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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.
- In some cases details of what will not be accepted for a marking point will be identified below the phrase 'do not accept'.
- 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.

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Section A: Drama

A View from the Bridge

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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">• Beatrice is Eddie Carbone's wife. She is childless, but brings up her orphaned niece, Catherine, caring for her like her own daughter. She is a good wife to Eddie, looking after their home and considering his feelings: 'I'm just worried about you.' She defers to Eddie and is careful to avoid upsetting him before the arrival of her cousins from Sicily• Beatrice welcomes her cousins, Marco and Rodolfo. She wants everything to be in place and regrets that she 'didn't even buy a new tablecloth'. She keeps a neat home, saying to Eddie: 'I was gonna clean the walls. I was gonna wax the floors'• Beatrice is supportive of Catherine's wish for independence, even though she herself fulfils an old-fashioned domestic role as a housewife. She helps to persuade Eddie that Catherine should be permitted to go to work, emphasising the salary: 'Fifty dollars a week, Eddie'. She understands that Catherine needs to follow a different course in her life: 'It means you gotta be your own self more'• Beatrice is frustrated by Eddie's lack of attention towards her. She comments on the state of their marriage: 'When am I gonna be a wife again, Eddie?' She is unsettled by Eddie's feelings for Catherine, avoiding his eyes when Catherine brings his cigar to him. Beatrice is pragmatic in her handling of Eddie's interest in Catherine. She openly confronts the situation, telling Eddie: 'You want somethin' else, Eddie, and you can never have her'• she tries to intervene in the trouble between Eddie, Catherine and Rodolfo, eventually remaining loyal to Eddie. She stays with him rather than attending the wedding. Beatrice's love and commitment to Eddie are finally acknowledged by Eddie when he lies dying in her arms after being wounded by Marco's knife. Eddie's last words are: 'My B!'

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A View from the Bridge – Arthur Miller

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An Inspector Calls – J B Priestley

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2(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">• Mrs Sybil Birling is the wife of Mr Arthur Birling and the mother of Sheila and Eric. It can be argued that she learns nothing from the Inspector's visit as she remains resolute at the end of the play that she has done nothing wrong• Mrs Birling's high social standing means that she is arrogant and has a sense of entitlement. She is her husband's social superior, sharing his capitalist views. She is taken aback by some of Sheila's comments: 'Really, the things you girls pick up these days'. She treats Eric and Sheila like children, even though they are in their twenties• it can be argued that Mrs Birling learns from the Inspector's visit, but only in terms of finding out secrets in her family such as Eric's stealing from the business and getting Eva/Daisy pregnant. She is a snob who refers to women like Eva/Daisy as 'Girls of that class• Mrs Birling is naïve about Eric's drinking. Before the Inspector's arrival there is a suggestion that she is disappointed in Eric but she tries to be proud of him. The Inspector exposes Eric's drinking problems, relationship with Eva/Daisy and theft from the family business. Mrs Birling is oblivious to the Inspector's impending revelation about Eric. Afterwards she says to Eric: 'I'm absolutely ashamed of you', but takes no responsibility• Mrs Birling refuses to listen to the Inspector. His arrival and questioning threaten the status quo of her social standing. She is put out by his interruption to the engagement party. Mrs Birling resists answering the Inspector's questions and is dismissive of his efforts to make her take some responsibility for Eva's/Daisy's death• Mrs Birling is short-tempered with Sheila after the arrival of the Inspector. This is a result of Sheila's belief in, and support of, the Inspector's ideas and values that are the opposite of Mrs Birling's philosophy. Sheila stands up to her mother on the subject of Eva's/Daisy's treatment, saying: 'Mother, I think it was cruel and vile'• Mrs Birling is insensitive and unrepentant when she learns of her part in Eva's/Daisy's tragedy. In her role in the Brumley Women's Charity Organisation, she should have helped a woman in distress, but she stands firm in her belief that she did the right thing by rejecting Eva's/Daisy's claim. Even after hearing what has happened to Eva/Daisy she says that the charity only supports 'deserving cases'.

