

MARK SCHEME for the October/November 2013 series

0408 WORLD LITERATURE

0408/03

Paper 3, maximum raw mark 50

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Introduction

All questions on Paper 3 are marked out of 25.

The assessment objectives for the paper are:

AO1: detailed knowledge of the content and form of literary texts drawn from different countries and cultures

AO2: engagement with writers' ideas and treatment of themes, and appreciation of how texts relate to wider contexts

AO3: recognition and appreciation of how writers create and shape meanings.

The Band Descriptors cover marks from 0 to 25, and apply to the marking of each question. They guide examiners to an understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or typical of, work in a band. They are a means of general guidance, and must not be interpreted as hurdle statements. The syllabus aims at encouraging candidates to make some personal response to their reading. This means that, while we may have legitimate expectations as to the ground most answers may occupy, we must all times be prepared to meet candidates on their chosen ground.

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BAND DESCRIPTORS TABLE

Band 1	25 24 23	Answers in this band have all the qualities of Band 2 work, with further insight, sensitivity, individuality and flair. They show sustained engagement with both text and task.
Band 2	22 21 20	<i>Sustains a perceptive, convincing and relevant personal response</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows a clear critical understanding of the text • responds sensitively and in detail to the way the writer achieves her/his effects • integrates much well-selected reference to the text
Band 3	19 18 17	<i>Makes a well-developed, detailed and relevant personal response</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows a clear understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications • makes a developed response to the way the writer achieves her/his effects • supports with careful and relevant reference to the text
Band 4	16 15 14	<i>Makes a reasonably developed relevant personal response</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications • makes some response to the way the writer uses language • shows some thoroughness in the use of supporting evidence from the text
Band 5	13 12 11	<i>Begins to develop a relevant personal response</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows some understanding of meaning • makes a little reference to the language of the text • uses some supporting textual detail
Band 6	10 9 8	<i>Attempts to communicate a basic personal response</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes some relevant comments • shows a basic understanding of surface meaning of the text • makes a little supporting reference to the text
Band 7	7 6 5	<i>Some evidence of simple personal response</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes a few straightforward comments • shows a few signs of understanding the surface meaning of the text • makes a little reference to the text
Band 8	4 3 2	<i>Limited attempt to respond</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • shows some limited understanding of simple/literal meaning
Below Band 8	0 / 0–1	<i>No answer / Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 8.</i>