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## General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- 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 may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

## Paper 2

### Question 1

#### A02 Reading

All students will be required to demonstrate an ability to:

- (i) read and understand texts with insight and engagement
- (ii) develop and sustain interpretation of writers' ideas and perspectives
- (iii) understand and make some evaluation of how writers use linguistic and structural devices to achieve their effects.

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
<b>1</b>	<p>A relevant answer will focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• evaluating how the writer tries to create sympathy for the soldier</li> <li>• using textual evidence to substantiate the points made</li> <li>• the writer's presentation and use of techniques, including use of language.</li> </ul> <p><b>Candidates are free to interpret textual details in a variety of ways. The following section represents a likely interpretation of the text but examiners must evaluate other responses based on their merits. It is important to be alert to unusual responses which are well explained and substantiated by effective use of textual evidence.</b></p> <p><b>The bullet points in the mark scheme are not prescriptive, but are intended to indicate aspects of the text that candidates may wish to consider.</b></p>	<b>15</b>

<b>What the soldier's life is like now</b>	
He seems to have aged prematurely and his life seems to be over	"Now, he is old", "half his lifetime lapsed in the hot race", "spend a few sick years in Institutes"
He is dependent on others	"take whatever pity they may dole", "sat in a wheeled chair", "Why don't they come/And put him into bed?"
He is lonely, alienated and desperate	"waiting for dark", "Why don't they come?"
The way women treat him now	"All of them touch him like some queer disease", "the women's eyes/Passed from him to the strong men that were whole".

<b>What happened to him in the war</b>	
He has been badly wounded	"Poured it down shell-holes till the veins ran dry" , "leap of purple spurted from his thigh"
He has lost limbs	"wheeled chair", "Legless, sewn short at elbow", "threw away his knees", "his back will never brace"

He seems to have entered the war without realising the possible consequences	"Smiling they wrote his lie", "He wonders why"
He joins up after he has had a drink and to impress women rather than for patriotic reasons	"when he'd drunk a peg, /He thought he'd better join", "to please his Meg", "to please the giddy jilts", "Germans he scarcely thought of".

<b>What his life was like before he became a soldier</b>	
He was young and fit	"younger than his youth, last year", "aged nineteen years", "After the matches, carried shoulder-high", "he'd look a god in kilts"
He was popular with his friends and with the community	"an artist silly for his face", "carried shoulder-high", "drafted out with drums and cheers"
His life was happy and carefree	"Town used to swing so gay"
He is attracted by the glamour of being a soldier	"He thought of jewelled hilts/For daggers in plaid socks; of smart salutes", " <i>Esprit de corps</i> "
The way women treated him	"girls glanced lovelier", "how warm their subtle hands".

<b>The use of language</b>	
Use of alliteration	"wheeled chair, waiting", "ghastly suit of grey", "girls glanced lovelier", "lifetime lapsed", "smart salutes"
Use of anaphora/repetition	"Voices of boys", "Voices of play"
Personification	"gathering sleep had mothered them", "fears/Of Fear"
Imagery of blood and violence	"Poured it down shell-holes till the veins ran dry", "leap of purple", "blood-smear down his leg"
Language connected to the soldier's medical condition	"sat in a wheeled chair", "Legless, sewn short at elbow", "like some queer disease", "his back will never brace", "He's lost his colour", "half his lifetime lapsed", "spend a few sick years in Institutes"
Language suggesting the casual and pointless waste of the soldier's life	"threw away his knees", "his youth, last year", "Poured it down shell-holes", "Now, he is old", "lifetime lapsed"
Use of simile and metaphor	"like a hymn", "lost his colour", "in the hot race", "like some queer disease"
Repetition of questions at the end of the poem to show the soldier's desperation	"Why don't they come/And put him into bed? Why don't they come?"
Use of contrast	Past/present, day/night, life/death, youth/age, independence/helplessness, colour.

### The 'best-fit' approach

An answer may not always satisfy every one of the assessment criteria for a particular mark range in order to receive a mark within that mark range, since on individual criteria the answer may meet the descriptor for a higher or lower mark range. The 'best-fit' approach should be used to determine the mark range which corresponds most closely to the overall quality of the response.

### QUESTION 1

Level	Mark	AO2 (i)/(ii)/(iii)
	0	No rewardable material.
<b>Level 1</b>	1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement with the text is limited, examples used are of limited relevance</li> <li>Little understanding of language, structure and form and how these are used to create literary effects</li> <li>Limited connections are made between particular techniques used by the writer in presentation of ideas, themes and settings.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2</b>	4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some engagement with the text is evident, examples used are of partial relevance</li> <li>Some understanding of language, structure and form and how these are used to create literary effects</li> <li>Some connections are made between particular techniques used by the writer in presentation of ideas, themes and settings.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3</b>	7-9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sound engagement with the text is evident, examples used are of clear relevance</li> <li>Clear understanding of language, structure and form and how these are used to create literary effects</li> <li>Sound connections are made between particular techniques used by the writer in presentation of ideas, themes and settings.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 4</b>	10-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustained engagement with the text is evident, examples used are thoroughly relevant</li> <li>Thorough understanding of language, structure and form and how these are used to create literary effects</li> <li>Sustained connections are made between particular techniques used by the writer in presentation of ideas, themes and settings.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 5</b>	13-15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assured engagement with the text is evident, examples used are discriminating</li> <li>Perceptive understanding of language, structure and form and how these are used to create literary effects</li> <li>Perceptive connections are made between particular techniques used by the writer in presentation of ideas, themes and settings.</li> </ul>

