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

Assessment Objectives: 4ET0_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 which 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">• Alfieri is an Italian-American lawyer who represents the bridge between cultures in <i>A View from the Bridge</i>. It is his perspective from which the audience sees the unfolding action. He is like the Chorus figure in Greek tragedy, narrating events with clarity and credibility. He is an educated man who can therefore be trusted by the audience to convey a truthful picture of the Red Hook community and the character of Eddie Carbone. He knows Eddie only a little as he represented him in a case some years earlier but comments: 'He was as good a man as he had to be'. Their relationship develops as events unfold• Eddie Carbone is the tragic central character of the play. Unlike Alfieri, his view of the world is skewed by his own passions and beliefs. He is governed by emotion, developing an unhealthy interest in his adopted niece, Catherine, and interpreting the ancient rules of Sicilian honour to suit his own purposes. During their first conversation, Alfieri realises that Eddie has these feelings for Catherine, but Eddie will not listen to him or take his advice• Alfieri tries to bring balance to Eddie's behaviour: 'Now we are quite civilized, quite American. Now we settle for half and I like it better'. This contrasts strongly with Eddie whose obsessions and hamartia (fatal flaw) bring about tragedy and disruption as the play unfolds. Alfieri relies on the law to guide him while Eddie is influenced by the older, tribal laws of his homeland, Italy. Eddie's values are based on the demand for violent revenge and retaliation when honour is transgressed. The story of Vinny Bolzano is a warning not to transgress the old codes of honour, but Eddie later commits the same 'crime'• Miller demonstrates the growing relationship between Eddie and Alfieri when Eddie visits with concerns about Rodolpho and Catherine's relationship. Alfieri advises him: 'You have no recourse in the law'. He sees through Eddie's real motivation in reporting Marco and Rodolpho to the Immigration Bureau, noting that the only legal issue is how the brothers came to America. He advises Eddie: 'But I don't think you want to do anything about that'• Eddie's stubborn refusal to listen to Alfieri results in the report to the Immigration Bureau. Both Marco and Rodolpho are arrested, but it is Alfieri who pays their bail on the condition that neither will go after Eddie. Marco breaks his promise to Alfieri by shouting Eddie's name outside the apartment. Eddie tries to defend his honour to the gathered crowd. He tries to stab Marco but is instead mortally injured himself. Alfieri's final monologue is tinged with both sadness and respect for Eddie: 'And so I mourn...' He knows what Eddie did was wrong, but retains admiration for him.

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Much Ado About Nothing – William Shakespeare

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Much Ado About Nothing – William Shakespeare

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4(b)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points which 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">• forgiveness is important in Don Pedro's relationship with Don John, the illegitimate brother who betrayed him and fought against him. Don John envies his brother's status and authority as Prince of Aragon. He is welcomed by Leonato at the start of the play only because he is once again in the Prince's favour: 'Let me bid you welcome, my lord, being reconcil'd to the Prince your brother: I owe you all duty'• when Hero is wrongly accused of adultery, had the accusation been true, forgiveness is never considered as an option. Such was the value of a woman's honour at the time Shakespeare was writing that Claudio's humiliation and rejection of her are absolute. He calls her a 'rotten orange'. Leonato suggests that if Claudio has 'made defeat of her virginity' himself this would change the situation, but Claudio insists that he treated her 'as a brother'. Until the Friar intervenes, even Leonato is persuaded to turn against Hero and wish her dead rather than dishonoured. Even Don Pedro refers to her as a 'common stale'• when the truth about Don John's plot is finally revealed, Claudio is racked with guilt. Leonato insists that he must repent and Don Pedro, realising his own part in the false accusation, says: 'I would bend under any heavy weight/That he'll enjoin me to'. Both men must seek forgiveness: they must hang 'an epitaph upon her tomb/And sing it to her bones'. Furthermore, Leonato demands that his vengeance will only subside if Claudio marries 'the copy of my child that's dead'• in marrying Claudio, Hero clearly forgives him for his earlier unkindness and swift judgement. It is not made clear why she does this and she does not explicitly forgive him, rather confirming the point that she is pure: 'I am a maid'. After Claudio's cruelty at the first wedding, some may find it hard to see why she takes him back so willingly• at the end of the play, news arrives that Don John has been captured and is to be brought to Messina. Benedick makes it clear that he will not be forgiven this time: 'Think not on him till tomorrow, I'll devise thee brave punishments for him'. Benedick and Claudio forgive each other and this leads to the restoration of their friendship.

