



NEW ZEALAND QUALIFICATIONS AUTHORITY
MANA TOHU MĀTAURANGA O AOTEAROA



National Certificate of Educational Achievement
TAUMATA MĀTAURANGA Ā-MOTU KUA TAEA

NCEA Level 3 Assessment Specifications

General Information

Domain	English
Level	3
Mode of Assessment	Written examination
For Year	2006

Specific Information for External Achievement Standards

Achievement Standard	90721
Title	Respond critically to written text(s) studied
Version 2	Credits 3

Format of the assessment

Candidates will write one formal academic essay of at least 400 words on written text(s)* they have studied in class. The essay will provide opportunities for achievement of the standard, achievement with merit and achievement with excellence.

Questions will be set by genre, and will include opportunities to discuss aspects of intertextuality across different genres of written texts. Candidates will need to relate their knowledge of texts to aspects of genre. Texts chosen should be sufficiently developed to enable candidates to engage critically with several aspects of content and crafting.

*Students who select short texts (eg poetry, short story, magazine articles, short electronic texts) must refer to at least two.

Note: 400 words is a suggested minimum number of words.

Achievement Standard	90722
Title	Respond critically to Shakespearean drama studied
Version 2	Credits 3

Format of the assessment

Candidates will write one essay of at least 400 words on one *Shakespearean play they have studied in class. The essay will provide opportunities for achievement of the standard, achievement with merit and achievement with excellence.

Two essay topics will be set on each of *5 Shakespearean plays and will involve analysis of a passage(s) from each Shakespearean play and analysis of selected aspect/s of each Shakespearean play. Candidates will choose one topic to answer on.

*Five Shakespearean plays will be prescribed each year by NZQA. The plays set for 2006 are:

HAMLET	AS YOU LIKE IT
OTHELLO	MERCHANT OF VENICE
RICHARD 3	

Note: 400 words is a suggested minimum number of words.

Achievement Standard	90723
Title	Respond critically to oral or visual text studied
Version 2	Credits 3

Format of the assessment

Candidates will write one essay of at least 400 words on one oral or visual text* they have studied in class. The essay will provide opportunities for achievement of the standard, achievement with merit and achievement with excellence.

Questions will be set by genre and will include opportunities to discuss aspects of intertextuality across different genres of oral and visual texts. Candidates will need to relate their knowledge of texts to aspects of genre. Texts chosen should be sufficiently developed to enable candidates to engage critically with several aspects of content and crafting.

Students who select texts from television, radio programmes and audio performances, and electronic texts, should refer to at least two.

Note: 400 words is a suggested minimum number of words.

Achievement Standard	90724
Title	Respond critically to unfamiliar prose and poetry texts
Version 2	Credits 3

Format of the assessment

Candidates will answer questions based on two written texts: one prose and one poetry.

Questions will be set on each text and there will also be questions involving the comparison of both texts. The questions will be organised in increasing degrees of difficulty.

For the questions set individually on each text:

- the first question on each text will provide the opportunity for achievement of the standard
- the final questions on each text will provide opportunities for achievement of the standard, achievement with merit and achievement with excellence.

For the questions involving comparison of the texts:

- the first question on each text will provide the opportunity for achievement of the standard
- the final question(s) on each text will provide opportunities for achievement of the standard, achievement with merit and achievement with excellence.