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General marking guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the last candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than be penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme – not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification/indicative content will not be exhaustive.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, a senior examiner must be consulted before a mark is given.
- Crossed-out work should be marked unless the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Question number	Indicative content
1	<p>Childhood</p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparison of unhappy experiences, e.g. Maisie's parents unable to conceal their past disagreements in front of their daughter; Celie's loss of innocence and childhood • comparison of how writers present the past as an educator, e.g. Gradgrind and Louisa's epiphany and consequent happiness; Celie's past abuse teaches her to stand up for herself; Briony's final acceptance and attempt to rectify her mistakes • comparison of the presentation of those characters who do not learn from experience, e.g. Maisie's parents; Tom Gradgrind; Lola's unhappy lifetime acceptance of the rape • comparison of how characters' experience is influenced by contexts, e.g. social and cultural attitudes to education; impact of Utilitarianism; World War Two; attitudes to race and gender; attitudes towards children and adultery • comparison of the presentation of characters learning from experience and becoming stronger, e.g. Louisa's confrontation of her father about her unhappy marriage and childhood; Briony's writing of her novel in order to atone • how writers use structure to present experience, e.g. Briony as the elderly narrator of the 'novel'; Celie's letters conveying her past. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
2	<p>Childhood</p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparison of how truth is linked to context, e.g. role of religion; social and political criticism; the effects of social class; women's rights • comparison of different attitudes towards truth, e.g. Maisie's parents' deception of each other; Tom Gradgrind's lies about the robbery; Lola's complicity in Briony's misunderstanding • use of narrative structure to reveal truths, e.g. Maisie realising that her step-parents are similar in morality to her parents; Celie's realisation of her worth; Bounderby's lies about his past and Stephen Blackpool's innocence; Briony's letter to Cecilia acknowledging her false testimony • presentation of characters who never face the truth, e.g. Maisie's parents; Paul and Lola Marshall; Tom Gradgrind • comparison of how writers present characters who show others the path of truth, e.g. Sissy; Mrs Wix; Shug • comparison of the language used in the presentation of abusers of truth, e.g. the ugly language spoken by Maisie's parents; Celie's verbal attack on Mr_____; Bounderby's humiliation. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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3	<p data-bbox="418 259 900 286">Colonisation and its Aftermath</p> <p data-bbox="418 293 1198 320">Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul data-bbox="418 327 1546 819" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="418 327 1546 389">• comparison of the presentation of physical oppression, e.g. the brutality towards the African natives; the beating and imprisonment of Huck; the arrest of Dr Aziz <li data-bbox="418 396 1546 459">• presentation of characters who are victims, e.g. Huck; Jim; the native Africans and Indians; Moses and his friends <li data-bbox="418 465 1546 557">• use of setting to show oppression, e.g. Huck isolated from society by his abusive father; poor living conditions in <i>The Lonely Londoners</i>; the jungle that conceals oppression in <i>Heart of Darkness</i> <li data-bbox="418 564 1546 627">• contextual significance in relation to oppression, e.g. the Belgian Congo; British Empire; Windrush generation of immigrants; slavery in 19th century USA <li data-bbox="418 633 1546 725">• comparison of how writers present oppressors, e.g. the English view the Indians as inferior; presentation of corrupt colonialism; slave owner Miss Watson and Pap; landlords and employers in <i>The Lonely Londoners</i> <li data-bbox="418 732 1546 819">• presentation of characters who attempt to fight against oppression, e.g. Huck's friendship with Jim; Fielding's defence of Aziz; Marlow's disgust at Kurtz's savagery. <p data-bbox="402 925 1302 952">These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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- comparison of the ways writers present inequality, e.g. relations between colonisers and the colonised; immigrants' lack of opportunities; lack of freedom within native lands
- presentation of the greed of characters, e.g. colonisers who abuse the natives in *Heart of Darkness*; slave owners of *Huckleberry Finn*
- presentation of racial stereotyping and prejudice to create hierarchies
- comparison of the ways writers present the hypocrisy of the 'civilised', e.g. established religion forbidding Huck from saving Jim; Ronnie, who would have Adela continue her lie rather than betray their race; European rush to 'civilise' Africa
- comparison of the ways writers explore social injustice in context, e.g. segregation and Rachmanism in *The Lonely Londoners*; the 'scramble for Africa'; impact of the British Raj and religious tensions; slavery laws in 19th century USA
- presentation of the imposition of cultural values on others, e.g. Congo natives; British traditions in India; Moses' reminiscence of the past.

