



English Literature

General Certificate of Secondary Education

Unit A663/01: Prose from Different Cultures (Foundation Tier)

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INTRODUCTION

Your first task as an Examiner is to become thoroughly familiar with the material on which the examination depends. This material includes:

the specification, especially the assessment objectives; the question paper and its rubrics; the texts which candidates have studied; the mark scheme.

You should ensure that you have copies of these materials.

You should ensure also that you are familiar with the administrative procedures related to the marking process. These are set out in the OCR booklet **Instructions for Examiners**. If you are examining for the first time, please read carefully **Appendix 5 Introduction to Script Marking: Notes for New Examiners**.

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ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

Candidates are expected to demonstrate the following in the context of the content described:

AO1	Respond to texts critically and imaginatively; select and evaluate relevant textual detail to illustrate and support interpretations.
AO2	Explain how language, structure and form contribute to writers' presentation of ideas, themes and settings.
AO3	Make comparisons and explain links between texts, evaluating writers' different ways of expressing meaning and achieving effects.
AO4	Relate texts to their social, cultural and historical contexts; explain how texts have been influential and significant to self and other readers in different contexts and at different times.

WEIGHTING OF ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

The relationship between the units and the assessment objectives of the scheme of assessment is shown in the following grid:

Unit	% of GCSE			Total	
	AO1	AO2	AO3	AO4	
Unit A661: <i>Literary Heritage Linked Texts</i>	10	-	15	-	25
Unit A662: Modern Drama	12.5	12.5	-	-	25
Unit A663: <i>Prose from Different Cultures</i>	-	10	-	15	25
Unit A664: Literary Heritage Prose and Contemporary Poetry	12.5	12.5	-	-	25
Total	35	35	15	15	100

USING THE MARK SCHEME

Please study this Mark Scheme carefully. The Mark Scheme is an integral part of the process that begins with the setting of the question paper and ends with the awarding of grades. Question papers and Mark Schemes are developed in association with each other so that issues of differentiation and positive achievement can be addressed from the very start.

This Mark Scheme is a working document; it is not exhaustive; it does not provide 'correct' answers. The Mark Scheme can only provide 'best guesses' about how the question will work out, and it is subject to revision after we have looked at a wide range of scripts.

The Examiners' Standardisation Meeting will ensure that the Mark Scheme covers the range of candidates' responses to the questions, and that all Examiners understand and apply the Mark Scheme in the same way. The Mark Scheme will be discussed and amended at the meeting, and administrative procedures will be confirmed. Co-ordination scripts will be issued at the meeting to exemplify aspects of candidates' responses and achievements; the co-ordination scripts then become part of this Mark Scheme.

Before the Standardisation Meeting, you should read and mark in pencil a number of scripts, in order to gain an impression of the range of responses and achievement that may be expected.

In your marking, you will encounter valid responses which are not covered by the Mark Scheme: these responses must be credited. You will encounter answers which fall outside the 'target range' of Bands for the paper which you are marking – for example, above Band 4 on a Foundation Tier paper or below Band 5 on a Higher Tier paper. Please mark these answers according to the marking criteria.

Please read carefully all the scripts in your allocation and make every effort to look positively for achievement throughout the ability range. Always be prepared to use the full range of marks.

INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR EXAMINERS

- 1 The co-ordination scripts provide you with *examples* of the standard of each band. The marks awarded for these scripts will have been agreed by the Team Leaders and will be discussed fully at the Examiners' Co-ordination Meeting.
- 2 The specific task-related notes on each question will help you to understand how the band descriptors may be applied. However, these comments do not constitute the mark scheme. They are some thoughts on what was in the setter's mind when the question was formulated. It is hoped that candidates will respond to questions in a variety of ways and will give original and at times unexpected interpretations of texts. Rigid demands for 'what must be a good answer' would lead to a distorted assessment.
- 3 Candidates' answers must be relevant to the question. Beware of prepared answers that do not show the candidate's thought and which have not been adapted to the thrust of the question. Beware also of answers where candidates attempt to reproduce interpretations and concepts that they have been taught but have only partially understood.
- 4 Candidates' answers should demonstrate knowledge of their chosen texts. This knowledge will be shown in the range and detail of their references to the text. Re-telling sections of the text without commentary is of little or no value.