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4(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">• a number of characters can be considered to cause trouble in the play. Don John, Borachio and Conrad are likely to be included but some candidates may consider others, such as Claudio, Leonato and Margaret• Don John causes most trouble in the play. Otherwise known as Don John the Bastard, he is the illegitimate half-brother of Don Pedro. He is described as 'out of measure sad' when the audience first encounters him early in the play's action. In many of Shakespeare's plays illegitimate characters bear out their origins by causing trouble• Don John is a brooding trouble-maker who seeks to destroy happiness and contentment. He hatches the plot to discredit Hero by employing Borachio to pretend to be her adulterous partner when he is really with Margaret. He also encourages Don Pedro and Claudio to believe the facade he presents to them. The source of his bitterness would seem to be the illegitimacy that compromises and reduces his status• Don John flees Messina after Hero has been disgraced, but is later caught by the Sexton. His trickery is bad in intent, a contrast to the benevolent gulling of Benedick and Beatrice by their friends in an effort to unite them romantically• Borachio can be considered a trouble maker. His name is Spanish for 'drunkard' or 'a bag made of pig skin'. He deliberately stirs up trouble by helping Don John with his plan; in fact the basic idea to set up Hero is his: 'Proof enough to misuse the prince, to vex Claudio, to undo Hero and to kill Leonato'. He clearly enjoys his part in the deception• Borachio brags to Conrad late at night about what they have done. This leads ultimately to the revelation of the plot, as the men of the Watch overhear the conversation and arrest them• Conrad is a follower of Don John. He listens to Borachio's story that Don John had paid him to pretend to meet Hero in her room, when really this was Margaret. He is arrested by the Watch along with Borachio and becomes an object of humour during his detention when he demands to be treated like a gentleman and calls Dogberry an ass. He is full of his own self-importance and lacks a moral compass• it can be argued that Margaret is a trouble maker as she is easily duped into becoming an unwitting participant in the plot to disgrace Hero. Claudio causes trouble by jumping to conclusions about Hero's chastity. He is quick to believe all he is told against the woman he claims to love. Similarly, Leonato should know his daughter better and can be considered a trouble maker for believing the accusations without even asking to hear her side of it.

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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">• it can be argued that the play has a happy ending, but candidates may argue that there are aspects of the ending that detract from a fully happy conclusion• the last act of the play consists of four scenes. Benedick's defence of Hero in opposition to Claudio and Don Pedro contributes to the happiness of the ending. It unites Benedick with Beatrice in a common cause, the defence of Hero's honour, and demonstrates another side to Benedick. His pledge to fight with Claudio (which is initially thought by Don Pedro and Claudio to be a joke) reflects his courage and conviction. It is Benedick who tells Don Pedro that Don John has fled Messina• the sub-plot involving Dogberry and Verges is an important factor in the play's happy ending as it is their investigation that reveals the deception and plotting of Conrad and Borachio (in league with Don John). Don Pedro realises the truth when Borachio tells the whole story. Leonato arrives with the Sexton and accuses Claudio and Don Pedro of bringing about the death of Hero. Margaret's innocence in the plot is confirmed by Borachio in his confession. Borachio's revelations contribute to the success of the play's ending, neatly tying up a number of loose ends. Claudio promises to marry Leonato's niece in an attempt to make amends• Benedick has written a sonnet for Beatrice and the two are engaged in word play when the news comes that Hero's innocence has been vindicated. Candidates may consider in their arguments how real the love of Benedick and Beatrice is. They have merely been thrown together by society and the fact that they are rather older lovers. There is a short and poignant vigil by Claudio, Don Pedro and several others at Hero's supposed grave. Claudio writes an epitaph for Hero but there may be some doubt with regard to the credibility of his remorse• the play's concluding scene constitutes what some may argue is a happy ending. The women are ordered to attend the wedding in masks and Antonio presents the disguised Hero to Claudio. Benedick asks Leonato if he can be married to Beatrice in the same ceremony• Claudio is delighted to find that Hero is in fact alive and that he has married her. However, the fact that he went to the ceremony fully prepared to marry someone else does cast doubt on the sincerity of his feelings• some candidates may argue that Hero's forgiveness of Claudio after his cruel treatment of her previously is also an unsatisfactory part of the ending but it is in keeping with her gentle character. Benedick and Claudio are reconciled at the end of the play• although this is a happy ending, we are left with a sense that not everything is perfect. The ending is soured by the return of Don John who is returned to Messina in chains. Benedick promises that Don John will be punished but this is certainly a shadow over the happy ending.

