Level 1 English, 2015

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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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.

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.

Glossed words

spectre (imagined) ghostly figure
macrocarpas large conifer trees often planted on farms to make hedges or shelter belts

TEXT B: POETRY

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

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Glossed word

| opine          | give an opinion |

Growing Pains

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

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