INSTRUCTIONS TO EXAMINERS:

A INDIVIDUAL ANSWERS

- 1 The NOTES ON THE TASK indicate the expected parameters for candidates' answers, but be prepared to recognise and credit unexpected approaches where they show relevance.
- 2 Using 'best-fit', decide first which BAND DESCRIPTOR best describes the overall quality of the answer. There are seven marks at each band.
 - **Highest mark**: If clear evidence of the qualities in the band descriptor is shown, the HIGHEST Mark should be awarded.
 - Lowest mark: If the answer shows the candidate to be borderline (ie they have achieved all the qualities of the bands below and show limited evidence of meeting the criteria of the band in question) the LOWEST mark should be awarded.
 - **Middle mark**: This mark should be used for candidates who are secure in the band. They are not 'borderline' but they have only achieved some of the qualities in the band descriptor.
 - further refinement can be made by using the intervening marks.
- **3** Be prepared to use the full range of marks. Do not reserve (eg) high Band 3 marks 'in case' something turns up of a quality you have not yet seen. If an answer gives clear evidence of the qualities described in a band descriptor, reward appropriately.

B TOTAL MARKS

- 1 Transfer the mark awarded to the front of the script.
- 2 FOUNDATION TIER: The maximum mark for the paper is 27.
- **3** Quality of Written Communication is assessed in this paper. Candidates are expected to:
 - ensure that text is legible and that spelling, punctuation and grammar are accurate so that meaning is clear;
 - present information in a form that suits its purpose;
 - use a suitable structure and style of writing.

A663F: Prose from Different Cultures Foundation Tier Band Descriptors

		Answers w	ill demonstrate:	
Band	Marks	AO4 ***	AO2 **	QWC
3	27-21	some attempt to explore and explain links between texts and their contexts and/or the significance of texts to their readers	good overall understanding that writers' choices of language, structure and form contribute to meaning/effect	 text is legible spelling, punctuation and grammar are mainly assured meaning is clearly communicated
4	20-14	some understanding of links between texts and their contexts and/or the significance of texts to their readers	understanding of some features of language, structure and/or form	 text is legible some errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar meaning is clearly communicated for most of the answer
5	13-7	some straightforward comments on links between texts and their contexts and/or the significance of texts to their readers	a little response to features of language, structure and/or form	 text is mostly legible frequent errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar communication of meaning is sometimes hindered
6	6-1	a few comments showing a little awareness of context- related issues	a few comments showing a little awareness of language, structure and/or form	 text is often illegible multiple errors in spelling, punctuation and grammar communication of meaning is seriously
	0	response not worthy of credit	response not worthy of credit	

Text:	JOHN STEINBECK: Of Mice and Men
Question 1(a):	Chapter 4: Crooks stood up from his bunk toand some stamped their
	feet.
	What do you think makes this such a powerful moment in the novel?
	You should consider:
	 how Curley's wife reacts to what Crooks says
	how the men react to her
	 the words and phrases Steinbeck uses.
	The most straightforward bullet to handle is the first, and many candidates will
2	Curley's wife's cruelty by explaining the nature of her threat and quoting her
	e. To achieve band 4 (AO2) answers will need to show awareness of the
effects of Steinbeck's	s choice of words, which involves successful use of quotation to illustrate
points made. The wa	ay Crooks deflates so quickly when Curley's wife laughs at his threats and
substitutes much mo	pre potent ones of her own, shows that she has all the power in this situation.
Effective answers ma	ay well explain why that should be: Curley's wife may be female, and of less
consequence becau	se of it, but Crooks is black and Candy is old and crippled and so both are
firmly placed at the f	act of the easiel biorarchy. In particular, the way the justice evotem tanded to

firmly placed at the foot of the social hierarchy. In particular, the way the justice system tended to operate in relation to black men accused of interfering with white women is relevant here, and reference to that will demonstrate understanding of social context (AO4). It is hoped that candidates will show sympathy for Crooks here – his treatment is particularly brutal, especially as we know he is a proud man. Answers that offer some empathy for Curley's wife based on her frustration and loneliness should be rewarded.

Text:	JOHN STEINBECK: Of Mice and Men	
Question 1(b):	What makes the ending of the novel so moving?	
	Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel.	
	Foundation Tier answers we should expect an element of narrative and	
	ead the question as an invitation to write about the events leading up to	
	cament. However, this is only marginally relevant and more credit can be	
•	n of why George decides it is better for Lennie to die, taking into account the	
	d the harsh way situations tend to be resolved in these parts (cf. the killing	
	answers will make reference to the way George distracts Lennie with a final	
description of their 'little place', and the religious symbolism attaching to it may be explored by		
more able candidates. Effective responses may well focus as much if not more on George than on		
Lennie, describing his courage and determination, and his sensitivity in orchestrating events so		
	tly and happily unaware of what is happening. Pointed reference to the anti-	
climactic comments of	Slim and Carlson at the end should also be well rewarded.	

