

A-level ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Paper 1 Telling Stories

Thursday 15 June 2017

Morning

Time allowed: 3 hours

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 12-page answer booklet
- a copy of the set texts you have studied for Section B and Section C. These texts must **not** be annotated and must **not** contain additional notes or materials.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Examining Body** for this paper is AQA. The **Paper Reference** is 7707/1.
- There are **three** sections:
Section A: Remembered Places
Section B: Imagined Worlds
Section C: Poetic Voices
- Answer **three** questions in total: the question in Section A, **one** question from Section B and **one** question from Section C.
- Do all rough work in your answer book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.

Information

- The maximum mark for this paper is 100.
- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- There are 40 marks for the question in Section A, 35 marks for the question in Section B and 25 marks for the question in Section C.
- You will be marked on your ability to:
 - use good English
 - organise information clearly
 - use specialist vocabulary where appropriate.

Advice

- It is recommended that you spend 70 minutes on Section A, 60 minutes on Section B and 50 minutes on Section C.

Section A
Remembered Places

Answer **Question 1** in this section.

Read **Text A** and **Text B**, printed below and on page 4.

Text A is an extract from 'Paris Riots 1968', taken from the British Pathé news and film archive.

Text B is an extract from 'Letters from France 1790-1796' by Helen Maria Williams.

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Compare and contrast how the writer and speaker of Text A and the writer of Text B express their ideas about times of social upheaval in Paris.

You should refer to both texts in your answer.

[40 marks]

Text A

This is a news report of the Paris riots in 1968, taken from the website of British Pathé, a news and film archive. The narrator is male and speaks with a Received Pronunciation accent.

((Dramatic newsreel style music))

Narrator: France (.) May nineteen sixty eight (.) a nation of **strikes** (.) of violence (.) a country paralysed across its length and breadth (.) the simmering of unrest amongst its student population rapidly boiled (.) then boiled over (.) citizens

5 from **every walk of life** from **every class** became involved (.) unrest which had lurked beneath the surface spilled into the open (.) France had been brought to its **knees** by a disenchanted majority who wanted more money better working conditions and a **shake-up** in the social system (.) **chaos** ruled

10 the streets (2) while the banks took stock of their reserves and eventually closed (.) housewives **hunted** for food as supplies dwindled (3) earlier at the Assembly the French parliament **leading** politicians from all parties arrived for a motion of censure against the government (.) *((music stops, Monsieur Pompidou speaks))* Monsieur Pompidou the Prime Minister spoke convincingly

15 against the motion he won by a majority of eleven votes (.) but the dispute was gaining ground in the streets (.) *((sounds of mass chanting))* even before it had reached this stage the government had set up urgent talks to control the conflict (.) it was too late (3) *((chanting reaches a crescendo))* that night the Latin Quarter of Paris became a battleground (5) *((shouting, dramatic*

20 *music begins again*) the Prime Minister and leading government members
(.) **desperately** tried to stem the flood of dissent but it was **no use** (9)

((music stops, concerted chanting))

Narrator: *((background noise of chanting))* despite appeals for discipline and
calm from less militant demonstrating leaders (.) **big** trouble was looming (5)
25 *((booming sound))* the mob was **incensed** by the sight of riot police (.) sanity
and social *((sounds of gunshot))* **responsibility** were forgotten (28)

((sounds of commotion and rioting: tree falling, whistles, gunshots and sirens))

Narrator: during this dramatic night of bloodshed and terror there were
similar scenes in many centres of provincial France (.) *((dramatic music
begins again))* workers were already talking of victory (.) but **still** General de
30 Gaulle remained silent (2) on the French-German border more than five
hundred students from both countries waited for left wing student leader
Daniel Cohn-Bendit (1) Red Danny as he is known had been expelled from
France (.) he refused to acknowledge his expulsion and told his supporters

Narrator speaking as Daniel Cohn-Bendit: my expulsion will **not solve** the
35 problems of France (.) I will come back (3)

Narrator: Red Danny was eventually escorted out of France (3)

Key

- (.) indicates a pause of less than a second
- (2) indicates a longer pause (number of seconds indicated)
- Bold** indicates stressed syllables or words
- ((italics))* indicates contextual or additional information

Turn over for Text B

Text B

Helen Maria Williams (1761–1827) was an English writer who supported the principles of the French Revolution and moved to Paris in 1790. From that time until 1796, she published a series of letters in support of the revolutionary movement in France. This text contains a selection of those letters.

