely, jasmine-scented wife who wears colourful saris and makes his house into a home. She makes careful checks on the household finances and waits for him after work• after death, Susila continues to help Krishna in the form of a loving spirit. She contacts him through the medium initially and is later able to communicate with him directly. Her guidance enables him to find enlightenment and spiritual fulfilment. She leads him ultimately to 'immutable joy'• both Susila's parents and Krishna's parents help him. Krishna's mother comes to stay with him to help make preparations for Susila's arrival with their daughter, Leela. Susila's mother and father come to stay with the couple when Susila is ill. They help Krishna practically with her care, but struggle to cope emotionally with their daughter's death• Leela provides Krishna with emotional support, giving him a reason to live after Susila has died. He is given a purpose by caring for her and she becomes the centre of his existence for a time• the Headmaster helps Krishna by befriending him and offering him an alternative view of education and life in general. Krishna turns to teaching kindergarten after meeting the Headmaster and adopting some of his educational philosophies. These are very different from his earlier educational views, which reflected rigid adherence to academic principles• the medium helps Krishna by passing on messages from Susila. His help in reuniting Krishna and Susila is invaluable in prompting Krishna's spiritual emancipation and eventual direct communication with his wife's spirit.

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Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck

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11(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Slim is the highly-skilled jerkline skinner on the ranch. He is well respected by the other men and is the 'prince of the ranch'. Steinbeck describes him as 'god-like', demonstrating his calm and collected nature. He stands apart from the other men because of his status. When Curley suspects that his wife is in the barn with Slim, Carlson warns: 'he'd better not tangle with Slim'• other characters look to Slim for help and advice. When Carlson is talking about shooting Candy's dog, it is Slim's tacit agreement that seals the animal's fate. Slim's own dog, Lulu, has had puppies but Slim is not drawn into sentimentality and drowns some of the puppies that he does not believe can be fed. He kills them so there is enough food for the others, demonstrating his practical nature• Slim is a quiet, thoughtful man and the only one who understands the special nature of George and Lennie's relationship. It is in Slim that George confides about Lennie's actions in Weed that got them run out of town. He helps to ensure that George and Lennie don't get 'cann'd' after Lennie crushes Curley's hand. He becomes a friend to George and is there to comfort him at the tragic ending of the novel• Slim has a generous spirit, giving one of his pups to Lennie. He is also sensitive when Candy's dog is shot, telling Carlson to take a shovel so that the animal can be promptly buried. Slim is very popular, playing horseshoes with the others and being spoken of with great respect by the men• Slim encourages George to do the right thing by Lennie, telling him that it wouldn't be good if Lennie was locked in a cage like an animal. He takes care of George after the shooting of Lennie, reassuring him that he did the only thing he could to spare his friend suffering• Slim is the natural leader of the ranch: 'there was a gravity in his manner and a quiet so profound that all talk stopped when he spoke.' He has a slightly mysterious quality, having no backstory.

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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor

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12(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cassie could be considered the most admired character in the novel. She is mature in terms of her sense of morality (even if she is naïve). She learns when to fight and when to back down. Cassie expects to be treated like a person regardless of her colour, defying the racist expectations of society. She maintains her dignity throughout: 'Adults were only one thing; I could almost understand that they ruled things and there was nothing that could be done about them'• Papa Logan could be admired because he is kind and wise. He is hard-working and loves his children dearly. He wants them to succeed and to fight racism, but family comes first. He is committed to keeping his land and would hate to lose it to the rich white landowners who covet it. He is brave, setting fire to the cotton fields to prevent the lynching• Big Ma is very proud and also hard-working. She is respectful of the memory of her dead husband and is also committed to the land and to her family. Her knowledge of medicines and caring nature make her a character to be admired. She continues to work in the fields, even though she is sixty• Mama is intelligent and strong in her beliefs. She fulfilled her dream of becoming a teacher and is committed to fighting racial injustice and intimidation. She stands up for her rights and those of her family, leading the embargo on the store• Jeremy Simms is the one good member of the Simms family. He is admirable because he goes against the grain by befriending the Logans. He was often ridiculed by the other children at his school and bullied by his sister, Lillian Jean, for meeting the Logans, yet he continues to do so• Uncle Hammer is Papa's brother. He lives up north and drives a Packard like Mr Granger. He is admirable because he sells his prized car to help his brother keep the land and he also returns up north to avoid trouble, even though he feels angry and desires revenge on the white people who have hurt his family. <p>NB: Candidates may write about more than one character and compare: this is acceptable.</p>

