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## Level 1 English 2020

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

9.30 a.m. Wednesday 25 November 2020  
Credits: Four

### RESOURCE BOOKLET

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

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

**YOU MAY KEEP THIS BOOKLET AT THE END OF THE EXAMINATION.**

**TEXT A: Narrative prose**

In this passage from a novel, Marcus reflects on the experience of starting at a new school.

**About a Boy**

There were a couple of girls in the room, but they ignored him, unless the snort of laughter he heard while he was getting his reading book out had anything to do with him.

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It wasn't so bad in Cambridge, because there were loads of kids who weren't right for school, and loads of mums who had made them that way, but in London it was different.

Source (adapted): Nick Hornby, *About a Boy*, found on <http://www.emailbookclub.com/alt/aboy3.html>

**TEXT B: Non-fiction**

In this newspaper article, a travel writer turns her attention to her suitcase.

**Best suitcase in the world just keeps rolling along**

This is the season when most of the western world is focused on buying stuff. New stuff. Better stuff. More flashy stuff to give and to get.

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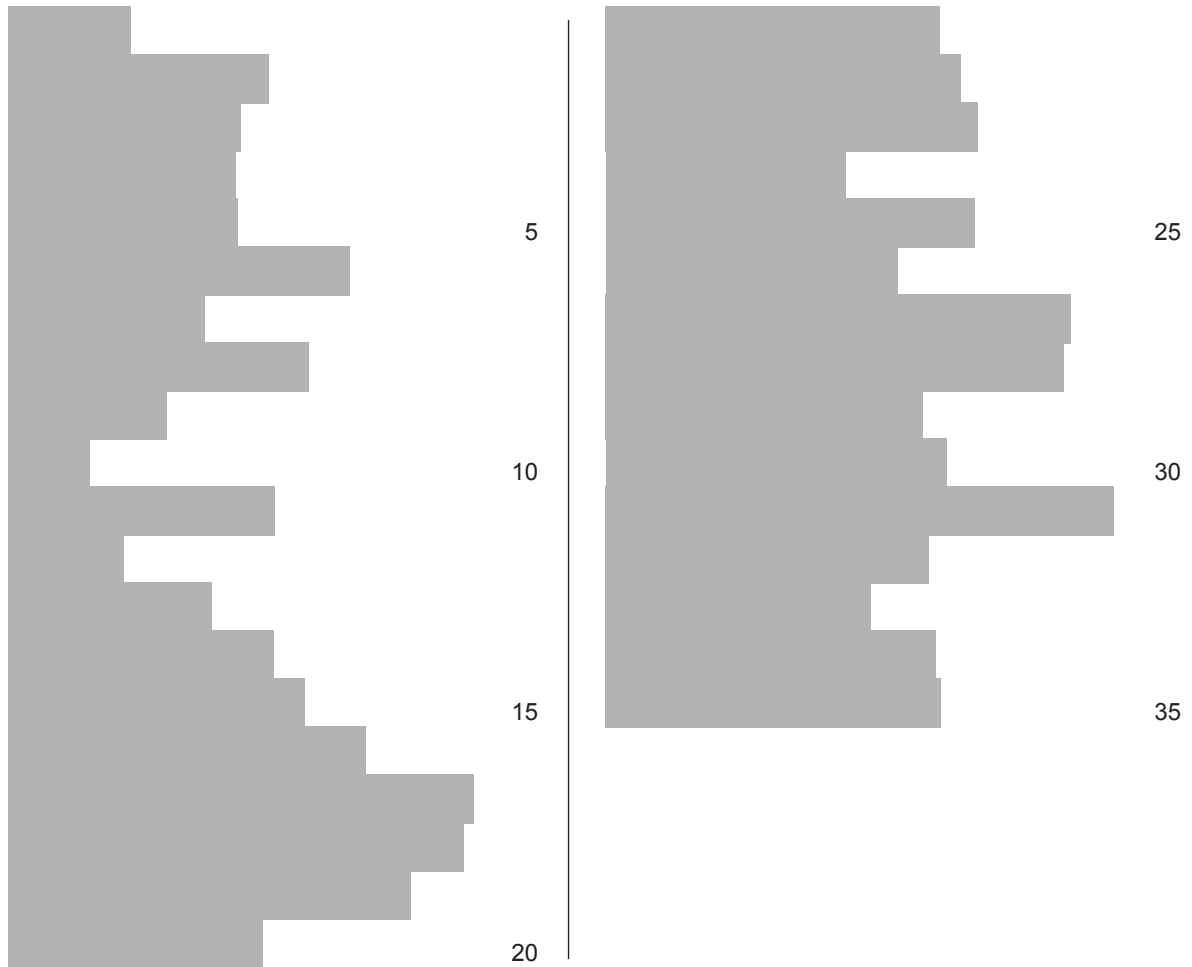
Because it is, by now, a very wise suitcase. It's seen it all.

Source (adapted): Ellen Creager, "Best suitcase in the world just keeps rolling along", found on <https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/news/64387667/best-suitcase-in-the-world-just-keeps-rolling-along>

**TEXT C: Poetry**

In this poem, the writer considers how selfies (self-portrait photographs) have become public declarations of our emotions and experiences.

Manifesto of the Lyric Selfie

**Glossed words**

manifesto	a statement written by a person or group that sets out their views or beliefs
tranquil	peaceful, undisturbed
interiority	our inner life

Source: Becca Klaver, "Manifesto of the Lyric Selfie", found on <https://poets.org/poem/manifesto-lyric-selfie>