Letters Written in France, in the Summer 1790, to a Friend in England. Containing Various Anecdotes to the French Revolution; and Memoirs of Mons. and Madame de F — (1790), Letter II

I promised to send you a description of the Federation; but it is not
 5 to be described! One must have been present, to form any judgement
 of a scene, the sublimity of which depended much less on its external
 magnificence than on the effect it produced on the minds of the
 spectators. ‘The people, sure, the people were the sight!’ I may tell
 you of pavilions, of triumphal arches, of altars on which incense was
 10 burnt, of two hundred thousand men walking in procession; but how
 am I to give you an adequate idea of the behaviour of the spectators?
 How am I to paint the impetuous feelings of that immense, that
 exulting multitude? Half a million of people assembled at a spectacle
 which furnished every image that can elevate the mind of man;
 15 which connected the enthusiasm of moral sentiment with the solemn
 pomp of religious ceremonies; which addressed itself at once to the
 imagination, the understanding, and the heart.

The Champ de Mars was formed into an immense amphitheatre
 round which were erected forty rows of seats, raised one above
 20 another with earth, on which wooden forms were placed. Twenty
 days labour, animated by the enthusiasm of the people, accomplished
 what seemed to require the toil of years. Already in the Champ de
 Mars the distinctions of rank were forgotten; and, inspired by the
 same spirit, the highest and lowest orders of citizens gloried in
 25 taking up the spade, and assisting the persons employed in a work on
 which the common welfare of the State depended. Ladies took
 the instruments of labour in their hands, and removed a little of the
 earth, that they might be able to boast that they also had assisted in
 the preparations at the Champ de Mars; and a number of old
 30 soldiers were seen voluntarily bestowing on their country the last
 remains of their strength ...

In the streets, at the windows, and on the roofs of the houses, the
 people, transported with joy, shouted and wept as the procession
 passed. Old men were seen kneeling in the streets, blessing God
 35 that they had lived to witness that happy moment. The people ran to
 the doors of their houses, loaded with refreshments, which they

offered to the troops; and crowds of women surrounded the soldiers, and holding up their infants in their arms, and melting into tears, 40 promised to make their children imbibe, from their earliest age, an inviolable attachment to the principles of the new constitution ... The procession, which was formed with eight persons abreast, entered the Champ de Mars beneath the triumphal arches, with a discharge of cannon. The deputies placed themselves round the 45 inside of the amphitheatre. Between them and the seats of the spectators, the national guard of Paris were ranged; and the seats round the amphitheatre were filled with four hundred thousand people. The middle of the amphitheatre was crowded with an immense multitude of soldiers.

Turn over for Section B

Section B**Imagined Worlds**

Answer **one** question in this section.

Frankenstein – Mary Shelley**Either**

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Read the extract printed below. This is from the section of the novel where Frankenstein is nearing the end of his search for the creature.

Explore the significance of Walton's letters in the novel. You should consider:

- the presentation of Walton's letters in the extract below and at different points in the novel
- the use of fantasy elements in constructing a fictional world.

[35 marks]

- You have read this strange and terrific story, Margaret; and do you not feel your blood congeal with horror, like that which even now curdles mine? Sometimes, seized with sudden agony, he could not continue his tale; at others, his voice broken, yet piercing, uttered with difficulty the words so replete with anguish. His fine and lovely eyes were now lighted up with indignation, now subdued to downcast sorrow, and quenched in infinite wretchedness. Sometimes he commanded his countenance and tones, and related the most horrible incidents with a tranquil voice, suppressing every mark of agitation; then, like a volcano bursting forth, his face would suddenly change to an expression of the wildest rage, as he shrieked out imprecations on his persecutor.
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- 10 His tale is connected, and told with an appearance of the simplest truth; yet I own to you that the letters of Felix and Safie, which he showed me, and the apparition of the monster seen from our ship, brought to me a greater conviction of the truth of his narrative than his asseverations, however earnest and connected. Such a monster has, then, real existence! I cannot doubt it; yet I am lost in surprise and admiration. Sometimes I
- 15 endeavoured to gain from Frankenstein the particulars of his creature's formation: but on this point he was impenetrable.

Dracula – Bram Stoker**Either**

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Read the extract printed below. This is from the section of the novel where Jonathan Harker describes the men's visit to Carfax.

Explore the significance of Carfax as a location in the novel. You should consider:

- the presentation of Carfax in the extract below and at different points in the novel
- the use of fantasy elements in constructing a fictional world.

