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**91927R**



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## Level 1 English RAS 2023

**91927 Demonstrate understanding of significant aspects  
of unfamiliar texts**

Credits: Five

### **PILOT ASSESSMENT**

#### RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for English RAS 91927.

Check that this document has pages 2–4 in the correct order and that none of these pages is blank.

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**TEXT A**

In this passage the writer is participating in a celebration to mark Matariki, a time of new beginnings.

**Matariki**

Matariki. It's the time of frozen rising before dawn, of the wet-dog fug of old blankets, of puffer jackets rustling and the clunk of car doors.

[Redacted text]

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[Redacted text]

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[Redacted text]

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[Redacted text]

[Redacted text]

[Redacted text]

The new year has begun.

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**Glossed words**

atua	the supernatural beings represented by the nine stars of Matariki
hautapu	sacred offering of food

**TEXT B**

In this poem the writer is on a road-trip, visiting familiar places.

**the road and the rain**

Three paddocks over from State Highway One,

[Redacted]

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the last of this long day's light.

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**Glossed words**

dray      a type of horse-drawn cart

swift     fast-flying bird

**TEXT C**

A visit to the beach inspires reflection for the writer of this extract.

**The Beach**

Along the most rugged stretches of the Wairarapa coast you find blackened stones, the remnants of old campfires; here a useful log has been dragged up to the warmth of the flames.

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Beaches, after all, are a work in progress, tooled by wind, waves, and currents.

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**Glossed word**

primeval      from the earliest time in history

Source (adapted): Jones, Lloyd. (1999). Boundaries and Renewals. In Carlin, Jocelyn, *Beach New Zealand*. David Bateman.