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English Literature

Unit 1

The Study of Prose



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WEDNESDAY 25 MAY, MORNING

TIME

1 hour 45 minutes.

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided.
Answer **two** questions. Answer **one** question from Section A and the question set from Section B.

Spend 1 hour on Section A and 45 minutes on Section B.

You should **not** have a copy of your novel for Section A.

INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES

The total mark for this paper is 60.

Section A is worth 40 marks.

Section B is worth 20 marks.

Quality of written communication will be assessed in all responses.

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Section A – Novel

Answer **one** question from this section.

1 **Golding:** *Lord of the Flies*

Answer either (a) or (b)

(a) With reference to the ways Golding **presents** Jack, show how far you agree that Jack is **cruel**.

(b) With reference to the ways Golding **presents** events on the island, show how far you agree that the island is a **dangerous** place.

2 Hornby: *About a Boy*

Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) With reference to the ways Hornby **presents** Fiona, show how far you agree that she is a **bad parent** to Marcus.
- (b) With reference to the ways Hornby **presents** the lives of Will and Marcus, show how far you agree that their lives are **lonely**.

3 Johnston: *How Many Miles to Babylon?*

Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) With reference to the ways Johnston **presents** Jerry, show how far you agree that he **deserves** sympathy.
- (b) With reference to the ways Johnston **presents** the lives of Alicia and Frederick, show how far that you agree that their lives are **unhappy**.

4 **Lee: *To Kill a Mockingbird***

Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) With reference to the ways Lee **presents** Calpurnia, show how far you agree that Calpurnia is too **hard** on the children.

- (b) With reference to the ways Lee **presents** the court verdict, show that characters react to the verdict in **differing** ways.

5 Steinbeck: *Of Mice and Men*

Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) With reference to the ways Steinbeck **presents** Slim, show how far you agree that Slim is **caring**.
- (b) With reference to the ways Steinbeck **presents** people on the ranch, show how far you agree that people on the ranch are **disrespectful** towards each other.

6 Doyle: *Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha*

Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) With reference to the ways Doyle **presents** Paddy's mother, show how far you agree that Paddy's mother is **strong-willed**.
- (b) With reference to the ways Doyle **presents** school experiences, show how far you agree that the children's school experiences are **negative**.

7 **Orwell:** *Animal Farm*

Answer either (a) or (b)

- (a) With reference to the ways Orwell **presents** Squealer, show how far you agree that Squealer is to **blame** for the failure of Animalism.
- (b) With reference to the ways Orwell **presents** the lives of the animals, show how far you agree that the Revolution makes life **worse** for the animals.

Section B – Unseen Prose

Read carefully the extract below and answer the question.

You should spend 15 minutes reading the extract and 30 minutes writing your answer to the question.

8 Show how the writer of the extract engages the reader.

You should consider:

- the characters' feelings and reactions
- the writer's use of language, structure and form

Extract from *Black Beauty* by Anna Sewell

(The novel *Black Beauty* depicts the life of a male horse in 19th century England. The novel is narrated by Black Beauty himself, and he describes his life under the various masters who own him.)

One night, a few days after James had left, I had eaten my hay and was lying down in my straw fast asleep, when I was suddenly roused by the stable bell ringing very loud. I heard the door of John's house open, and his feet running up to the hall. He was back again in no time; he unlocked the stable door, and came in, calling out, "Wake up, Beauty! You must go well now, if ever you did;" and almost before I could think he had got the saddle on my back and the bridle on my head. He just ran round for his coat, and then took me at a quick trot up to the hall door. The squire stood there, with a lamp in his hand.

"Now, John," he said, "ride for your life – that is, for your mistress' life; there is not a moment to lose. Give this note to Dr. White; give your horse a rest at the inn, and be back as soon as you can."

John said, "Yes, sir," and was on my back in a minute. The gardener who lived at the lodge had heard the bell ring, and was ready with the gate open, and away we went through the park, and through the village, and down the hill till we came to the toll-gate. John called very loud and thumped upon the door; the man was soon out and flung open the gate.

"Now," said John, "do you keep the gate open for the doctor; here's the money," and off he went again.

There was before us a long piece of level road by the river side; John said to me, "Now, Beauty, do your best," and so I did; I wanted no whip nor spur, and for two miles I galloped as fast as I could lay my feet to the ground; I don't believe that my old grandfather, who won the race at Newmarket, could have gone faster. When we came to the bridge John pulled me up a little and patted my neck. "Well done, Beauty! good old fellow," he said. He would have let me go slower, but my spirit was up, and I was off again as fast as before. The air was frosty, the moon was bright; it was very pleasant. We came through a village, then through a dark wood, then uphill, then downhill, till after eight miles' run we came to the town, through the streets and into the market-place. It was all quite still except the clatter of my feet on the stones – everybody was asleep. The church clock struck three as we drew up at Dr. White's door. John rang the bell twice, and then knocked at the door like thunder. A window was thrown up, and Dr. White, in his nightcap, put his head out and said, "What do you want?"

"Mrs. Gordon is very ill, sir; master wants you to go at once; he thinks she will die if you cannot get there. Here is a note."

"Wait," he said, "I will come."

He shut the window, and was soon at the door.

"The worst of it is," he said, "that my horse has been out all day and is quite done up; my son has just been sent for, and he has taken the other. What is to be done? Can I have your horse?"

"He has come at a gallop nearly all the way, sir, and I was to give him a rest here; but I think my master would not be against it, if you think fit, sir."

"All right," he said; "I will soon be ready."

John stood by me and stroked my neck; I was very hot. The doctor came out with his riding-whip.

"You need not take that, sir," said John; "Black Beauty will go till he drops. Take care of him, sir, if you can; I should not like any harm to come to him."

"No, no, John," said the doctor, "I hope not," and in a minute we had left John far behind.

I will not tell about our way back. The doctor was a heavier man than John, and not so good a rider; however, I did my very best. The man at the toll-gate had it open. When we came to the hill the doctor drew me up. "Now, my good fellow," he said, "take some breath." I was glad he did, for I was nearly spent, but that breathing helped me on, and soon we were in the park. Joe was at the lodge gate; my master was at the hall door, for he had heard us coming. He spoke not a word; the doctor went into the house with him, and Joe led me to the stable. I was glad to get home; my legs shook under me, and I could only stand and pant. I had not a dry hair on my body, the water ran down my legs, and I steamed all over, Joe used to say, like a pot on the fire. Poor Joe! he was young and small, and as yet he knew very little, and his father, who would have helped him, had been sent to the next village; but I am sure he did the very best he knew. He rubbed my legs and my chest, but he did not put my warm cloth on me; he thought I was so hot I should not like it. Then he gave me a pailful of water to drink; it was cold and very good, and I drank it all; then he gave me some hay and some corn, and thinking he had done right, he went away. Soon I began to shake and tremble, and turned deadly cold; my legs ached, my loins ached, and my chest ached, and I felt sore all over. Oh! how I wished for my warm, thick cloth, as I stood and trembled. I wished for John, but he had eight miles to walk, so I lay down in my straw and tried to go to sleep. After a long while I heard John at the door; I gave a low moan, for I was in great pain. He was at my side in a moment, stooping down by me. I could not tell him how I felt, but he seemed to know it all; he covered me up with two or three warm cloths, and then ran to the house for some hot water; he made me some warm gruel, which I drank, and then I think I went to sleep.

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