[35 marks]

5 The whole place was thick with dust. The floor was seemingly inches deep, except where there were recent footsteps, in which on holding down my lamp I could see marks of hobnails where the dust was caked. The walls were fluffy and heavy with dust, and in the corners were masses of spiders' webs, whereon the dust had gathered till they looked like old tattered rags as the weight had torn them partly down. On a table in the hall was a great bunch of keys, with a time-yellowed label on each. They had been used several times, for on the table were several similar rents in the blanket of dust, similar to that exposed when the Professor lifted them. He turned to me and said:–

10 'You know this place, Jonathan. You have copied maps of it, and you know at least more than we do. Which is the way to the chapel?' I had an idea of its direction, though on my former visit I had not been able to get admission to it; so I led the way, and after a few wrong turnings found myself opposite a low, arched oaken door, ribbed with iron bands. 'This is the spot,' said the Professor as he turned his lamp on a small map of the house, copied from the file of my original correspondence regarding the purchase. With a
15 little trouble we found the key on the bunch and opened the door. We were prepared for some unpleasantness, for as we were opening the door a faint, malodorous air seemed to exhale through the gaps, but none of us ever expected such an odour as we encountered.

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Read the extract printed below. This is from the section of the novel where Dr Seward describes Mina Harker's first meeting with Renfield.

Explore the significance of the character of Renfield in the novel. You should consider:

- the presentation of his character in the extract below and at different points in the novel
- the use of fantasy elements in constructing a fictional world.

[35 marks]

- His method of tidying was peculiar: he simply swallowed all the flies and spiders in the boxes before I could stop him. It was quite evident that he feared, or was jealous of, some interference. When he had got through his disgusting task, he said cheerfully: 'Let the lady come in,' and sat down on the edge of his bed with his head down, but with his eyelids
- 5 raised so that he could see her as she entered. For a moment I thought that he might have some homicidal intent; I remembered how quiet he had been just before he attacked me in my own study, and I took care to stand where I could seize him at once if he attempted to make a spring at her. She came into the room with an easy gracefulness which would at once command the respect of any lunatic – for easiness is one of the qualities mad people
- 10 most respect. She walked over to him, smiling pleasantly, and held out her hand. 'Good evening, Mr Renfield,' said she. 'You see, I know you, for Dr Seward has told me of you.' He made no immediate reply, but eyed her all over intently with a set frown on his face. This look gave way to one of wonder, which merged in doubt; then, to my intense astonishment, he said:–
- 15 'You're not the girl the doctor wanted to marry, are you? You can't be, you know, for she's dead.'

Turn over for the next question

***The Handmaid's Tale* – Margaret Atwood**

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Read the extract printed below. This is from the section of the novel where Offred has recently been partnered with Ofglen.

Explore the significance of Offred's interactions with Ofglen in the novel. You should consider:

- the presentation of their interactions in the extract below and at different points in the novel
- the use of fantasy elements in constructing a fictional world.

[35 marks]

- This one is a little plumper than I am. Her eyes are brown. Her name is Ofglen, and that's about all I know about her. She walks demurely, head down, red-gloved hands clasped in front, with short little steps like a trained pig's on its hind legs. During these walks she has never said anything that was not strictly orthodox, but then, neither have I.
- 5 She may be a real believer, a Handmaid in more than name. I can't take the risk.
- "The war is going well, I hear," she says.
- "Praise be," I reply.
- "We've been sent good weather."
- "Which I receive with joy."
- 10 "They've defeated more of the rebels, since yesterday."
- "Praise be," I say. I don't ask her how she knows. "What were they?"
- "Baptists. They had a stronghold in the Blue Hills. They smoked them out."
- "Praise be."
- 15 Sometimes I wish she would just shut up and let me walk in peace. But I'm ravenous for news, any kind of news; even if it's false news, it must mean something.

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Read the extract printed below. This is from the section of the novel where Offred recalls what happens at a Prayvaganza.

Explore the significance of Gilead's ceremonies in the novel. You should consider:

- the presentation of Gilead's ceremonies in the extract below and at different points in the novel
- the use of fantasy elements in constructing a fictional world.

[35 marks]

The mothers have stood the white-veiled girls in place and have returned to their chairs. There's a little crying going on among them, some mutual patting and hand-holding, the ostentatious use of handkerchiefs. The Commander continues with the service:

5 "I will that women adorn themselves in modest apparel," he says, "with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

"But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

"Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection." Here he looks us over. "All," he repeats.

