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Literature and performance
Standard level
Paper 1

8 May 2026

Zone A morning | **Zone B** morning | **Zone C** morning

1 hour 45 minutes

Instructions to students

- Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer one question. Compare and/or contrast two of the literary works you have studied.
- You are not permitted to bring copies of the works you have studied into the examination room.
- The maximum mark for this examination paper is **[25 marks]**.

Answer **one** question. Compare and/or contrast **two** of the literary works you have studied.

1. Some literary works present characters who are capable or incapable of change. In what ways is this true in two works you have studied?
 2. Referring to two works you have studied, discuss how and to what effect they portray economic disparity/inequality.
 3. How and to what effect do two of the works you have studied present the importance of satire and humour?
 4. Referring to two works you have studied, discuss the role of endings or beginnings in affecting the reader's interpretation of the work.
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