



**Cambridge International Examinations**  
Cambridge International General Certificate of Secondary Education

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**LITERATURE (ENGLISH)**

**0486/01**

Paper 1 Poetry and Prose

**For Examination from 2017**

SPECIMEN MARK SCHEME

**1 hour 30 minutes**

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**MAXIMUM MARK: 50**

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This document consists of **3** printed pages and **1** blank page.

All questions are marked out of 25.

The assessment objectives for the paper are:

AO1: show detailed knowledge of the content of literary texts, supported by reference to the text

AO2: understand the meanings of literary texts and their contexts, and explore texts beyond surface meanings to show deeper awareness of ideas and attitudes

AO3: recognise and appreciate ways in which writers use language, structure and form to create and shape meanings and effects

AO4: communicate a sensitive and informed personal response to literary texts.

The Band Descriptors cover marks from 0 to 25, and apply to the marking of each question. They guide examiners to an understanding of the qualities normally expected of, or typical of, work in a band. They are a means of general guidance. For the purposes of standardisation of marking, they are to be used in conjunction with examples of candidates' work and discussed during the examiners' coordination meeting.

## BAND DESCRIPTOR TABLE

<b>Band 8</b>	<b>25 24 23</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by incorporating well-selected reference to the text skilfully and with flair (AO1)</li> <li>sustains a critical understanding of the text showing individuality and insight (AO2)</li> <li>responds sensitively and in considerable detail to the way the writer achieves her/his effects (AO3)</li> <li>sustains personal and evaluative engagement with task and text (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 7</b>	<b>22 21 20</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by integrating much well-selected reference to the text (AO1)</li> <li>shows a clear critical understanding of the text (AO2)</li> <li>responds sensitively and in detail to the way the writer achieves her/his effects (AO3)</li> <li>sustains a perceptive, convincing and relevant personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 6</b>	<b>19 18 17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by supporting with careful and relevant reference to the text (AO1)</li> <li>shows a clear understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications (AO2)</li> <li>makes a developed response to the way the writer achieves her/his effects (AO3)</li> <li>makes a well-developed, detailed and relevant personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 5</b>	<b>16 15 14</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by showing some thoroughness in the use of supporting evidence from the text (AO1)</li> <li>shows understanding of the text and some of its deeper implications (AO2)</li> <li>makes some response to the way the writer uses language (AO3)</li> <li>makes a reasonably developed relevant personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 4</b>	<b>13 12 11</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by using some supporting textual detail (AO1)</li> <li>shows some understanding of meaning (AO2)</li> <li>makes a little reference to the language of the text (AO3)</li> <li>begins to develop a relevant personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 3</b>	<b>10 9 8</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by making a little supporting reference to the text (AO1)</li> <li>makes some relevant comments (AO2)</li> <li>shows a basic understanding of surface meaning of the text and language (AO3)</li> <li>attempts to communicate a basic personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 2</b>	<b>7 6 5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by making a little reference to the text (AO1)</li> <li>makes a few straightforward comments (AO2)</li> <li>shows a few signs of understanding the surface meaning of the text and language (AO3)</li> <li>some evidence of simple personal response (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 1</b>	<b>4 3 2 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>demonstrates knowledge by limited textual reference (AO1)</li> <li>shows some limited understanding of simple/literal meaning (AO2)</li> <li>a little awareness of surface meaning of text and language (AO3)</li> <li>limited attempt to respond (AO4)</li> </ul>
<b>Band 0</b>	<b>0</b>	<i>No answer / Insufficient to meet the criteria for Band 1.</i>