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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 which 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">• Juliet is very close to the Nurse who has brought her up since she was a baby. It was common in Shakespeare's time for wealthy women such as Lady Capulet to employ wet nurses to feed and raise their children. It is clear to the audience that the Nurse knows more about Juliet than her own mother. She emphasises Juliet's young age: 'I'll lay fourteen of my teeth, - /And yet, to my teeth be it spoken'• it is the Nurse who tells Juliet that the young man she has fallen in love with is from the Montague family: 'His name is Romeo, and a Montague, /The son of your great enemy'. The Nurse understands the implications of this and when Romeo and Juliet meet on the balcony after the party it is her insistent call of 'Madam!' that breaks their tryst• the Nurse acts as a go-between for the lovers, meeting Romeo the next day to arrange the couple's wedding. Unable to confide in family, Juliet can only turn to the Nurse to speak for her. The Nurse spars verbally with Mercutio and makes the arrangements with Romeo for Juliet to meet and marry him that afternoon. She warns Romeo not to lead Juliet in a 'fool's paradise' but, as they part, agrees to commend him to Juliet 'a thousand times'• Juliet's impatience as she waits for the Nurse's return is evident as she is preoccupied with the time: 'The clock struck nine when I did send the/nurse'. The audience can see the genuine affection and close relationship between them as the Nurse teases Juliet about her meeting with Romeo. Her references to the whereabouts of Lady Capulet: 'Where is your mother?' suggests her underlying concern about the secret plan. When she tells Juliet to meet Romeo at Friar Lawrence's cell, she makes references to the wedding night: 'But you shall bear the burden soon at/night'• after the death of Tybalt, the Nurse continues to facilitate Romeo and Juliet's relationship. She goes to Friar Lawrence's cell and finds Romeo desperate for news of Juliet, asking to know her feelings for their 'cancell'd love'. She tells Romeo to go to Juliet for their wedding night• after Lord and Lady Capulet have told Juliet that she must marry Paris against her will, she seeks advice from her Nurse. The Nurse now seems to act pragmatically in siding with her employers, the Capulets, and, in a volte face from her previous encouragement of Romeo and Juliet's relationship, she tells Juliet it would be best if she married Paris. This is shocking to Juliet and pushes her further to the desperate measures suggested by the Friar• when Juliet returns from Friar Lawrence's cell, she pretends to the Nurse that all is well. This is the first time she has lied to her old friend, but their relationship has changed and she can no longer trust her. She asks the Nurse to leave her alone, enabling her to take the Friar's potion. Ironically it is the Nurse who discovers the following morning that she is supposedly dead: 'She's dead, deceas'd, she's dead, alack the day!'