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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">• a number of characters can be said to have power in the play. These include: Prince Escalus, Lord Capulet, Lord Montague, Friar Lawrence and Tybalt, although other characters may be considered• Prince Escalus is the power in Verona. He is incensed and frustrated by the escalating violence on the streets of the city because of the Capulet/Montague feud. After the opening fray between the families' servants, Prince Escalus warns that further violence will be punished: 'If ever you disturb our streets again, / Your lives shall pay the forfeit of the peace'. After the slaying of Mercutio and Tybalt, he banishes Romeo to Mantua: 'And for that offence / Immediately we do exile him hence'• Lord Capulet holds a great deal of power in the play. He is head of an influential family, a respected patriarch who sets up a good match for his daughter, Juliet, with the eligible bachelor, Paris. His power to influence events is clear when he allows Romeo to stay at the ball and later when he moves the wedding of Juliet and Paris forward and threatens his daughter that she will 'hang, beg, starve, die in the streets' if she will not abide by his orders to marry his 'friend'• Lord Montague is equal in power to Lord Capulet even though he has a smaller part in the play so it is more difficult to quantify his power. He is patriarch of the Montague family and is as intransigent as Lord Capulet when it comes to reaching a peaceful solution to their 'ancient grudge'• Friar Lawrence has great power in the play. As a friar he represents the church and his wisdom is respected, not least by Romeo who sees him as a father figure and confidant. Although he warns Romeo, 'They stumble that run fast', he agrees to marry Romeo and Juliet at very short notice with the misplaced confidence that their union will bring peace to Verona• it is Friar Lawrence who hatches the plan for Juliet to take the potion that simulates death, a plan that ends in disaster as Romeo fails to receive the message that explains what is happening. He believes that Juliet is genuinely dead. His power, alongside that of fate, is arguably the most significant influence on the play's tragic ending• Tybalt is a powerful character as he seeks violence and confrontation, thereby perpetuating the feud. At the Capulet ball he is furious that Romeo is there uninvited. He seeks to challenge him but is stopped from doing so by Lord Capulet. It is partly his eagerness for retribution that leads to the fight with Mercutio. Both die as a result of this confrontation and the tragedy accelerates as a result.

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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">• Cecily is the grand-daughter of the late Mr Thomas Cardew and the ward of Jack Worthing. She lives in the country at Jack's estate with Miss Prism, her governess. She falls in love with Algernon, believing him to be the notorious Ernest• Cecily is likened to a pink rose by Algernon who remarks on her beauty: 'You are the prettiest girl I ever saw'. This is a fitting description as she is presented by Wilde watering roses at the beginning of Act 2• she is innocent and natural in her appearance and manner, dressing and wearing her hair simply. Lady Bracknell considers that 'There are distinct social possibilities in Miss Cardew's profile' and describes her life as 'crowded with incident' after Jack shows her the large number of certificates that confirm Cecily's background and identity• she resembles Gwendolen in her fascination with the name Ernest: 'There is something in that name that seems to inspire absolute confidence'. She appears to fall in love with Ernest because of his scurrilous reputation. She sees his reformation as a personal challenge• Cecily has an independent spirit that resists Miss Prism's dull lessons, preferring to engage in imagined stories and fantasies. She writes all her ideas down in a fictional diary which she plans to publish. This makes her a good match for Algernon and relates her character to Wilde's and to the Aesthetic Movement (art for its own sake)• it can be argued that Cecily is the most believable character in the play. She is quick-witted and determined. This can be seen in her lively word play with Gwendolen over tea. By the end of the play she is engaged to Algernon and, because of her prospects, accepted by Lady Bracknell: 'A hundred and thirty thousand pounds!', 'Miss Cardew seems to me a most attractive young lady, now I look at her'.