Text:	HARPER LEE: To Kill a Mockingbird
Question 2(a):	Chapter 10: <i>Tim Johnson was advancing at a snail's pace…</i> to … <i>He didn't know what hit him.</i>
	What makes this such a tense and exciting moment in the novel?
	You should consider:
	the description of Tim Johnson's behaviour
	 how Calpurnia, Mr Tate and the children react to the situation the way Atticus behaves.
everyone, with the Tate provides cle hesitation over the threw the rifle at A words about Attice dog also provides deserted streets; confrontation (it's movement, aimin Noon': 'With move writing here is also there is even a re	sk: The rabid dog represents a formidable threat to the community and e partial exception of Atticus, demonstrates this in their words and deeds. Heck ar evidence: in his words to Jem: 'he hasn't got started yet'; also in his e shot, and his increasing desperation for Atticus to take over: 'Mr Tate almost Atticus'. Then there is Calpurnia's behaviour in protecting the children and her cus: 'Sweet Jesus help him'. The strange and rather sinister behaviour of the s tension. Abler candidates may refer to the Western flavour of the scene: the the febrile atmosphere with people cowering behind screen doors; the interesting that the dog has a human name). Atticus's swift and fluid g and firing almost at the same time, is very reminiscent of 'Shane' or 'High ements so swift they seemed simultaneous'. The cinematic influence in Lee's so seen in the tense dialogue, and the quick cutting from character to character; efference to time slowing down. Answers that manage some analysis of the itement in the writing, more than a straightforward narrative account of the

Text:	HARPER LEE: To Kill a Mockingbird
Question 2(b):	What are your feelings about Boo Radley and the way he is treated in the novel?
	Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel.
	: There is a straightforward opportunity here to describe the children's
responses which m censured is debata illustrate his genera treated by his father psychological pres cementing up of th well as the children appearance at the and his timidity are walls. Scout never	s a scary character from a fairy tale or a Gothic novel, as well as his hark him out to be anything but. How much the children's actions should be able, since Boo obviously enjoys their antics, and the gifts he gives them osity, creativity and sense of humour. We learn how harshly he had been er, and by his brother. We can only speculate about what coercion and sure he suffered to keep him shut away, but we get a flavour of it in the e hole in the tree – a callous act. Boo is an object of curiosity for the reader as n and he becomes a hero when he saves the children's lives. His sudden end is very moving: his pallor, the result of so much time spent shut away, e vividly illustrated. It is sad but inevitable that he disappears back behind his sees him again and his story leaves us with a strong sense of a blighted life. warded to answers that use the clues we are given to the real Arthur Radley to ympathy for him.

	MEERA SYAL: Anita and Me	
Question 3(a):	Chapter 1: We reached Mr Ormerod's shop towhat I had done to deserve it.	
	What are your impressions of Anita and the effect she has on Meena in this extract?	
	You should consider:	
	 what Anita says and does 	
	how Meena reacts	
	 the words and phrases Syal uses. 	
	nita puts on a show for Meena; the sauntering walk, the whispering, the	
	d to demonstrate her power and sophistication. Anita has her 'cohorts'	
	γ-like control over the others) while Meena is on her own. They are	
	'over-large uniform, customised with badges and cropped-off ties', while	
0	confection that makes her look like a 'bad-tempered doily.' The contrast is	
	mour of the simile – most contemporary adolescents won't be hugely	
	pt of the 'doily' so any effective comment here should be rewarded. Meena	
is fascinated by the girls' brashness, their arm-linking, their raucous laughter, but Anita is at the		
centre of it, orchestrating the performance – she freezes their smiles with one look. Higher band		
3	er closely to some of the descriptions of Meena's reactions: expressions	
5	ned', 'my heart unaccountably flipping like a fish', 'I shot Anita a haunted	
	ht and my throat began to ache' provide good opportunities to address the	
third bullet point.		

	MEERA SYAL: Anita and Me	
Question 3(b):	What do you find to admire about any TWO of the following characters?	
	Uncle Alan; Mrs Worrall; Hairy Neddy; Mr Ormerod	
	Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel.	
Notes on the task: All	of these characters show obvious kindness and consideration for others,	
though, because they a	Il weave in and out of the story as part of Tollington's colourful social	
framework, candidates	will need to know the novel well to locate a good selection of illustrative	
material. Uncle Alan's r	ow with the minister at the fete about the use of the money, Hairy	
Neddy's support for Sa	lly at her stall, Mrs Worrall's devoted care for her husband and Mr	
Ormerod's reaction to N	Neena accusing him of cheating Nanima, are among the key examples	
but there are other scer	nes which could be cited to good effect, including Hairy Neddy's actions	
when the dog is run over	er and Mr Ormerod's softly softly response to the stealing of the charity	
tin. Mrs Worrall is likeal	ble for her kindness towards Meena and there is a warmth and	
tenderness in the scene where she teaches Meena to make tarts, and in her meticulous and		
	to her husband. Candidates who range widely around the text should be	
well rewarded.	5 ,	

