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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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TEXT A: FICTION

In this passage from a novel the writer is returning to her grandfather's farm, which her family has inherited following his death.

Arrival at Magpie Hall

The house was shuttered against the coming winter, and the spectre of my grandfather stood on the front step to greet me before dissolving into the shadows.

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When I kicked the car door closed, the sound was like an explosion in the late afternoon air and the magpie beat its wings, protesting.

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Glossed words

spectre (imagined) ghostly figure

macrocarpas large conifer trees often planted on farms to make hedges or shelter belts

Source: Rachel King, *Magpie Hall* (Auckland: Random House, 2009), pp. 13–14.

TEXT B: POETRY

The subject of this poem is the neighbour's dog.

Boy

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Glossed word

opine

give an opinion

TEXT C: NON-FICTION

In this extract, an inexperienced gardener reflects on growing his own vegetables.

Growing Pains

My cauliflower has bolted. It's yet another sign of the precarious grasp we both have on existence.

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On the positive side, they haven't gone to seed and will be a fine alternative to cauliflower. That's gardening.

Glossed words

bolted	gone to seed
tenacious	tending to cling or hold on firmly
euphoric	intensely exciting or joyful