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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 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">• the younger generation is represented by a number of characters in the play. They include: Emily Webb, George Gibbs, Wally Webb, Rebecca Gibbs and Joe and Si Crowell. Young people represent hope for the future, innocence, the transient nature of existence and the speed at which time passes• Emily Webb is one of the play's major characters. She appears as a child in the first Act, where she shows her affection for George Gibbs, agreeing to help him with his homework. Their relationship is innocent and friendly. By the second act, she is a young woman nervously awaiting her wedding to George. Her death in childbirth marks a tragic turning point for George and a sad loss to the community• George Gibbs is the conventional all-American boy who excels at baseball and is president of his class. He represents the ideal that American boys might traditionally aspire to. He is a good son, but his non-completion of his chores suggests that he is a normal child. He is Emily's closest neighbour since early childhood. He does not want to go to college, expressing his belief that finding a person 'that you're very fond of' is as important as college. His young views are followed through by his adult choices when he chooses to stay in Grover's Corners• Wally Webb is a minor character. He is Emily's younger brother, dying in childhood from a burst appendix on a trip with the scouts. His death as a child, before his time, contributes to the idea of the fleeting nature of life. For the younger generation, death is a very real threat as much as it is for the old• Rebecca Gibbs is George's younger sister and has a minor role. She has one significant scene with her brother when she points out the location of Grover's Corners in the universe. This demonstrates the idea of the town being a microcosm of a greater, shared human experience. The younger generation represents hope and potential• Joe Crowell is the paper boy whose routine of delivering papers to the same people each morning emphasises the routine nature of life in Grover's Corners. The younger generation is presented as very much a part of life in the town• Si Crowell takes over the paper round from his brother, which shows the constant nature of life and patterns created by the younger generation contributing to the life of the town. The younger generation is a constant, but paradoxically shifting, aspect of the town's life and their presence suggests hope, life and growth.

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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">• Mr Bingley is Mr Darcy's good friend and can be said to act as a foil to him. He is a very eligible bachelor. He is amiable and good-natured like Jane Bennet. He can be seen as a two-dimensional character who remains pleasant throughout the novel. Jane Bennet considers him to be an ideal man• Bingley's good humour provides a contrast to his friend Darcy who is known for his brooding nature. He is amusing in his teasing of Darcy: 'I assure you that if Darcy were not such a great tall fellow, in comparison with myself, I should not pay him half so much deference'• Bingley's large fortune is presented as a draw to Mrs Bennet, who sends Jane to visit him on horseback in the hope that she will have the need to stay over at Netherfield. She is correct, as Jane does indeed catch a chill 'all in pursuit of Mr Bingley'• Austen presents Caroline Bingley as attracted to Darcy. She is awkward in her approaches to him, praising him for his handwriting as she has nothing else to say: 'How can you contrive to write so even?'• Bingley is portrayed as so good-natured that he is easily swayed by his family and friends. Although he loves Jane, when in London, Caroline and Darcy succeed in persuading him that Jane has no 'peculiar regard' for him and that such a connection is unwise. Caroline and Darcy continue to keep the two apart when Jane visits London• Caroline Bingley does not want her brother to marry Jane for several reasons. She hopes that he will marry Miss Darcy, making it more likely that she will get closer to Darcy. Caroline considers the Bennet family to be inferior. She disparages Jane's appearance: 'Her face is too thin; her complexion has no brilliancy'• Bingley loves Jane, describing her as 'the most beautiful creature I ever beheld'. Again he is presented as easily influenced: just as he is persuaded that she is not for him, he is easily persuaded by Darcy to renew his courtship• when Bingley and Jane finally marry, it is a happy moment in the novel. Mr Bennet notes that they are very similar in personality, commenting: 'You are each of you so complying, that nothing will ever be resolved on; so easy that every servant will cheat you; and so generous, that you will always exceed your income'.

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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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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 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">• hope for the future frames the ironic opening of the novel: 'It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife'. It highlights the preoccupation of women in early nineteenth century English society with making a good marriage. Mrs Bennet is ambitious to see her five daughters married off and the arrival of the wealthy Mr Bingley excites great hope and interest• part of Mrs Bennet's ambitious plan to marry one of her daughters off to Bingley is to ensure that Jane rides to Netherfield in poor weather. Her resultant chill allows her to spend more time with him. When Darcy and the Bingleys leave Netherfield and return to London, Jane is disappointed. She visits the city in the hope of seeing Mr Bingley but does not get the opportunity and is treated rudely by Miss Bingley. Jane's ambitions and happiness are effectively crushed as the family closes ranks on her• Mr Collins, the young clergyman who receives Lady Catherine's patronage, is presented as pompous and ambitious. He is set to inherit Mr Bennet's property that can only be passed down to a male heir and he is being strongly encouraged to marry by Lady Catherine. Mr Collins takes into consideration the uncertain future of his cousins in deciding to marry one of them. Having discovered that Jane is unavailable, he proposes to Elizabeth who turns him down. He later becomes engaged to Charlotte Lucas who marries him for social and financial reasons• Miss Bingley has pinned her hopes on marrying Darcy. She wishes that her brother will marry Miss Darcy, which would bring them closer and facilitate further union between the families. She is presented as unimpressed when Darcy shows interest in Elizabeth• Wickham's hopes for the future reflect his caddish personality as he lies about Darcy and courts a number of wealthy young women, including Miss King, to further his own ends. He elopes with Lydia and agrees to marry her in exchange for an annual income; the Bennets at first believe this has been paid by Mr Gardiner. It later turns out to have been provided by Darcy who still harbours hope of marrying Elizabeth• after his initial rejection by Elizabeth, Darcy's hopes are rekindled when she refuses to promise Lady Catherine that she will never become engaged to her nephew: 'It taught me to hope ... as I had scarcely allowed myself to hope before'• Elizabeth states her hope to marry for love in contrast to Charlotte Lucas who only hopes for security and a comfortable position, yet she does demonstrate some social ambition in her words and actions. She apparently hates avarice and social climbing but is openly impressed on seeing Pemberley for the first time. She describes it as a 'large, handsome, stone building'. She uses the word 'handsome' frequently to describe the rooms and imagines herself as the mistress there, which is a hint of hope and ambition. When Jane asks her sister when she was first aware that she loved Darcy, she replies: 'I believe I must date it from my first seeing his beautiful grounds at Pemberley'. This may be tongue in cheek but there is an element of truth there too.