	AMY TAN: The Joy Luck Club
Question 4(a):	Chapter 10: I couldn't save Rich in the kitchen. tomy mother's horrified eyes.
	What do you think makes this such an entertaining moment in the novel?
	You should consider:
	the way Rich behaves
	how the others react
	the words and phrases Tan uses.
Notes on the task: Rid	ch makes a series of unwitting blunders at the dinner table: he brings wine
and drinks too much of	f it; he takes too much food at times and not enough at others, heaping his ng back for seconds and thirds; he pours soy sauce on his plate swamping

and drinks too much of it; he takes too much food at times and not enough at others, heaping his plate rather than coming back for seconds and thirds; he pours soy sauce on his plate swamping the flavour, appearing to agree with Lindo that the food lacks salt when she is only indulging in a ritualistic exercise in false modesty. The scene really points up the contrast in Chinese and American mealtime conventions and Rick's obliviousness to his faux pas adds a layer of ironic humour to the description. Foundation Tier candidates may not see the irony but they should be alert to the broader comedy of the chopstick problems and Lindo's 'horrified' reaction to Rick lathering his plate with 'salty black stuff'. Shoshana 'shrieking with laughter' at the chicken landing in his lap, adds more broad humour. Effective answers may also refer to Waverly's position, the one caught in the middle, with one foot in each culture. Any quotes that focus on Rick's blunders, (the chopsticks, and the soy sauce) or contrast his approach with, for example, Waverly's father, will gain credit.

	AMY TAN: The Joy Luck Club
Question 4(b):	What do you find to pity and admire in the character of An-mei's mother, the fourth wife of Wu Tsing?
	Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel.
Notes on the task: There is plenty of material available to the candidates here. An-mei's	

Notes on the task: There is plenty of material available to the candidates here. An-met's mother's life is recounted in some detail in chapters 2 and 13, and it is full of dramatic and tragic events. It is easy to argue for pity, which is where the focus of most answers will fall, but there is also much to admire in her dignity, and fortitude. Though she is reviled by her family she never speaks up about having been raped by Wu Tsing; she is forced to abandon her children when she goes to live in his house (she has nowhere else to go) and, on top of all that, she has to give up her child by Wu Tsing to her more powerful rival, second wife. She is cursed by her sister-in-law, slapped by her brother and yet, though she is disowned by her mother, she returns when Popo is on her deathbed to pay her respects and even cuts a chunk of flesh from her own arm to add to a medicine she is concocting. The fable of the turtle's tears is her way of teaching An-mei to bear her suffering with dignity, to deny to others the pleasure of their victories; she, herself, has only one weapon – Wu Tsing's superstition – which she exploits for her daughter's benefit by sacrificing her life. From this brave act, An-mei learns to fight and her daughter, Rose, does too – against her bullying husband – so maybe something positive does come out of Rose's grandmother's unhappy life.

	RODDY DOYLE: Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha
Question 5(a):	<i>I never got the chance</i> to the end of the novel.
	What do you think makes this such a powerful and moving ending to the novel?
	You should consider:
	 what Paddy's parents say and do
	 what Paddy says and does
	the rhyme the kids chant.
Notes on the task	There is a fair amount of action in the extract which candidates can gainfully.

Notes on the task: There is a fair amount of action in the extract which candidates can gainfully recount: the incident in the kitchen and the broad clues as to what has just happened ('He unmade his fist'); the manner of his father's leaving; the detail of the football match on television; the chant and Paddy's reaction to it; the Christmas visit. There is a paragraph which describes Paddy's first response to him leaving, at first as a powerful physical reaction ('a pain in my chest and I could hear my heart pumping the blood to the rest of me'.); and then in the more detached way that is typical of Paddy ('I was supposed to cry. I thought I was. I sobbed once and that was all'). The tiny details: the door opening and closing; the lack of a jacket; the red face; the cold, dry hand, all expressed in tiny sentences, suggest how the occasion affected Paddy, happening in slow motion, becoming etched into his memory. Reference to the contrast between da's former relationship with Paddy and the stiff formality of his Christmas visit, indicating how family relations have disintegrated, should be well rewarded. The chant reminds us of Paddy's old life; his response to it shows us how much has changed.