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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 which 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"> • Algernon Moncrieff is a wealthy bachelor who lives in a fashionable area of London. He is light-hearted and irreverent, enjoying a life of luxury with no sense of guilt or responsibility. He loves his champagne lifestyle and is not very good with money. In the opening scene with his butler, Lane acts as a kind of droll sidekick in their discussion about servants and cucumber sandwiches • Algernon’s alter ego, the infamous Bunbury, is a source of great entertainment in the play as Algernon uses him to get out of dull engagements and social duties. He tells Jack: ‘Nothing will induce me to part with Bunbury, and if you ever get married, which seems to me extremely problematic, you will be very glad to know Bunbury’. Creating fiction in his life is important to Algernon but he does it in a carefree and harmless way, ultimately reporting Bunbury’s illness and subsequent demise • Algernon’s wit is renowned. He is also selfish and amoral, but remains entertaining as he is not a bad character. He laughs at his own social class and is charmingly irreverent. His use of amusing epigrams delights the audience: ‘I thought you had come up for pleasure? ... I call that business’ • Algernon is considered by some to be Wilde’s counterpart. This would suggest that he is indeed the most entertaining character. He is portrayed as an archetypal dandy. Like Wilde he lives a double life, breaking the rules of Victorian society and indulging in secrecy and deception. Wilde’s real life rule-breaking can be aligned with the character of Algernon • Lady Bracknell is an entertaining character, a caricature of opinionated upper-class matriarchs in Victorian England. Wilde uses her to satirise the aristocracy with great success. Her references to Jack’s orphan status are amusing in their outrageousness: ‘To lose one parent, Mr Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness’. She considers his foundling status unacceptable: ‘You can hardly imagine that I and Lord Bracknell would dream of allowing our only daughter – a girl brought up with the utmost care – to marry into a cloakroom and form an alliance with a parcel?’ • Miss Prism is another character who could be considered one of the most entertaining. She is Cecily’s governess and represents the moral self-righteousness of Victorian society. She has a secret passion for Canon Chasuble and reveals the truth behind Jack’s parentage when she admits to leaving him as a baby at the railway station.

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Our Town – Thornton Wilder

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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 which 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"> • Lady Catherine de Bourgh has the highest social status of anyone in the novel. She is a widow with one daughter, Anne, and is the only female character of independent means. She is Darcy’s aunt and the patron of Mr Collins. She disapproves strongly of Darcy’s match with Elizabeth and the association with the Bennets that this brings: ‘Are the shades of Pemberley to be thus polluted?’ • Austen develops Lady Catherine as more of a caricature to highlight the worst aspects of the upper classes. She is a bully and her life is far removed from reality. She is full of her own self-importance, rude and insensitive. At Rosings she dominates all conversation ‘in so decisive a manner, as proved that she was not used to have her judgement controverted’ • Lady Catherine’s daughter is weak and timid in the face of her mother’s overbearing dominance. Mr Collins is her clergyman and he feeds Lady Catherine’s inflated view of herself through his relentless flattery and obsequiousness. He comments that his ‘small rectory abuts her estate’ and he is very grateful for her patronage • Mr Collins is the cousin of the Bennet sisters. He is set to inherit their family home of Longbourn upon Mr Bennet’s death because of the law of entailment. Although he comes from relatively humble origins, he has lofty ambitions as a result of Lady Catherine’s support • Mr Collins shares some of Lady Catherine’s characteristics, being both pompous and materialistic. Mr Bennet’s views on the hapless Mr Collins reinforce his character as a figure of fun. He stays with the Bennets, spending some time focusing on his clumsy and unsuccessful courtship of Elizabeth, after finding that Jane is no longer available. He is extremely proud of his links to Lady Catherine and name drops in his attempts to court Elizabeth: ‘My situation in life, my connections with the family of de Bourgh, and my relationship to your own, are circumstances highly in my favour’. He moves on to Charlotte Lucas when Elizabeth refuses him • Mr Collins is blunt in his views on Lydia’s transgression, claiming that he shares the beliefs of Lady Catherine on the situation: ‘The death of your daughter would have been a blessing in comparison with this’. His lack of tact is evident as he outlines the shame that Lydia’s actions will bring on the Bennets with: ‘for who, as Lady Catherine herself says, will connect themselves with such a family?’ Both are overly concerned with social standing and appearances.