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To Kill a Mockingbird – Harper Lee

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9(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">• Maycomb is the setting for Harper Lee's <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>. It is described as 'a tired old town'. It is a fictional place, situated in Alabama in America's deep South at the time of the Great Depression in the 1930s. Scout, as Harper Lee's narrator, comments that people moved more slowly there as they had nowhere to go. In Maycomb there was 'nothing to buy and no money to buy it with'• Maycomb is described as insular and inward-looking: 'A day was twenty four hours long but seemed longer'. It was the residents' view that there was 'nothing to see outside the boundaries of Maycomb County'. This attitude intensifies the hatred and abuse of Tom Robinson• Maycomb is described as a run-down place: 'In rainy weather the streets turned to red slop; grass grew on the sidewalks, the courthouse sagged in the square'. An impression of decay and misery is created. It is hot and humid: 'Men's stiff collars wilted by nine in the morning. Ladies bathed before noon, after their three o' clock naps, and by nightfall were like soft teacakes with frostings of sweat and sweet talcum'• Maycomb has one main street of houses where the Finches live. There is a school and on the outskirts there is a dump with a settlement of poor white people and black people living near it. Maycomb is presented as a segregated community• Maycomb families have lived there for generations and there is a strong sense of inertia. Family reputations have come to be seen as concrete facts: 'Miss Maudie Atkinson's shoulder stoops because she was a Buford; if Mrs Grace Merriweather sips gin out of Lydia E. Pinkham bottles it's nothing unusual - her mother did the same'. The Cunninghams are another well-known family of the area• when Aunt Alexandra comes to visit she tries to teach Scout about her own heritage and the history of the family, who are from Finch's Landing. She emphasises that Scout is 'the product of several generations' gentle breeding'• Harper Lee presents the oppressive nature of Maycomb as a product of the oppressive and narrow-minded attitudes that lead to Tom Robinson's unjust conviction and death.

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The English Teacher – R K Narayan

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Of Mice and Men – John Steinbeck

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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 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">• Mildred Taylor considers the ways in which law and politics discriminates in favour of white people and against black people, for example in land ownership and equality of opportunity. Many white people resent the Logans as black people owning their own land and want to dispossess them of it• racism against the black community forms the background to the events of the novel and is the source of all difficulties faced by the Logans and other black families. Taylor also shows individual acts of hatred and discrimination such as abuse and the actions of lynch mobs like the one which L.T. Morrison and Papa try to prevent• Mr Jamison is presented as a white man who is on the side of the black community. He is a lawyer whose forebears bought land from Harlan Granger during the reconstruction and sold some to the Logan family. He supports the Logans and other black people when they need help• the inequality between the black and white communities is most evident in terms of education. The books used by black children in their school are in poor condition having been rejected by the white classrooms. The school bus is for white children and it deliberately drives close to the Logan children to try to cover them with mud. This brings about the chosen revenge of the black children to dig a ditch that fills with water which halts the bus• Taylor presents Jeremy Sims as a white boy who befriends the Logan children and is not racist, unlike the other members of his family. His sister, Lillian Jean, is rude to Cassie and pushes her off the sidewalk. His two big brothers, Melvin and R.W., use T.J. pretending they are his friend. They frame him after the robbery and assault on Mr Barnett at the store in Strawberry. Jeremy's father beats him for mixing with the Logan children• the Wallace family run the store on Harlan Granger's land; it is an integral part of the community. They are brutal and violent people. After the fight at the store between T.J. and Stacey, Mama Logan organises a boycott, encouraging people not to use the store, but eventually people return to it.

