

Assessment Specifications

Scholarship English 2025

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General information

Performance Standard: 93001

Assessment method: Examination

Assessment medium: Printed paper

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Format of the assessment

The assessment is in three sections.

Candidates will be required to write three essays, each in response to a question from each section.

Section A: Close Reading of Unfamiliar Texts will provide two texts – one prose and one poetry – and a question requiring a comparison of the texts with emphasis on aspects of content and crafting.

Section B: Responding to Literature and Language will provide a range of questions on genres including poetry, non-fiction, film, Shakespeare, drama, novel, short story, TV series, and interactive text. Candidates will select ONE question to answer.

Section C: Exploring Issues in Literature and Language will provide a range of issues-based questions. Candidates will select ONE question to answer.

Special notes

In Sections B and C:

- candidates should demonstrate wide knowledge and wide reading, and an appreciation of aspects of genre and intertextuality
- candidates should not include the same content or quotations in their responses to the two questions.