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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor

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12(b)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• although fictional, the novel is based on events in 1930s America in the southern states. History is reflected in the idea of the origins of slavery in Afro-America: the Logans are rare in that they are black people who own land. This is directly as a result of the effects of slavery. The ownership of the Logan land can be considered a metaphor for the black struggle for freedom from white oppression• Roosevelt's New Deal, sharecropping and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration are all relevant in <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>. Roosevelt's New Deal aimed to tackle the effects of The Great Depression. Work was created by the administration for people dealing with hard times. Mr Logan leaves his family to work on the railroad to make the money to pay the family's taxes• sharecropping was the way that most black families worked the land. The land belonged to white people who shared the crop with the black people who laboured on it. The sharecroppers found themselves in a cycle of debt. The Logans are different because they own their own land; they know how lucky they are and fight fiercely to protect what they have• past prejudices and inequality threaten the Logans throughout the novel but, in spite of these potential disasters such as losing their land, racist attitudes and intimidation, there is a sense of hope for the future at the end of the novel• the novel's title, <i>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</i>, is based on an old Negro spiritual, a song that was part of the oral tradition of storytelling and handed down through the generations. The past is important to the Logans, who understand the sacrifices of their ancestors and fight to defend their hard-won gains• the novel's consideration of accusations against black people by prejudiced white people harks back to real historical cases such as the Scottsboro case where nine black boys were convicted of rape and sentenced to death on the spurious allegations of two white girls and an all-white jury. Papa Logan takes the desperate action of setting fire to the cotton fields to prevent a lynching.

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Level 3	13-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sound knowledge and understanding of the text evident in the response Comments about the writer's use of characterisation/theme/plot/setting for literary effect show sound appreciation of the writer's craft Engagement with the text is sound, examples used are clearly relevant Where response requires consideration of two or more features, a clear balance is evident
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19th Century Short Stories

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13(a)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points that are clearly based on evidence from the text. This is not an exhaustive list but the following points are likely to be made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Van Bibber is walking home through the streets, late at night when he sees the head of a man appear in a doorway. He decides that the man he has seen must be dishonest. His first difficult decision is whether or not to get involved• Van Bibber realises that the man has 'robbed the big house on the corner' and, even though the burglar is armed with a revolver, Van Bibber jumps on top of him to apprehend him. The burglar, when subdued, does not behave as Van Bibber would expect, asking Van Bibber to shoot him. He notes that the man is 'a pretty poor sort of burglar'• the burglar explains to Van Bibber that he will not go back to prison. He points out his poor physical condition, saying: 'I couldn't hurt you if I wanted to.' He says that he wants money so that he can join his family in the West, having been released from prison the day before• Van Bibber is faced with the decision of whether to hand the man over to the police or to help him. The burglar tells him that he will never return to prison alive. Van Bibber cannot tell if the man is lying about wanting to return to his family and to live an honest life. However, he decides to help the burglar with the offer of a ticket to his wife and says that he will see him onto the train himself• Van Bibber struggles with his decision when he and the burglar walk past a policeman on their way to the Grand Central Station. He feels guilty but continues with his plan. He buys the man a ticket and asks him to keep in touch, acknowledging that the man may well jump off at another station and sell the ticket, perhaps even returning to burgle Van Bibber• even as the burglar is leaving on the train, Van Bibber wonders if he has done the right thing. Upon reading a paper in a café, Van Bibber discovers that the man he has helped has 'broken jail in New Jersey' and is in fact 'Abe' Hubbard or 'Jimmie the Gent', a notorious burglar. Van Bibber discovers that the police believe the burglar to have friends who 'will probably assist him from the country or to get out West.' Ironically, Van Bibber has provided the assistance but he smiles with 'grim contentment' and carries on with his breakfast• other stories that could be used alongside <i>Van Bibber's Burglar</i> to write about difficult decisions include: <i>Country Living</i>, <i>Tony Kytes</i>, <i>the Arch-Deceiver</i> and <i>The Unexpected</i>.

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