GCSE English Language (AQA 8700)

Mark scheme

Introduction

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Paper and question map to Assessment Objectives		
Paper 1	Paper 2	
List four things	Choose four statements	
AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas [4 marks]	AO1: Identify explicit and implicit information [4 marks]	
How does the writer use language to	Write a summary of the way	
AO2: Explain, comment on and analyse how the writer uses language [8 marks]	AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas [8 marks]	
How is the text structured	How does the writer use language to	
AO2: Explain, comment on and analyse how the writer uses structure [8 marks]	AO2: Explain, comment on Analyse language [12 marks]	
To what extent do you agree?	Compare how the writers convey	
AO4: Evaluate texts critically support with appropriate textual references [20 marks]	AO3: Compare ideas, perspectives and methods support with range of references across two or more texts [16 marks]	
Write a description or part of story	Write a non-fiction text expessing own views	
AO5: Communicate clearly and imaginatively Organise information and ideas using structural and grammatical features [24 marks] AO6: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect with accurate spelling and punctuation [16 marks]	AO5: Communicate clearly and imaginatively Organise information and ideas using structural and grammatical features [24 marks] AO6: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect with accurate spelling and punctuation	
	Paper 1 List four things A01: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas [4 marks] How does the writer use language to A02: Explain, comment on and analyse how the writer uses language [8 marks] How is the text structured A02: Explain, comment on and analyse how the writer uses structure [8 marks] To what extent do you agree? A04: Evaluate texts critically support with appropriate textual references [20 marks] Write a description or part of story A05: Communicate clearly and imaginatively Organise information and ideas using structural and grammatical features [24 marks] A06: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect with accurate spelling and punctuation	

	Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing
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	Section A
Question 01	A01
4	The skills being tested on this question are:
marks total	Being able to identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas
	Assessment in this question will focus on:
	Identify and interpret
	Explicit and implicit information and ideas
Students may	include some of the following or other valid responses
clearly visible	in the text:
 Father dead 	
 Arms half rais 	sed

- Legs slightly bent
- Frozen
- Found on lake/ice
- Dogs waiting

Question 02	A02	A02 Indicative content
8 marks total	The skills being tested on this question are: • Being able to explain, comment on and analyse the impact of language and structure on the reader • Being able to use a range of detail from the texts to support analysis • Being able to use subject terminology effectively to analyse the impact of language and structure Assessment of language in this question will focus on: • words / phrases / sentence forms • language features / language techniques	The student may explore the effect of ideas such as: • cliché – they say dead men specific reference to own dead father and universal comment on dead / living / establishes genre • change in tenses: was grey / still clung / waiting for / creates dramatic effect • use of prepositions / adverbs / conjunctions: despite / already / and yet, to qualify and add detail to main sentence • vagueness adds to suspense by using adverbs: maybe • precise details '21 degrees below' • use of compound sentences sounds like a typical story: stared and stared and start talking • descriptions of climate / weather/ use of senses • disturbing description of father and rigor mortis creates further suspense – why is he in this position? • juxtaposition of hot / cold, inside / outside, living / dead • mirroring / parallel experiences as Sig is frozen like father
Level 1	Has the student been able to: • Make simple comment on the effect of language on the reader? • Pick out simple evidence from the text to support ideas?	
		ology, even if not consistently appropriate?
Level 2	 Has the student been able to: Make some comment on how the writer has used language and begin to write about the effect on the reader? Use some appropriate textual references? Use some subject terminology accurately? 	
Level 3	Has the student been able to: Make relevant and clear explanation reader? Use a range of relevant evidence use subject terminology accurate.	
Level 4	 Has the student been able to: Make detailed and perceptive an impact on the reader? Use a range of precisely chosen Use terminology in a sophisticate 	