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To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

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The English Teacher – R K Narayan

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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 which 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">• Candy is the first of the ranch hands to greet George and Lennie on their arrival at the ranch. He is described as 'a tall stoop-shouldered old man'. He is dressed in the denim clothing worn by the workers. His right hand is just a stump as he suffered a farming injury in the past. His duties now are menial – he is the 'swamper', which largely involves sweeping and cleaning• Candy has an old sheepdog that has been with him since it was a pup. The dog is his only friend. Candy speaks proudly of the dog's prowess in younger days: 'he was the best damn sheepdog I ever seen'. When Carlson pushes for the dog to be put down, Candy protests: 'Well - hell! I had him so long'. Eventually Carlson leads the dog outside to shoot him in the back of the head. When the shot rings out, Candy turns miserably to face the wall• he tells George that he should have shot his dog himself. His relationship with the dog mirrors that of George and Lennie, foreshadowing George's decision to end Lennie's life at the end of the novel• after overhearing George and Lennie talking about their dream of owning their own place, Candy offers his compensation money towards the 'little place' that George describes. He convinces them by offering to work and pledges: 'I'd make a will an' leave my share to you guys'. Candy becomes part of the dream and his money appears to put it within their reach• Candy joins Lennie and Crooks in Crooks' room on the evening when the other men go into town. Candy talks about the dream and Crooks offers to join them and work for free. When Curley's wife enters the room she says: 'They left all the weak ones here', ironically including herself in this statement. Candy stands up to her: 'You got no call foolin' aroun' with other guys, causin' trouble'• it is Candy who discovers the body of Curley's wife in the barn and raises the alarm with George. He blames Curley's wife for the trouble she has caused, reacting angrily to her dead body• Candy holds out a brief hope that perhaps he and George will be able to fulfil the dream themselves. George explains that without Lennie there will be no dream, thereby crushing the old man's hopes completely. Candy faces a bleak future of homelessness and poverty as the novel ends.

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11(b)	<p>Examiners should be alert to a variety of responses and should reward points which 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">• respect for the ranch boss arises from necessity rather than any natural deference or admiration. With jobs in short supply during the Great Depression, Lennie and George must respect the ranch owner as must all the itinerant workers who depend on casual labour for their livelihoods. George is very polite in his initial meeting with the ranch boss, defending himself and Lennie for their lateness• Slim attracts the most respect with Steinbeck describing him as 'Prince of the ranch'. He is a skilled worker, the 'jerkline skinner' and all the men look up to him and accept his word. George respects him enough to confide in him about what happened when he and Lennie left Weed and it is he who ultimately seals the fate of Candy's dog. He is described as follows: 'There was a gravity in his manner and a quiet so profound that all talk stopped when he spoke'• Curley is the son of the ranch boss and should therefore attract respect from the men. This does not happen as Curley rather attracts gossip and fear in the rest of the men. He is short and pugnacious, earning the comment from Candy that he is 'handy' as a boxer. Curley's power lies in his ability to get the other men 'cann'd' should they cross him rather than any real respect. When Curley starts on Lennie, he initially hurts him, but when George gives Lennie permission to fight back, he becomes a 'flopping fish' in the face of Lennie's brute strength• the ranch workers respect Lennie for his strength and skill at 'bucking barley'. George also tells the boss of Lennie's ability to drive a cultivator. He points out that Lennie 'ain't bright' but is 'as strong as a bull' and a good worker• Lennie respects George and follows his direction with only a little resistance. It is vital that Lennie respects George for his own safety. George repeatedly saves Lennie from himself, for example when he warns him not to drink the stagnant water at the pool and tells him to stay away from Curley. It is when Lennie fails to follow George's advice that he gets into real trouble. George warns him that Curley's wife is trouble and that Lennie must stay away from her. He initially obeys this advice, but, in the barn while the men are playing horseshoes, forgets George's words and engages in the ultimately fatal exchange with the lonely woman• Crooks is not respected by the men on the ranch because he is black. Nevertheless, respect is very important to him. He is defensive and protective of his room and belongings. He has a battered copy of the 'California civil code for 1905' on his shelf, which suggests that he knows his rights• Curley's wife is not even respected enough for her name to be used; she exists only as the possession of her husband. Curley shows no respect for her, visiting the brothel in town with the other men and making no attempt to conceal it from her.

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Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor

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19th Century Short Stories

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