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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the last candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme - not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification/indicative content will not be exhaustive.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, a senior examiner must be consulted before a mark is given.
- Crossed out work should be marked **unless** the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Specific Marking Guidance

When deciding how to reward an answer, examiners should consult both the indicative content and the associated marking grid(s). When using a levels-based mark scheme, the 'best fit' approach should be used.

- Examiners should first decide which descriptor most closely matches the answer and place it in that level.
- The mark awarded within the level will be decided based on the quality of the answer and will be modified according to how securely all bullet points are displayed at that level.
- Indicative content is exactly that – they are factual points that candidates are likely to use to construct their answer.
- It is possible for an answer to be constructed without mentioning some or all of these points, as long as they provide alternative responses to the indicative content that fulfils the requirements of the question. It is the examiner's responsibility to apply their professional judgement to the candidate's response in determining if the answer fulfils the requirements of the question.

Paper 1 Mark scheme

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1	<p><i>Antony and Cleopatra</i></p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shakespeare's use of imagery to present passion • presentation of passion in opposition to reason as a reflection of Elizabethan notions of the ideal leader • Caesar as a study in clinical lack of passion, possibly a comment on James I, e.g. 'He words me, girls, he words me' • dramatic impact of the extravagant declarations of passion as recurring motifs throughout the play, e.g. 'Let Rome in Tiber melt ...' • varied presentations of female sexuality, e.g. Cleopatra as a threat to men's judgement; Octavia as having the power to mend the triumvirate • passion presented as being linked to affairs of state, e.g. Cleopatra links their love to a 'new heaven and new earth'. <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emryn Jones' comment that everyone in this play moves 'in a mist of passion' (Anthology) • Howard Jacobson's argument that the passions Antony stirs in his men are his undoing at his demise (Anthology). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
2	<p><i>Antony and Cleopatra</i></p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enobarbus' function as a choric figure, commenting on the action of the play • his struggle between loyalty and reason illuminates the play's themes, e.g. 'Mine honesty, and I, begin to square' • as a soldier, he allows Shakespeare to explore contemporary expectations of honour, loyalty and service • dramatic impact of his death • his function in foreshadowing events, heightening the sense of tragedy, e.g. the Battle of Actium; fates of Antony and Cleopatra • impact of his combination of earthiness, e.g. 'He ploughed her, and she cropped' and poetry, e.g. 'Age cannot wither her ...' <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A. C. Bradley's argument that Shakespearian tragedy is always concerned with 'persons of high degree' and what this might imply about audience response to Enobarbus (Anthology) • James Hirsh's point that no subordinate of Caesar would ever address him as Enobarbus does Antony (<i>Antony and Cleopatra, New Critical Essays</i>, Routledge, 2005). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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Level 4	13–17	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer's craft. Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 5	18–21	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer's craft. Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. 		

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Level 1	1–2	Descriptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shows limited awareness of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Limited linking of different interpretations to own response.
Level 2	3–5	General exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers straightforward explanations of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Some support of own ideas given with reference to generic different interpretations.
Level 3	6–8	Clear relevant exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers clear understanding of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Explores different interpretations in support or contrast to own argument.
Level 4	9–11	Discriminating exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produces a developed exploration of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. Discussion is controlled and offers integrated exploration of different interpretations in development of own critical position.
Level 5	12–14	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applies a sustained evaluation of different interpretations and alternative readings of texts. This is supported by sophisticated use of application of alternative interpretations to illuminate own critical position.

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11	<p>Measure for Measure</p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucio's early function in making clear to the audience the levels of licentiousness in Vienna, e.g. 'purchased ... many diseases under her roof' • his close friendship with Claudio suggests another side to his character, e.g. when Claudio asks for 'a word with you', Lucio's response is, 'A hundred - if they'll do you any good' • impact of his betrayal of Pompey and Mistress Overdone • dramatic effect of his elevated language, e.g. the switch to blank verse as he addresses Isabella: 'I hold you as a thing enskied and sainted' • his function as a vehicle for comedy, e.g. his constant interruptions, even at serious moments • effect of his harsh punishment: 'slandering a prince deserves it' and the potential reference here to James I. <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Hampton-Reeves' point that the play is tightly bound up with the cultural politics of 1604 (Anthology) • Lawrence J. Ross's argument that the Duke's playing with Lucio parodies what he has done with Angelo (<i>On Measure for Measure: An Essay in Criticism of Shakespeare's Drama</i>, Associated University Presses, 1997). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
12	<p>Measure for Measure</p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ambiguous denouement confirms the drama as a 'problem play' • impact of the varied tones of each of the four marriages, e.g. Isabella's silence after the Duke's proposal • presentation of the Duke, with its suggestions of divine power, as a reflection on James I • use of dramatic irony to build tension and suspense, e.g. 'Cucullus non facit monachum' • Lucio's function in providing comic relief • use of biblical allusions to foreground the play's theme of justice being tempered with mercy, e.g. 'He would have weigh'd thy brother by himself'. <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Philip Brockbank's argument that the ending 'keeps in touch with all the human values and verities exhibited in the play' (Anthology) • Stuart Hampton-Reeves' point that the play seems to be a different play depending on which audience one imagines watching it (Anthology). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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Level 2	5–8	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer's craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 3	9–12	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer's craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 4	13–17	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer's craft. Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 5	18–21	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer's craft. Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. 		

