

Assessment Schedule – 2020

English: Show understanding of specified aspect(s) of studied written text(s), using supporting evidence (90849)

Notes on question interpretation

The question stems help to indicate the levels at which the candidate is expected to respond:

- “Describe ...” requires the candidate to outline how specified ideas / style / language features are used in the text. This is an “on the lines” response to a text.
- “Explain ...” is scaffolded to lead the candidate towards a more convincing / perceptive response, “between the lines” and “beyond the lines”.
- To show convincing / perceptive understanding, the candidate needs to show an awareness of the *intention* of the author, and / or the author–audience relationship.

Evidence

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p>Attempts to answer the selected question, but does not address both parts of the question, or the response is unconvincing.</p> <p>The response may be characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no understanding shown of the key concepts in the question’s key words • plot summary • rote-learned response • personal commentary unrelated to the question • addressing only one part of the question • generalised, simplistic, or irrelevant comments indicating a limited understanding • poor organisation; structure and expression, hindering the candidate’s ability to show understanding of the text • a lack of sufficient supporting evidence • details from the text that are not adapted to the task • no reference to text specifics / techniques used. 	<p>Covers BOTH parts of the selected question (“Describe ...” and “Explain ...”), although the parts may be addressed unevenly and the response may not be fully convincing.</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has some relevance to the question being addressed • is planned and organised – possibly using a formulaic approach (e.g. one point per paragraph) – in a way that demonstrates the candidate is addressing the question to show understanding of the text • includes reference to specific details, with possible use of quotations, to support points and show understanding. 	<p>Answers BOTH parts of the selected question convincingly / with balance. Some unevenness is acceptable.</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes clear, informed points that are relevant to the question being addressed • connects the majority of these points to each other • develops points in detail • is organised and developed; structure and expression are fluent, showing convincing understanding • includes clear, relevant details, usually using quotations, integrated into the answer. 	<p>Answers BOTH parts of the selected question perceptively; the answer may interweave the two parts of the task.</p> <p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • makes confident points that show some insight or originality in thought or interpretation • develops points that are sustained throughout and integrated • is organised and develops a perceptive case or argument; structure and expression may show flair / originality, enhancing the discussion • includes clear, relevant details integrated into the answer; quotations may be skilfully “woven” into the points made.

N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
<p>Insufficient understanding is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a single point relevant to one aspect of the text specified in the question. 	<p>is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • points relevant to any aspect(s) of the text specified in one part of the question. 	<p>Understanding is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some points relevant to any aspect(s) of the text specified in the question. 	<p>is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • points clearly relevant to any aspect(s) of the text specified in the question. 	<p>Convincing understanding is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • some discussion of any aspect(s) of the text specified in the question that begins to relate them to the author's purpose • awareness of the significance of the aspect(s) to the text as a whole. 	<p>is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussion of any aspect(s) of the text specified in the question that relates them to the author's purpose • awareness of the significance of the aspect(s) to the text as a whole • possibly going beyond the text to give personal insights. 	<p>Perceptive understanding is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussion of any aspect(s) of the text specified in the question that relates them to the author's purpose • some appreciation of the significance of the aspect(s) to the text as a whole • possibly going beyond the text to give personal insights. 	<p>is characterised by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • discussion of any aspect(s) of the text specified in the question that relates them to the author's purpose • mature appreciation of the significance of the aspect(s) to the text as a whole • going beyond the text to include reference to wider society / the candidate's personal understandings.

N0 = No response; no relevant evidence.

Cut Scores

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0 – 2	3 – 4	5 – 6	7 – 8