Question 03	A02	A02 Indicative content
8 marks total	The skills being tested on this question are: • Being able to explain, comment on and analyse the impact of language and structure on the reader • Being able to use a range of detail from the texts to support analysis • Being able to use subject terminology effectively to analyse the impact of language and structure Assessment in this question will focus on how the text is structured at: • sentence level • paragraph level • whole text level Assessment of language in this question will focus on: • words / phrases / sentence forms • language features / language techniques	 The student may show understanding of some of the effect of ideas such as: the use of short chapter 1 to establish the scene, introduce characters, create problems to be resolved and genre the use of cliché to involve reader – timeless / universal comments time shifts dusk / night – time lapse is short and adds to suspense repetition 'if' sets up son's feelings of regret and use of questions – direct address to reader further examples: breath / breathing, their / their / shadows / darkness simple sentence 'Sig waited' – adds dramatic effect and shifts perspectives when combined with compound sentences, and adverbs 'perhaps, perhaps' the use of juxtaposition of time / location use of flashback – informs reader of complex family dynamics and Sig's position as 'outsider' time devices for cohesion 'finally' creating a sense of poverty and claustrophobia in detailed description of the small cramped cabin: the entrance hall, the larder room and the hall dramatic contrasts between the world inside the cabin and 'the wide and empty cold of the North' with a detailed list (lake, forest, mountains) creates sense of Sig's vulnerability, being at risk
Level 1	Has the student been able to: • Make simple comments on structure and begin to write about effect on the reader? • Find some simple examples from the text? • Use mostly simple subject terminology even if not consistently appropriately?	
Level 2	Has the student been able to: • Make some comment on structure and write about effects on the reader? • Find some appropriate detail? • Use some appropriate subject terminology?	
Level 3 ● ● ● ○ 5–6 marks	 Has the student been able to: Make clear and relevant explanation of structure and write about effects on the reader? Use appropriate and relevant references from both texts to support ideas? Show clear differences / similarities between texts? 	
Level 4	Has the student been able to: • Make detailed and perceptive analyses of structure and write about effects on the reader? • Use a range of precisely chosen references from the text? • Use terminology in a sophisticated and accurate way?	

Question 04	A02	A02 Indicative content
20 marks total	The skills being tested on this question are: • Being able to evaluate texts critically • Detailed comment on the effect of language on the reader • Being able support the evaluation with appropriate textual references Assessment in this question will focus on: • student's own response to Sig and effects on the reader • the writer's methods • developing a critical response to the statement	 The student may evaluate ideas such as: mature themes of death and death of a parent effects of this death spell on Sig / being frozen alone in the cabin / his guilty feelings (what if) what we understand about Sig and his family flashback – what this tells us about Sig's family and why he sleeps alone in small cupboard Sig's dilemma – what should / can he do if he is alone in the wilderness? what else could the shadows / darkness foreshadow? Are there other threats? why would his father need a Colt gun? And why not use it? How does it link to the title of the novel? Is there a clear message / moral to the story? Why is Sig waiting for a sign? linguistic choices linked to descriptions; inside / outside both threatening / sinister
Level 1	 Has the student been able to: Make simple comment that evaluates the impact on the reader? Show a simple understanding of writer's chosen techniques? Use limited references to text? Demonstrate a limited and simple response to the statement offered? 	
Level 2 ● ● ○ ○ 6–10 marks	Has the student been able to: • Make some comment that evaluates the impact on the reader? • Show some understanding of the writer's chosen techniques? • Use some appropriate references from the text? • Demonstrate some response to the statement?	
Level 3 ● ● ● ○ 11–15 marks	 Has the student been able to: Make clear evaluative responses to the impact on the reader? Show clear understanding of the writer's chosen techniques? Use a relevant range of references from the text? Demonstrate a clear response to the statement? 	
Level 4		

	Section B
Question 05	AO5 Content and organisation
24 marks	The skills being tested on this question are:
	 Content Being able to write clearly, effectively and imaginatively Being able to select and adapt tone, style and register Being able to use various <i>linguistic</i> devices to interest the reader Being able to write appropriately for the given form, purpose and audience Organisation
	 Being able to structure writing effectively, using paragraphs coherently Being able to link and develop ideas Being able to use vocabulary effectively
Level 1	 Has the student been able to: Simply adapt writing style for the chosen audience and register? Make simple adaptations of writing for the chosen purpose? Use simple linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing interesting? Start to organise work using a limited range of structural devices? Use a couple of ideas and show limited connections between the two? Show limited success using paragraphs?
Level 2	 Has the student been able to: Show some adaptations to written style for the chosen audience and register? Make some adaptation of writing for the chosen purpose? Make explicit selection of linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing engaging? Make some attempt to organise work using a range of structural devices? Use a range of relevant ideas and show some connection between them? Show some success using paragraphing?
Level 3	 Has the student been able to: Show consistent adaptations to written style for the chosen audience and register? Make consistent adaptations of writing for the chosen purpose? Make clear selection of linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing engaging? Show writing is clearly organised and consistently using a range of structural devices? Consistently use a range of relevant ideas and show clear connections between them? Show coherent and effective use of paragraphing?
Level 4	 Has the student been able to: Show convincing adaptations to written style for the chosen audience and register? Make convincing adaptations of writing for the chosen purpose? Make convincing selection of linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing compelling? Show writing is very well organised and consistently using a range of structural devices? Consistently use a range of complex ideas and show coherent connections between them? Show consistent and highly effective use of paragraphing?