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Level 2	7-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some 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 some appreciation of the writer's craft Some engagement with the text is evident; examples used are of partial relevance Where response requires consideration of two or more features, partial balance is evident
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
Level 4	19-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thorough 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 sustained appreciation of the writer's craft Engagement with the text is sustained; examples used are fully relevant Where response requires consideration of two or more features, a thorough, balanced approach is evident
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12(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">• the title of the novel is important for a number of reasons. Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry comes from an old spiritual sung by black slaves a hundred years before. Mr L.T. Morrison sings the song during the dramatic events towards the end of the novel• the song goes: ‘Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry, Over the Water, Bye and Bye, Ole Man Comin, Down the Line, Whip in Hand to Beat me down’. The final lines say ‘But I ain’t gonna let him turn me round’. This can be seen to relate to the novel’s themes and concerns as the Logan family stand strong against the threat of white injustice still prevalent in the 1930s• the metaphor of thunder is used throughout the novel to resonate with human emotions. When the Logans boycott the Wallace store, they are met with violence. A storm metaphor is used to illustrate the parallel between the weather and the relationship of the black and white communities. A storm of hatred brews throughout the novel until the desperate act of Papa when he lights the fire in the cotton fields• Papa starts the fire that presents a common threat to both black and white farmers, uniting them against a common enemy. A distant roar of thunder can be heard at the beginning and end of the penultimate chapter, presenting a sense of warning and foreboding in the novel• although Mama and Big Ma fight the fire with buckets of water, it is a torrential rain storm that finally puts it out. The weather is presented as a powerful force, stronger than human endeavour, and Taylor emphasises the dependence of people on nature. There is a sense of pathetic fallacy in the thunder as it can be seen to represent an unsettling violence in the weather but also represents a clearing of tension• pathetic fallacy is evident in the rain, representing the segregation of the black and white children on their journey to school. The rain and thunder could mirror the way in which the black children are degraded by the injustice of white supremacy• ‘Hear My Cry’ is not only a line from the spiritual, but also represents the voice of Cassie and other black people. The white community attempts to silence their demands for equality and justice but they continue to make their voices heard, such as in the boycotting of the shop and in Mary Logan’s refusal to accept the damaged school books for her black students• the ‘My’ element of the title may relate to the narrator, Cassie, who matures during the course of the novel, learning valuable lessons about life.

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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 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">• the story of <i>The Woman's Rose</i> is told from the point of view of a woman, using first person narration. This presentation makes the story personal and compelling as she introduces 'the old, brown, carved box'. This is where she keeps a precious rose that prompts her to recall a treasured memory. The rose is precious to her and she tells the story of how she came about it• the narrator was visiting a town when she was 15; this town was largely inhabited by men but there was a woman there who 'was about seventeen'. She is presented as 'fair and rather fully-fleshed'. She explains that this woman was very much admired by the men, who 'worshipped her'• the narrator's arrival in the town draws the attention of the men away from the other woman even though she admits she was 'not as handsome'. Her attraction appears to come from the fact that she is 'vital' and 'new' to the area. The narrator says: 'I liked my power'. Many of the men propose to the narrator and the other woman is largely overlooked• although the narrator enjoys the attention she is getting from the men, she is presented as hating the fact that the other woman has been deserted and wishes that they could be friends: 'I would have given all their compliments if she would once have smiled at me as she smiled at them'• just before leaving the town, the narrator has a party thrown for her. In the garden of a friend, a white rose has been put aside for the other woman: 'promised to the fair-haired girl to wear at the party'. The narrator presents the woman's appearance in great detail and with admiration: 'her bright hair glittering in the candlelight'• the narrator says that the woman 'looked like a queen'. The woman takes the white rose from her breast and puts it in the narrator's 'nice, dark hair'. The narrator never forgets this gift of friendship from one woman to another. She does not see the woman after leaving the town, but hears she has 'married and gone to America'• other stories that could be used to write about the presentation of women include: <i>Twenty-Six Men and a Girl</i>, <i>News of the Engagement</i> and <i>The Unexpected</i>.

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