



General Certificate of Education

**English Language and Literature
5721**

Specification A

NA2M Poetic Study (Modern Texts)

Mark Scheme

2008 examination - June series

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DISTRIBUTION OF ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES AND WEIGHTINGS

The table below is a reminder of which Assessment Objectives will be tested by the questions and the marks available for them.

Unit 2

Assessment Objective	AO1i 25 x 2	AO2i 25 x 2	AO3i 25 x 2
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Marking Procedure

1. Use marking grid to establish which band the candidate's work falls into for each of the assessment objectives. Written comments should be in line with marking grid boundary descriptors.
2. Assessment of each AO is equal. There will, however, be some overlapping of skills displayed across the different AOs.
3. Award 25 marks for each AO. Multiply each by 2 to arrive at a total mark out of 150. Ring mark out of 150 and transfer to front of script.

Note to examiners on question specific mark schemes

Please note that the ideas and points given in each of the question-specific mark schemes are not exhaustive and are only printed to give an idea of some of the points you might see when marking scripts. Do **not** treat them as a checklist. Use them as a referral point with the opportunity to add to them as you continue to mark.

Marking notations for English Language and Literature

Use the guidelines in the Assistant Examiner's Handbook as the basis of your marking, but supplement with these specific notations used across all units of the new specification.

Points that are correct:

√ (tick): to indicate a positive point (but not rhythmical ticks)
straight underline/
vertical line at side: to indicate a good passage

expl: candidate explains
pr: candidate makes personal response

Errors:

BE: basic error
Mistakes: ringed or marked with S
Squiggly underline: for poor / wrong idea
x (cross): to indicate a point is wrong

Marginal annotation:

voc: for a vocabulary point made
gr: for a grammatical point made
style: for a stylistic point made
coh: for a cohesive point made
aud: for a point made about audience
purp: for a point made about purpose
con: context understood, commented upon

pnm: point not made (if idea is not explained)

Unit-specific notations for Unit 2:

eg: for example given
eg? for lack of example given
imag: for a point made about imagery
ph: for a point made about phonology
N: for narrative (usually instead of analysis)
struc: for a point made about structure
rhet: for a point made about rhetorical style
ch: for a point made about character

These points in no way supersede other marginal comments made by examiners. You should seek to make meaningful but economic comments in the margins and, particularly, at the end of the essay to show how your marks have been arrived at.

MARKING GRID FOR AS ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE 5721: NA2M/P

		Communication of knowledge, understanding and insights gained from combined literary and linguistic study; use of appropriate terminology and written accuracy <i>(Knowledge and Terminology)</i> AO1 (25 marks x 2)	Distinction, description and interpretation of variation in meaning and form in literary and non-literary texts <i>(Interpretation)</i> AO2i (25 marks x 2)	Responding to and analysing texts using literary and linguistic approaches and concepts; use of framework(s). <i>(Frameworks)</i> AO3i (25 x 2 marks)
Band 5 (21 – 25)	21 – 25	Confident linguistic/literary knowledge Wholly accurate use of appropriate terminology Conceptualised understanding Technical terms enhance textual response	Sustained intelligent interpretation Sense of overview Illuminating readings of text	Use of framework(s) enhances and illuminates textual analysis Overview shown through framework
Band 4 (16 – 20)	18 – 20	Coherent understanding of distinctive features and patterns Well-sustained argument	Coherent reading with good textual evidence Textual grasp very evident	Coherent analysis through framework(s) Sustained focus
	16 – 17	Range of lit./ling. terms used Some exploratory commentary	Close reading Careful illustration of points using quotation with understanding	Framework(s) highlight reading Describes significant features and patterns

Band 3 (11 – 15)	14 – 15	Clear and accurate Sense of patterns emerging Distinguishes between details	Responds with some confidence Some appreciation of style, structure and form Thoughtful response	Uses a suitable framework(s) Significant features noted Thoughtful selection of material with relevant commentary
	11 – 13	Comments on at least two correctly identified features of language required by the question	Some recognition of implied meaning Illustrated points are made Engagement with task	Framework(s) used List-like but sound Sound focus
Band 2 (6 – 10)	8 – 10	Simple linguistic points made	Basic and generalised Narrative approach Simplistic comments	Simplistic but ordered Limited analysis Attempts to use framework(s)
	6 – 7	Recognises surface features only	Broad response to surface features	Frequent lack of focus
Band 1 (1 – 5)	4 – 5	No lit./ling. insights	Very skimpy reading	No framework(s) used
	1 – 3	Misreadings	No apparent understanding	Complete lack of focus No organisation

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1. How does Thomas present his thoughts and feelings in 'And death shall have no dominion'?

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the biblical tone
- the formal verse structure
- the notion of paradox
- the play on words
- the syntactical patterning
- the phonetic contrasts
- the use of natural imagery
- the religious allusion.

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2. Explore the ways in which Thomas presents his ideas about the cycle of life. You should write about **two** or **three** poems.

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the seasonal contrasts
- the contrast of heat and cold
- the theme of regeneration
- the parallels between human and animal worlds
- the use of alliteration and repetition
- the use of religious imagery
- the intensity of feeling
- the use of personification.

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3. How does Liz Lochhead present her thoughts and feelings in 'Bagpipe Muzak, Glasgow 1990'?

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the mocking regular rhyme
- the contempt for fashion
- the gap between place and its PR
- the parodic relationship to MacNeice's poem
- the use of repetition
- the comic nonsense rhymes
- the satirical tone
- the use of Scottish dialect.

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4. Explore the ways in which an enthusiasm for life is expressed in any **two** or **three** poems in this selection.

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the mixture of surreal and naturalistic description
- the energetic imagery
- the close detail of emotional events
- the intensity of mood
- the description of relationships
- the unusual and unpredictable line breaks
- the use of alliteration
- the use of repetition.

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5. How does Collins present his thoughts and feelings in 'The Death of the Hat'?

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the contrast between the past and present
- the formal order imposed by the wearing of hats
- the movement from general to personal
- the final image of stratification
- the syntactical contrasts
- the different sense of 'hats'
- the chronological structuring
- the use of repetition.

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6. Explore the ways in which Collins conveys ideas about American culture. You should write about **two** or **three** poems.

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the contrast between American and European traditions
- the relative histories of place
- the cinematic point of view
- the gentle humour of American domestic life
- the conversational style of engagement with the reader
- the use of repetition
- the casual tone of the language
- the spirit of exploration.

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7. How does Larkin present his thoughts and feelings in 'Here'?

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the cinematic exploration of landscape
- the close detail
- the movement from intense activity to stillness
- the energy of human life
- the use of phonological effects
- the use of repetition
- the use of compounds
- the single, long sentence + coda.

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8. Explore the ways in which Larkin presents his ideas about the routines and traditions of life in any **two** or **three** poems.

Assessment Objectives tested on this question: **AO1, AO2i, AO3i (25 x 2 marks for each)**

Some possible content/stylistic points candidates may refer to:

- the affectionate close detail of human life
- the sense of distance between writer and event
- the sense of nostalgia for a lost past
- the importance of ritual in social dealings
- the use of listing
- the contrast of colloquial and formal description
- the use of alliteration
- the regularity of the rhyme.

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