Question 05	AO6 Technical accuracy
16 marks	Students should: Use a range of vocabulary Use a range of sentence structures Show clarity, purpose and effect in their writing Use accurate spelling Use accurate punctuation
Level 0 No marks	Spelling, punctuation, etc. are sufficiently poor to prevent understanding or meaning
Level 1	 Occasional use of sentence demarcation Some evidence of conscious punctuation Simple range of sentence forms Occasional use of Standard English with limited control of agreement Accurate basic spelling Simple use of vocabulary
Level 2 ● ● ○ ○ 5–8 marks	 Sentence demarcation is mostly secure and sometimes accurate Some control of a range of punctuation Attempts a variety of sentence forms Some use of Standard English with some control of agreement Some accurate spelling of more complex words Varied use of vocabulary
Level 3 ● ● ● ○ 9–12 marks	 Sentence demarcation is mostly secure and mostly accurate Range of punctuation is used, mostly with success Uses a variety of sentence forms for effect Mostly uses Standard English appropriately with mostly controlled grammatical structures Generally accurate spelling, including complex and irregular words Increasingly sophisticated use of vocabulary
Level 4	 Sentence demarcation is consistently secure and consistently accurate Wide range of punctuation is used with a high level of accuracy Uses a full range of appropriate sentence forms for effect Uses Standard English consistently and appropriately with secure control of complex grammatical structures High level of accuracy in spelling, including ambitious vocabulary Extensive and ambitious use of vocabulary

Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives			
	Section A		
Question 01	Question 01 A01		
4 marks total	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	Assessment in this question will focus on: Identify Explicit and implicit information		
A The man ha	d boasted three or four times that he would attack Nicholas. TRUE		
B Nicholas de	B Nicholas decided to confront the man when he threatened a member of his family. TRUE		
C Nicholas waited for a month before he confronted the man. FALSE			
D Nicholas ha	D Nicholas had run away from the man when he had first made the threats. TRUE		
E Nicholas felt very sad when the man threatened him and his family. FALSE			
F Nicholas waited for the man in his office. FALSE			
G Nicholas had planned what he was going to do very carefully. FALSE			
H Nicholas fee	H Nicholas feels that the instinct to survive is very strong. TRUE		

Question 02	A01	A01 Indicative content
8 marks total	The skills being tested on this question are: • Being able to interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas • Select and synthesise evidence from different texts	 The student may explore the effect of ideas such as: Violence affecting the community in Source B is organised; the violence in Source A is a reaction to a threat on one man's family Instinct for survival can take over and retaliation because of fear is the cause of the violence in Source A, whereas in Source B the community seems powerless against the hooligans Nicholas Garland in Source A is disturbed by how he changed when becoming violent; the gangs in Source B are not concerned by their behaviour
Level 1	Has the student been able to: • Paraphrase ideas simply rather than show inference? • Use simple references to one or both texts? • Show simple differences between the texts?	
Level 2 ● ● ○ ○ 3–4 marks	Has the student been able to: • Make some inferences from one or both of the texts? • Find some relevant detail from one or both of the texts to support their ideas? • Show some of the differences between the texts?	
Level 3 ● ● ● ○ 5–6 marks	 Has the student been able to: Make clear inferences from both Use appropriate and relevant refe Show clear differences between 	erences from both texts to support ideas?
Level 4	Has the student been able to: • Make perceptive inferences from • Use details from both texts effect • Write perceptively about the differences	tively to support ideas?

