Level 1 English, 2011

90851 Show understanding of significant aspects of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading, using supporting evidence

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RESOURCE BOOKLET

Refer to this booklet to answer the questions for English 90851.

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This passage describes a boy's experience of a fire in his home.

The Moment before Light Disappears

Lying on the sofa, Federico likes to peer into the gaps between the cushions.

... Sylvia wraps her arms round him, carries him from the room slamming the door shut on the hungry flame.

Glossed word

distil  purify; extract the essential meaning from

TEXT B: POETRY

In this poem, a boy is delivering newspapers in winter.

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Glossed words

bay        bark or howl loudly
brittle    (of a substance) hard, but easily broken or shattered
tumbleweed a desert plant that grows in a rounded shape, dries out in the sun, then breaks off near the ground and is blown from place to place by the wind

This is an extract from an article describing how the tobacco industry is harmful to young people.

Where there is Smoke there is Fire
Mark takes a drag on his cigarette and the tip flares momentarily between his fingers …

Whether they are working in the tobacco fields or buying cigarettes in the market place, young people are at risk of falling victim to the poisonous influence of Big Tobacco.