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		Mid (3–5 marks) Qualities of level are largely met									
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Level 2	8–14	Low (8–9 marks) Qualities of level are inconsistently met				General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points and references texts, though not always securely. Gives general explanation of concepts and terminology. Ideas are organised but writing has errors and technical lapses. Gives surface readings of texts by commenting on straightforward elements. Shows general understanding of the writer’s craft and how meanings are shaped in texts. Makes general points supported by examples, though not always securely. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. 					
		Mid (10–12 marks) Qualities of level are largely met									
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Level 3	15–21	Low (15–16 marks) Qualities of level are inconsistently met				Clear understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response, providing examples. Accurate use of concepts and terminology. Ideas are expressed with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates clear approach to how meanings are shaped in texts. Has clear knowledge which shows understanding of the writer’s craft. Offers clear points supported by examples. Shows clear understanding of contextual significance and influence. 					
		Mid (17–19 marks) Qualities of level are largely met									
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Level 4	22–29	Low (22–23 marks) Qualities of level are inconsistently met				Consistent application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a consistent argument with examples, confident structure and precise transitions. Uses appropriate concepts and terminology. Expression is secure with carefully chosen language. Displays a secure understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Provides evidence of effective and consistent understanding of the writer’s craft. Deals in a consistent way with how context is significant and influential. Able to explore links in a detailed way. 					
		Mid (24–27 marks) Qualities of level are largely met									
		High (28–29 marks) Qualities of level are convincingly met									
Level 5	30–36	Low (30–31 marks) Qualities of level are inconsistently met				Discriminating application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides a consistently effective argument with textual examples. Applies a discriminating range of concepts and terminology. Secure expression with carefully chosen language and sophisticated transitions. Displays discrimination when evaluating how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows a critical understanding of the writer’s craft. Displays an evaluative approach. Deals in a discriminating way with the significance and influence of contextual factors. 					
		Mid (32–34 marks) Qualities of level are largely met									
		High (35–36 marks) Qualities of level are convincingly met									

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Level 2	3–4	General straightforward approach <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gives general connections between texts. Provides straightforward examples.
Level 3	5–6	Clear exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes clear connections between texts. Supports with clear examples.
Level 4	7–8	Consistent exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Makes connections between texts. Uses consistently appropriate examples.

Question number	Indicative content
11	<p>Women and Society</p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comparison of the ways writers present romantic love tied to family, e.g. the links between the families and final union of young Cathy and Hareton; Alec as Tess' "coz" • presentation of the absence of love in family relationships, e.g. Tess' irresponsible parents; Mariam's mother; Heathcliff's abuse of the younger characters he controls • comparison of the ways writers use narrative structure to present relationships within families changing as time passes • how family relationships are linked to contexts, e.g. Taliban-ruled Afghanistan; rural 19th century poverty; upper-class expectations in post-war Britain • comparison of the extent to which writers present societal pressures on families, e.g. Mariam's need for children; Clarissa's expectations of Elizabeth; arranged marriage and social advancement • comparison of the ways writers present male and female attitudes to family relationships. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>
12	<p>Women and Society</p> <p>Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how isolation is linked to contexts, e.g. post-war anxieties in <i>Mrs Dalloway</i>; lack of female rights in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan; social expectations and need for security in <i>Tess</i> and <i>Wuthering Heights</i> • comparison of the ways writers present isolation and loneliness in challenging circumstances, e.g. Tess' journeys and self-mutilation; Mariam's loneliness in her marriage; Isabella's isolating marriage; Clarissa's mental isolation • presentation of isolation being alleviated by the actions of others, e.g. Tess' dairymaid friends at Flintcomb Ash; Laila and Mariam's comfort • comparison of the ways writers use narrative structure to present reflections on a character's isolation, e.g. Clarissa's inner dialogue; use of 'happy' endings in <i>Wuthering Heights</i>; Hardy's use of tragic structure • comparison of the ways writers present male isolation, e.g. Septimus' suicide; Heathcliff roaming the moors and his need for revenge; Angel's experience in Brazil • writers' use of symbolism and setting to convey isolation. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative response.</p>

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