Question 03	A02	A02 Indicative content
12 marks total	The skills being tested on this question are: • Being able to explain, comment on and analyse the impact of the language used by the writer • Being able to use a range of detail from the texts to support analysis • Being able to use subject terminology effectively to analyse the impact of language Assessment of language in this question will focus on: • words/phrases/sentence forms • language techniques	The student may explore the effect of ideas such as: • violence and behaviour of the gang is described as a 'weed' which cannot be stamped out but grows again – showing how attempts to stop it have failed • listing of intimidation lines 38–42 • description of the men as 'ruffians' and 'beasts' • use of references to time to show how bad the problem has become – 'I've been here 13 years' and lines 45–46 • account from the shopkeeper, lines 28–33, showing the personal impact • powerlessness of the police – lines 32–33 and 34–35
Level 1	Has the student been able to: • Make simple comments on the effect of language on the reader? • Pick out simple evidence from the text to support ideas? • Use some simple subject terminology, even if not consistently appropriately?	
Level 2	 Has the student been able to: Make some comments on how the about the effect on the reader? Use some appropriate textual reformation. Use some subject terminology and 	
Level 3 ● ● ● ○ 7–9 marks	Has the student been able to: Make relevant and clear explanative reader? Use a range of relevant evidence Use subject terminology accurate.	
Level 4	 Has the student been able to: Make detailed and perceptive an impact on the reader? Use a range of precisely chosen Use terminology in a sophisticate 	

Question 04	A03	A03 Indicative content
16 marks total	The skills being tested on this question are: • Being able to compare the ideas and perspectives in the two texts • Being able to compare the methods the writers use to express their ideas and perspectives • Being able to support a response with a range of references from both texts • Being able to show understanding of the ideas and perspectives in both texts	 The student may explore the effect of ideas such as: Content the impact on a community and the impact on an individual the regret of Nicholas Garland in Source A after the attack and the way the gangs in Source B seem to be 'in charge' and not concerned about their behaviour the change in perspective in Source A – Garland's description of what he has become and his friend's comment at the end of the piece Methods descriptive language to create a sense of the impact on the community in Source B and internally on Garland in Source A the way changes are described to the community in Source B and the individual in Source A as a result of violence first person in Source A – helps us to share Garland's experience and 3rd person in Source B – reporting on impact of a wider group of people
Level 1	Has the student been able to: • Make simple cross-references of the ideas and perspectives in one or both texts? • Identify writers' methods? • Make simple references to one or both texts?	
Level 2	 Show simple awareness of ideas and / or perspectives? Has the student been able to: Attempt to compare ideas and perspectives? Make some comments on how writers' methods are used? Use some appropriate textual references from one or both texts? Identify some different ideas and perspectives? 	
Level 3 ● ● ● ○ 9–12 marks	 Has the student been able to: Clearly compare relevant ideas and perspectives in both texts? Explain clearly how the writers have used different methods? Clear understanding of different ideas and perspectives in both texts Use relevant evidence from both texts to support ideas? 	
Level 4	_	•

	Section B
Question 05	AO5 Content and organisation
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	 Content Being able to write clearly, effectively and imaginatively Being able to select and adapt tone, style and register Being able to use various linguistic devices to interest the reader Being able to write appropriately for the given form, purpose and audience Organisation
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Level 1	Has the student been able to:
●000	 Simply adapt writing style for the chosen audience and register? Make simple adaptations of writing for the chosen purpose?
1-6 marks	 Use simple linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing interesting? Started to organise work using a limited range of structural devices? Use a couple of ideas and show limited connections between the two? Show a limited success using paragraphs?
Level 2	 Has the student been able to: Show some adaptations to written style for the chosen audience and register? Make some adaptation of writing for the chosen purpose? Make explicit selection of linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing engaging? Make some attempt to organise work using a range of structural devices? Use a range of relevant ideas and show some connection between them? Show some success using paragraphing?
Level 3 ● ● ● ○	 Has the student been able to: Show consistent adaptations to written style for the chosen audience and register? Make consistent adaptations of writing for the chosen purpose?
13–18 marks	 Make clear selection of linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing engaging? Show writing is clearly organised and consistently using a range of structural devices?
	 Consistently use a range of relevant ideas and show clear connections between them? Show coherent and effective use of paragraphing?
Level 4	Has the student been able to: • Show convincing adaptations to written style for the chosen audience and register? • Make convincing adaptations of writing for the chosen purpose?
19–24 marks	 Make convincing selection of linguistic devices and vocabulary to make writing compelling? Show writing is very well organised and consistently using a range of structural devices? Consistently use a range of complex ideas and show coherent connections between
	them? • Show consistent and highly effective use of paragraphing?

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