10 "But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

"For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

"And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

"Notwithstanding she shall be saved by childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety."

15 Saved by childbearing, I think. What did we suppose would save us, in the time before?

"He should tell that to the Wives," Ofglen murmurs, "when they're into the sherry."

She means the part about sobriety. It's safe to talk again, the Commander has finished the main ritual and they're doing the rings, lifting the veils.

Turn over for the next question

The Lovely Bones – Alice Sebold

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Read the extract printed below. This is from the section of the novel where Susie describes one of her earlier experiences in heaven.

Explore the significance of Susie’s heaven in the novel. You should consider:

- the presentation of Susie’s heaven in the extract below and at different points in the novel
- the use of fantasy elements in constructing a fictional world.

[35 marks]

Often I found myself desiring simple things and I would get them. Riches in furry packages. Dogs.

5 Every day in my heaven tiny dogs and big dogs, dogs of every kind, ran through the park outside my room. When I opened the door I saw them fat and happy, skinny and hairy, lean and hairless even. Pitbulls rolled on their backs, the nipples of the females distended and dark, begging for their pups to come and suckle them, happy in the sun. Bassets tripped over their ears, ambling forward, nudging the rumps of dachshunds, the ankles of greyhounds, and the heads of the Pekingese. And when Holly took her tenor sax, set herself up outside the door that looked onto the park, and played the blues, the hounds all ran to form her chorus. On their haunches they sat wailing. Other doors opened then, and women stepped out from where they lived alone or with roommates. I would step outside, Holly would go into an endless encore, the sun going down, and we would dance with the dogs—all of us together. We chased them, they chased us. We circled tail to tail. We wore spotted gowns, flowered gowns, striped gowns, plain. When the moon was high the music would stop. The dancing stopped. We froze.

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Read the extract printed below. This is from the section of the novel where Mr Harvey has just taken a metal safe containing Susie's remains to be disposed of by the Flanagans.

Explore the significance of the character of George Harvey in the novel. You should consider:

- the presentation of his character in the extract below and at different points in the novel
- the use of fantasy elements in constructing a fictional world.

[35 marks]

On the way back to the wagon Mr. Harvey put his hands in his pockets. There was my silver charm bracelet. He couldn't remember taking it off my wrist. Had no memory of thrusting it into the pocket of his clean pants. He fingered it, the fleshy pad of his index finger finding the smooth gold metal of the Pennsylvania keystone, the back of the ballet slipper, the tiny hole of the minuscule thimble, and the spokes of the bicycle with wheels that worked. Down Route 202, he pulled over on the shoulder, ate a liverwurst sandwich he'd prepared earlier that day, then drove to an industrial park they were building south of Downingtown. No one was on the construction lot. In those days there was no security in the suburbs. He parked his car near a Port-o-John. His excuse was prepared in the unlikely event that he needed one.

It was this part of the aftermath that I thought of when I thought of Mr. Harvey—how he wandered the muddy excavations and got lost among the dormant bulldozers, their monstrous bulk frightening in the dark. The sky of the earth was dark blue on the night following my death, and out in this open area Mr. Harvey could see for miles.

Turn over for Section C

Section C**Poetic Voices**

Answer **one** question in this section.

Refer to your AQA Poetic Voices anthology for this section.

John Donne**Either**

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Examine how Donne presents views about the effects of change in 'Elegy 12. His Picture' and **one** other poem of your choice.

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Examine how Donne presents suffering in 'The Triple Fool' and **one** other poem of your choice.

[25 marks]

Robert Browning**Either**

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Examine how Browning presents the speaker's state of mind in 'Johannes Agricola in Meditation' and **one** other poem of your choice.

[25 marks]

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Examine how Browning presents memories of people in 'Cristina' and **one** other poem of your choice.

[25 marks]

Carol Ann Duffy**Either**

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Examine how Duffy presents feelings of regret in 'Mean Time' and **one** other poem of your choice.

[25 marks]**or**

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Examine how Duffy presents views on growing up in 'Litany' and **one** other poem of your choice.

[25 marks]**Seamus Heaney****Either**

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Examine how Heaney presents attitudes towards the Irish landscape in 'Bogland' and **one** other poem of your choice.

[25 marks]**or**

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Examine how Heaney presents views on death in 'Mid-Term Break' and **one** other poem of your choice.

[25 marks]**END OF QUESTIONS**

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