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### INTRODUCTORY PAPER

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- match a step to an image in a procedure
- identify the relationship between characters

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- restate a writer's idea
- give an example of an action to show a character trait

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- infer a character's feelings from dialogue
- compare the features of two objects
- predict the next event in a narrative

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

- locate rhyming words in a poem
- identify simple figurative language

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the meaning of simple figurative language

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

Not tested at this level.

#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

- identify a noun, verb or adjective in a text
- use the correct tense or agreement

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- understand the use of italic font for scientific terms
- understand a narrative to identify a pronoun referent

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

Not tested at this level.

#### VOCABULARY

##### IDENTIFY

- find a definition given in the text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret the meaning of a word

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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### PAPER A

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- name the point in a narrative when an event took place
- identify the first, next or last event in a sequence

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- understand a cause-and-effect relationship in a simple process
- state the main purpose of a text

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- analyse a scientific text to identify a crucial piece of information
- analyse a text to understand the writer's point of view

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

- find a simile in a text
- identify the text type e.g. diary, poem, recipe

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the effect of beginning a text with a joke or question

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

Not tested at this level.

#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

- identify a correctly punctuated sentence
- identify the full form of a contraction

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the use of subheadings in a factual text
- join two sentences with a common conjunction

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

Not tested at this level.

#### VOCABULARY

##### IDENTIFY

- find a definition given in the text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret the meaning of a word

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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### PAPER B

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- find information in a table or diagram
- locate the part of an image that matches a description
- sequence a series of events

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret a character's actions in context
- summarise a writer's argument

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- make a judgement about a character's decision
- contrast the actions of characters in a narrative

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

- name the device or technique used e.g. simile, personification

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- paraphrase figurative language
- explain the purpose of rhetorical questions in an argument

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- analyse the features of a text to identify its genre e.g. narrative, scientific

#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

- identify a pronoun referent

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- join two sentences with a conjunction or connective

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

Not tested at this level.

#### VOCABULARY

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret the meaning of a technical word from context

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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### PAPER C

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- state the topic sentence
- identify the cause or effect of an event

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the choice of a particular material/equipment in a procedure
- understand who the audience of a text is

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- infer a character's mood
- draw conclusions about the outcome of a process or a series of events
- contrast the reviewer(s)'s judgements of two books

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

- name the device or technique used  
e.g. simile, personification

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret figurative language
- explain the effect of word choice

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- compare the devices or techniques used in a text

#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

- identify correct use of speech punctuation

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- demonstrate understanding of agreement or tense to select the correct clause

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

Not tested at this level.

#### VOCABULARY

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- provide a synonym for a given word

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- find two words with the same meaning in the text

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### PAPER D

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- restate a writer's opinion
- identify a specific example of a model described in the text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the cause or effect of an event
- use information from a text to label a diagram
- explain the main purpose of a paragraph

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- infer the reason for a character's decision in a narrative
- evaluate the aspects of a character or text that are humorous
- infer the theme/s of a narrative

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

- identify the purpose of literary or rhetorical devices such as repetition
- recognise the effect of figurative language in a text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain how a character or an opinion is developed
- infer the writer's tone

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- infer the reason for including quotations or references to other texts

#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

- identify correct use of complex punctuation including colons and semicolons

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the use of punctuation such as brackets or colons

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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#### VOCABULARY

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain a word which has several different meanings

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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### PAPER E

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

#### SYNTAX

#### VOCABULARY

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- restate a supporting argument

##### IDENTIFY

- identify more complex literary and rhetorical devices e.g. allusion

##### IDENTIFY

- replace connectives in the text
- identify types of clauses e.g. adjectival clause, adverbial clause

##### IDENTIFY

- recognise relationships in meaning between words in a text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- summarise the main idea of a complex text
- use information from a diagram or table to support a conclusion
- explain the key on a map

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret a play on words in the title of a text
- explain the use of modality in a text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- demonstrate grammatical knowledge to identify the correct connective or clause to maintain the meaning of a passage
- understand the use of tense to stage events in a text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret the meaning of idiomatic language
- interpret the meaning of a word in order to provide its antonym

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- analyse how an argument could be more effective
- infer the central motivation of a character
- generalise from a text the writer's intention/purpose

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- analyse the effect of a one-sentence paragraph

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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### PAPER F

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- identify the setting or an event in a complex poem
- identify a counter-argument

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- provide supporting evidence for an opinion
- explain a character's reaction to an event

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- compare and contrast points of view in a text
- understand the whole text to identify assumptions
- judge the suitability of alternative titles for a text

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

- identify conventions specific to particular text types e.g. reviews

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the use of historical context in a narrative or an argument

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- relate the conclusion of a text to the introduction
- evaluate the use of modality in a text
- examine the use of voice and tense in a text to convey meaning

#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

- identify modal adjectives, adverbs or nouns in a text

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- understand the use of hyphenation to join words to build meaning

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts.

#### VOCABULARY

##### IDENTIFY

- match a word with its contextual usage

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret the meaning of a technical word using its base form

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- analyse the meanings of a group of words to identify the one different in meaning
- extrapolate from the base form other words from the same semantic family

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### PAPER G & H

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

- identify the correct graphical or diagrammatic representation of information
- identify points of conflict within an argument

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- draw conclusions about the writer's relationship with the narrator
- understand a process to identify its salient aspect or feature

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- evaluate the writer's relationship with the audience
- interpret multiple meanings of a title
- examine why a title or a name might have changed over time

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain irony in a text
- explain how layout can affect meaning in a text

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- relate the conclusion to the introduction
- evaluate the use of modality in a text

#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret complex referencing within a text

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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#### VOCABULARY

##### IDENTIFY

Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts.

##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the meaning of a word used in a different context
- interpret jargon

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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### PAPER I & J

#### TEXT COMPREHENSION

Questions may require students to:

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the nature of relationships in a narrative

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- synthesise the ideas from a text to make a new analogy or predict a future outcome
- evaluate a text to identify its limitation

#### WRITER'S CRAFT

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the change in perspective in a text e.g. from first to second person, or from one character to another

##### ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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#### SYNTAX

##### IDENTIFY

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##### UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

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