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13	<p><i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • conventions around the practice of dowry are central to the plot and themes • clothing conventions as a recurring motif, e.g. 'What's this? A sleeve? 'Tis like a demi-cannon' • impact of social conventions that allow Petruchio to publically humiliate Kate, e.g. 'To cart her rather ...' • dramatic effect of the Lord's treatment of Sly as a social inferior in the framing induction • references to women being 'owned' by men as a reflection of contemporary patriarchy, e.g. "She is my goods, my chattels ..." • use of hunting imagery to present conventions around courtship, e.g. 'this bird you aimed at, though you hit her not.' <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexander Leggatt's comment that the wooing of Bianca follows literary convention in a way in which that of Kate does not (<i>Shakespeare's Comedy of Love</i>, Routledge, 1974) • Catherine Bate's point that when it is clear that Petruchio's unconventional methods are working, Baptista doubles the dowry settled on the newly reformed bride (Anthology). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
14	<p><i>The Taming of the Shrew</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clothing as a central motif in the gendered battle between Petruchio and Kate, e.g. 'To me she's married, not unto my clothes' • plot function of the tailor as part of the humiliation of Kate • use of clothing and costume to develop the play's central themes of disguise and transformation • importance of clothing to the social transformation of Sly as a reflection of contemporary attitudes to class • dramatic impact of Kate's seeming transformation in the final act, e.g. 'Off with that bauble, throw it under-foot ...' • unconventional clothing presented as a reflection on the social turbulence of contemporary England, e.g. 'a very monster in apparel, and not like a Christian footboy or a gentleman's lackey'. <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catherine Bates's comment that Petruchio is 'disorderly by design' (Anthology) • R.W. Maslen's view that comedy is a uniquely flexible genre, 'adapting itself with chameleon promptness to every innovation' (Anthology). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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Level 2	5–8	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer's craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
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Level 4	13–17	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer's craft. Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 5	18–21	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer's craft. Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. 		

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15	<p><i>Twelfth Night</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Malvolio as a vehicle for Shakespeare to satirise Puritanism, e.g. 'Do ye make an ale-house of my lady's house ...?' • his subplot dramatically mirrors the main themes, e.g. self-delusion; challenges to social hierarchy • use of animal imagery to present him as an outsider, e.g. 'sheep-biter'; 'rare turkey cock' • dramatic impact of his two comic set-pieces, i.e. the anonymous letter and his wooing of Olivia in yellow stockings • as a foil to Feste, e.g. 'I marvel your Ladyship takes delight in such a barren rascal' • impact of his treatment on the play's festive tone, e.g. 'He hath been most notoriously abused'. <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Bevington's argument that Malvolio is a well-suited target for satire because he is 'an enemy of merriment' (Anthology) • John Hollander's comment that Malvolio's rhetoric is 'full of the Devil' (Anthology). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
16	<p><i>Twelfth Night</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • love games as a typical feature of comedy • dramatic impact of Viola's gender-fluid role, e.g. 'I am all the daughters of my father's house/And all the brothers too' • love between different classes as a feature of carnivalesque drama, e.g. Maria and Sir Toby • unrequited love of Malvolio and Sir Andrew as a source of slapstick comedy • use of excessive language to satirise the courtship rituals of the nobility, e.g. 'If music be the food of love, play on ...' • presentation of non-romantic love to provide dramatic contrast, e.g. between siblings; between master and servant. <p>Possible references to the <i>Critical Anthology</i> or other critical reading could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Shapiro's point that the play consistently draws attention to the principle of layers of gender identity and so keeps the audience alert to all of the layers involved (Anthology) • Valerie Traub's assertion that 'it is as an object of another woman's desire that Cesario finds her own erotic voice' (<i>The Renaissance of Lesbianism in Early Modern England</i>, Cambridge University Press, 2002). <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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Level 2	5–8	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer's craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 3	9–12	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer's craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 4	13–17	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer's craft. Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 5	18–21	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer's craft. Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. 		

