

GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE

Paper 1M Modern prose/drama 8702/1M

Time allowed: 50 minutes

For this paper you must have:

• an AQA 12-page Answer Book.

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INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
 Do NOT use pencil.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The PAPER REFERENCE is 8702/1M.
- Answer ONE question.
- You must NOT use a dictionary.

INFORMATION

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 30.

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Answer ONE question on your chosen text.

JB Priestley: 'An Inspector Calls'

EITHER

0 1

How does Priestley use Gerald to explore ideas about responsibility?

Write about:

- what Gerald says and does
- how Priestley uses Gerald to explore ideas about responsibility.

0 2

How far does Priestley present society as unfair in 'An Inspector Calls'?

Write about:

- what can be seen as unfair in the play
- how far Priestley presents society as unfair.

[30 marks]

Willy Russell: 'Blood Brothers'

OR

0 3

How far does Russell present Mrs
Johnstone as a strong female character
in 'Blood Brothers'?

Write about:

- what Mrs Johnstone says and does
- how far Russell presents Mrs Johnstone as a strong female character.

0 4

How does Russell use the Narrator to comment on society in 'Blood Brothers'?

Write about:

- what the Narrator says
- how Russell uses the Narrator to comment on society.

[30 marks]

Alan Bennett: 'The History Boys'

OR

0 5

How does Bennett present the different ways the boys are influenced by their teachers?

Write about:

- what the boys say and do
- how Bennett presents the different ways the boys are influenced by their teachers.

0 6

How does Bennett use the character of Mrs Lintott to explore ideas about education?

Write about:

- what Mrs Lintott says and does
- how Bennett uses Mrs Lintott to explore ideas about education.

[30 marks]

Dennis Kelly: 'DNA'

OR

0 7

How does Kelly use the character of John Tate to explore ideas about good and bad leaders?

Write about:

- what John Tate says and does
- how Kelly uses John Tate to explore ideas about good and bad leaders.

0 8

"Kelly does not present teenagers as evil; they are just ordinary people caught up in events they cannot control."

How far do you agree with this view of 'DNA'?

Write about:

- one or more of the teenager(s)
- how Kelly presents one or more of the teenager(s).

[30 marks]

Simon Stephens:

'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'

OR

0 9

How does Stephens present Christopher's relationship with his mother?

Write about:

- what Christopher's relationship with his mother is like
- how Stephens presents Christopher's relationship with his mother.

1 0

"Christopher is always looking for order and truth."

How far do you agree with this view of Christopher?

Write about:

- what Christopher says and does
- how Stephens presents Christopher.

[30 marks]

Shelagh Delaney: 'A Taste of Honey'

OR

1 1

How far does Delaney present Jo as a selfish character in 'A Taste of Honey'?

Write about:

- what Jo says and does
- how far Delaney presents Jo as selfish.

1 2

"In 'A Taste of Honey', Delaney presents a bleak and depressing view of society."

How far do you agree with this view of the play?

Write about:

- what society is like in the play
- how far Delaney presents society as bleak and depressing.

[30 marks]

William Golding: 'Lord of the Flies'

OR

1 3

How does Golding present the relationship between Ralph and Piggy?

Write about:

- what the relationship between Ralph and Piggy is like
- how Golding presents the relationship between Ralph and Piggy.

1 4

In Chapter 5 (Beast from Water), Ralph says "the rules are the only thing we've got".

How does Golding explore ideas about rules and order in 'Lord of the Flies'?

Write about:

- what the boys say and do
- how Golding presents ideas about rules and order.

[30 marks]

AQA Anthology: 'Telling Tales'

OR

1 5

How do writers present characters behaving in unexpected ways in 'The Darkness Out There' and in ONE other story from 'Telling Tales'?

Write about:

- the unexpected ways people behave in the TWO stories
- how the writers present characters behaving in unexpected ways.

1 6

How do writers present characters learning about themselves and others in 'Invisible Mass of the Back Row' and in ONE other story in 'Telling Tales'?

Write about:

- what the characters learn about themselves and others in the TWO stories
- how the writers present characters learning about themselves and others.

[30 marks]

George Orwell: 'Animal Farm'

OR

1 7

How far does Orwell present Boxer as a sympathetic character in 'Animal Farm'?

Write about:

- what Boxer says and does
- how far Orwell presents Boxer as a sympathetic character.

1 8

In Chapter 1, Old Major says, "All men are enemies. All animals are comrades".

How does Orwell present Old Major's speech as important to the events of 'Animal Farm'?

Write about:

- the reactions to what Old Major says
- how Orwell presents Old Major's speech as important to the events of 'Animal Farm'.

[30 marks]

Kazuo Ishiguro: 'Never Let Me Go'

OR

1 9

In 'Never Let Me Go', Miss Emily says, "You wouldn't be who you are today if we hadn't protected you".

How far does Ishiguro present Miss Emily as a character who protects the students at Hailsham?

Write about:

- what Miss Emily says and does
- how far Ishiguro presents Miss Emily as a character who protects the students.

2 0

How far does Ishiguro present characters searching for happiness in 'Never Let Me Go'?

Write about:

- what one or more of the character(s) say and do
- how far Ishiguro presents character(s) searching for happiness.

[30 marks]

Meera Syal: 'Anita and Me'

OR

2 1

How does Syal present Meena as a character who learns about herself and others?

Write about:

- what Meena learns about herself and others
- how Syal presents Meena learning about herself and others.

2 2

"Tollington is a strange and even frightening place to grow up in."

How far do you agree with this view of Tollington in 'Anita and Me'?

Write about:

- what Tollington is like
- how Syal presents Tollington.

[30 marks]

Stephen Kelman: 'Pigeon English'

OR

2 3

How far does Kelman present a positive view of teenagers in 'Pigeon English'?

Write about:

- one or more of the teenager(s) in the novel
- how far Kelman presents a positive view of teenager(s).

2 4

How does Kelman present Harrison's experience of change in 'Pigeon English'?

Write about:

- one or more of the change(s) that Harrison experiences
- how Kelman presents Harrison's experience of change.

[30 marks]

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