	RODDY DOYLE: Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha							
Question 5(b):	What impression do you get of the way the relationship between Paddy							
	and Sinbad changes in the course of the novel?							
	Remember to support your ideas with details from the novel.							
Notes on the task: Periodically throughout the novel Paddy is unkind to Sinbad: he leaves him								
in a hedge; he scorches his lips with lighter fuel; he flicks soap in his eyes; he locks him in a								
suitcase; he pushes his face in the gas; he gives him umpteen dead legs. He tries to get him into								
	by a mixture of physical and psychological threat to do things he would							
	o young, in the earlier chapters at least, to have any means of self-							
protection and he cries a lot. He is nothing if not resilient, however, and endures the difficulties								
	o far down the pecking order. Later, Paddy starts to want to make							
common cause with his brother, because of the anxiety bred in him by his parents' troubles, but								
Sinbad won't cooperate; just because Paddy realises he loves him, doesn't mean that years of								
persecution will be forgotten. As Paddy becomes more needy, the balance of power in their								
	hange (it is Paddy who wants the light left on at night), though he still							
returns to acts of casual cruelty when Sinbad fails to show the expected degree of gratitude.								
Effective answers will focus on illustrating how his growing perception of his parents' difficulties								
leads to a complete cha	ange in Paddy's feelings towards Sinbad.							

	ATHOL FUGARD: Tsotsi					
Question 6(a):	Chapter 9: They were given no time to bring money man.					
	What makes this such a horrifying moment in the novel?					
	You should consider:					
	the actions of the police					
	 the reactions of the people in the streets and in the room 					
	the words and phrases Fugard uses.					
Notes on the task:	Notes on the task: Most candidates will be able to paraphrase the events here, explain what the					
police are doing, and describe the way they treat the people in the street and in the houses:						
smashing down the doors and dragging newly wakened families out of bed and straight out to						
the waiting vans. Band four answers should be able to address the last bullet point and make						
some response to the descriptive detail and the language. They may refer to some of the						
following elements. The people are treated like animals being rounded up, and their fear,						
confusion and panic are vividly described. The word 'herded' makes the analogy explicit and the						
description of them being bundled into vans reminds us of cattle being taken for slaughter or						
perhaps the Nazi persecution of the Jews. The third paragraph is full of violent images, mostly						
describing sounds; the raucous presence of the vans, 'roaring', 'grinding', 'revving', is contrasted						
with the description of the people and their 'desperate and surreptitious movement' as they						
'scuttled or crawled or clambered away into the night'. Other horrifying and distressing details						
worthy of mention include: the way David's mother is dragged out of bed and denied anything to cover herself with; the boy's distress and the way his mother calls out to him as she is taken						
away; the way the police are quite prepared for the boy to be abandoned; their racist language.						
away, the way the police are quite prepared for the boy to be abandoned, their facist language.						

	ATHOL FUGARD: Tsotsi				
Question 6(b):	How do the experiences of TWO of the following characters bring home				
	the harshness of everyday life in Sophiatown?				
	Gumboot Dhlamini; Morris Tshabalala; Miriam Ngidi; Tsotsi's mother.				
	Remember to support your answer with details from the novel.				
Notes on the task: There is plenty of material available to the candidates in tackling this					
question. Violence is a	key element and may be illustrated through an account of the murder of				
Gumboot on the train, I	Morris's helplessness in the face of Tsotsi's threat, or the raid on David's				
(Tsotsi's) mother's horr	ne. Indeed, the traumatic effects of the disruption of family life by				
repressive laws and the	e actions of the police are illustrated by three of the above. Miriam's story				
also provides a rich account of domestic life: descriptions of food and cooking, clothes and					
cleaning, child care and sleeping provide many telling details. Fugard also provides details of					
characters' previous lives: there is Gumboot's enforced separation from his wife and long walk to					
the city, and Morris Tshabalala's accident resulting in his life of beggary. Effective answers					
should show, in the selection of material, some real engagement with the tough lives of these					
people, and understanding of their suffering and oppression.					

Assessment Objectives Grid (includes QWC)

Question	A01	A02	A03	A04	Total
1(a)		10%		15%	25%
1(b)		10%		15%	25%
2(a)		10%		15%	25%
2(b)		10%		15%	25%
3(a)		10%		15%	25%
3(b)		10%		15%	25%
4(a)		10%		15%	25%
4(b)		10%		15%	25%
5(a)		10%		15%	25%
5(b)		10%		15%	25%
6(a)		10%		15%	25%
6(b)		10%		15%	25%
Totals		10%		15%	25%

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