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17	<p><i>Doctor Faustus</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlowe's use of soliloquy allows the audience to note Faustus' hubristic thoughts, following the conventions of tragedy • challenge to contemporary religion presented as vanity • symbolism and imagery used in presenting Faustus as vain, e.g. reference to Icarus • dramatic impact of the representation of Pride in the parade of the Seven Deadly Sins • dramatic impact of scenes foregrounding Faustus' vain attempts to impress, e.g. with Benvolio; Duke and Duchess of Vanholt • Faustus' mode of speech reflects his vanity, e.g. use of the first person passive, 'Well, I am answered ...' <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
18	<p><i>Doctor Faustus</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marlowe's use of the tragic convention of the Chorus to draw attention to Faustus' ambitions and failings • dramatic effect of the warnings ignored and opportunities for repentance not taken • how Marlowe enlists our sympathy for Faustus, e.g. externalisations of his inner struggle in the forms of the Good and Bad Angels • how Marlowe invites us to see the trivial outcomes of Faustus' pact with the Devil • theme of self-destruction as a reflection of contemporary religious debate, e.g. around humanism and Calvinism • dramatic impact of Faustus' final soliloquy. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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Level 2	6–10	<p>General understanding/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer’s craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts.
Level 3	11–15	<p>Clear relevant application/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer’s craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Develops relevant links between texts and contexts.
Level 4	16–20	<p>Discriminating controlled application/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer’s craft. Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts.
Level 5	21–25	<p>Critical and evaluative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer’s craft. Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts.

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19	<p><i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Webster's use of minor characters as foils to his protagonists, e.g. Delio's loyalty set against the selfishness of others • Julia / Cardinal subplot as a critique of contemporary religion • scenes involving the madmen and executioners as typical of the dramatisation of horror popular in Jacobean theatre • use of Delio in the expository opening scenes • minor characters used to comment on the action and build tension, e.g. 'Whether the spirit of greatness or of woman / Reign most in her, I know not, but it shows / A fearful madness' • Cariola's terrified reaction to impending death foregrounds the dignity of the Duchess at her end. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
20	<p><i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Italian setting gives Webster licence to comment on English morality and attitudes without censure, e.g. the court setting as a reflection of the court of James I • contrast made clear between the corrupt Italian and idealised French courts, reflecting contemporary views of both these countries • setting and its links to contemporary stagecraft, e.g. first performed indoors, use of artificial lighting to highlight themes of goodness/evil, light/dark, secrecy/transparency • dramatic impact of the action moving freely across time and places, e.g. nine months pass between Acts 1 and 2 • how Marlowe uses setting to explore the theme of entrapment, e.g. the Duchess in prison: 'Didst thou ever see a lark / in a cage?' • Duchess' bedchamber is invaded by Ferdinand, developing the theme of the close interweaving of private and public lives. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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Level 2	6–10	<p>General understanding/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. • Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer’s craft. • Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts.
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Level 4	16–20	<p>Discriminating controlled application/exploration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. • Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer’s craft. • Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts.
Level 5	21–25	<p>Critical and evaluative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. • Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer’s craft. • Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts.

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21	<p><i>The Home Place</i></p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ending's allusion to Chekhov's <i>The Cherry Orchard</i> • dramatic impact of Friel's manipulation of time at the end of the play, e.g. 'Lifford's memorial was <i>this</i> morning, wasn't it? I'm confused' • symbolism of the marked trees and accidental marking of Christopher with whitewash • Christopher's break down at end of the play as a metaphor for wider political divisions within Ireland and between England and Ireland, e.g. 'I'm shattered, Maggie. I'm in total confusion' • use of references to British colonialism create dramatic irony for contemporary audiences, e.g. 'Still hankering after Kenya?' • effect of the music at the end drawing a parallel with the play's opening. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
22	<p><i>The Home Place</i></p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use of symbolism to represent the Gores' isolation and exile, e.g. the trees; the falcon • presentation of Margaret's isolation and loss of identity • sense of isolated characters searching for a home, e.g. the fantasy that the Gores have constructed around the 'home place' in Kent • function of Clement's nostalgically patriotic music to enhance the sense of isolation felt by the colonised Irish • dramatic impact of the cranial measurements scene, looking forward to isolationist politics and racism of the 20th century • presentation of broken families and consequent feelings of isolation, e.g. the lack of understanding between Christopher and David: 'With father? Who keeps humiliating me?' <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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