

TIMING & MARKING

Timing and Marks Awarded – Higher and Ordinary Level		
Paper I		
Length of Paper:	2 hours 50 mins	
Total Marks Awarded:	200	
Question	Marks Awarded	Suggested Time
Question A	50	35 mins.
Question B	50	35 mins.
Composition	100	90 mins.
Paper II		
Length of Paper:	3 hours 20 mins	
Total Marks Awarded:	200	
Question	Marks Awarded	Suggested Time
Single Text	60	50 mins.
Comparative Studies	70	60 mins.
Prescribed Poetry	50	55 mins.
Unseen Poetry	20	20 mins

Marking Scheme – Higher and Ordinary Level

Both Paper 1 and Paper 2 are marked using the following four key assessment criteria:

Clarity of Purpose (P)	Engagement with the set task	Includes relevancy, focus, originality, having a clear aim, displaying an understanding of genre	30%
Coherence of Delivery (C)	Ability to sustain the response over the entire answer	Includes continuity of argument, sequencing, management of ideas, choice of reference, use of examples, engagement with texts, control of register and shape, creative modelling	30%
Language (L)	Management and control of Language to achieve clear communication	Includes vocabulary, syntax, sentence patterns, paragraph structure, punctuation appropriate to the register, use of lively interesting phrasing, energy, style, fluency <i>appropriate to the task</i>	30%
Mechanics (M)	Spelling Grammar <i>e.g.</i> appropriate levels of accuracy in spelling grammatical patterns appropriate to the register	Appropriate levels of accuracy in spelling grammatical patterns appropriate to the register	10%

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