## Question 2

### A03 Writing

All students will be required to demonstrate an ability to:

- (i) communicate clearly and appropriately, using and adapting forms for different readers and purposes
- (ii) organise ideas into sentences, paragraphs and whole texts using a variety of linguistic and structural features
- (iii) use a range of sentence structures effectively, with accurate punctuation and spelling.

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
<b>2(a)</b>	<p>Each answer will need to be judged on its merits, and the skill and effectiveness with which the candidate answers the question. Examiners must be alert to unusual, perhaps original approaches (for instance in style, content, structure, ideas and so on) which address the question in an engaging, yet relevant, way, and reward these positively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chosen style or register should reflect the specified context of a magazine article, though the candidate's interpretations of what is appropriate may vary.</li> <li>• The structure and expression of the article should show an awareness of the audience. An article which reads simply like an essay would be less effective.</li> <li>• Sentences are likely to be varied with complex sentences, verbal linking and a sequenced paragraph structure.</li> <li>• Candidates should use examples and evidence to support their ideas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Weaker answers</b> are likely to be brief and undeveloped and show little awareness of the context of a magazine article.</p> <p><b>More successful answers</b> are likely to be strong in terms of register, content and style.</p>	<b>15</b>

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
<b>2(b)</b>	<p>Each answer will need to be judged on its merits, and the skill and effectiveness with which the candidate answers the question. Examiners must be alert to unusual, perhaps original approaches (for instance in style, content, structure, ideas and so on) which address the question in an engaging, yet relevant, way, and reward these positively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chosen style or register should reflect the specified context of the text of a speech, though the candidate's interpretations of what is appropriate may vary.</li> <li>• The structure and expression of the speech should show an awareness of the audience. A speech which reads simply like an essay would be less effective.</li> <li>• Sentences are likely to be varied with complex sentences, verbal linking and a sequenced paragraph structure.</li> <li>• Candidates should use examples and evidence to support their ideas.</li> </ul> <p><b>Weaker answers</b> are likely to be brief and undeveloped and show little awareness of the context of a speech.</p> <p><b>More successful answers</b> are likely to be strong in terms of register, content and style.</p>	<b>15</b>



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<b>2(c)</b>	<p>Each answer will need to be judged on its merits, and the skill and effectiveness with which the candidate answers the question. Examiners must be alert to unusual, perhaps original approaches (for instance in style, content, structure, ideas and so on) which address the question in an engaging, yet relevant, way, and reward these positively.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chosen style or register should reflect the specified context of a story, though the candidate's interpretations of what is appropriate may vary.</li> <li>• The structure and expression of the story should show an awareness of the audience.</li> <li>• Sentences are likely to be varied with complex sentences, verbal linking and a sequenced paragraph structure.</li> </ul> <p><b>Weaker answers</b> are likely to be brief and undeveloped and show little awareness of the context of a story.</p> <p><b>More successful answers</b> are likely to be strong in terms of register, content and style.</p>	<b>15</b>

## QUESTION 2

Level	Mark	A03 (i)/(ii)/(iii)
	0	No rewardable material.
<b>Level 1</b>	1 - 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication is at a basic level, and limited in clarity.</li> <li>• Little awareness is shown of the purpose of the writing and the intended reader.</li> <li>• Organisation is simple with limited success in opening and development.</li> <li>• Sentences show basic attempt to structure and control expression and meaning. A limited range of sentence structures is used.</li> <li>• Basic control of a range of punctuation devices, with little success in conveying intended emphasis and effects.</li> <li>• Spelling is basic in accuracy, with many slips which will hinder meaning.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 2</b>	4 - 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicates in a broadly appropriate way</li> <li>• Shows some grasp of the purpose and of the expectations/requirements of the intended reader.</li> <li>• Some grasp of text structure, with opening and development and some appropriate use of paragraphing and/or other sequencing devices.</li> <li>• Sentences show some attempt to structure and control expression and meaning. Variety of sentence structures used.</li> <li>• Some control of a range of punctuation devices, enabling intended emphasis and effects to be conveyed for some of the response.</li> <li>• Spelling is sometimes accurate, with some slips which may hinder meaning.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 3</b>	7 - 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicates clearly.</li> <li>• Generally clear sense of purpose and understanding the expectations/requirements of the intended reader is shown.</li> <li>• Organisation is sound with clear text structure; controlled paragraphing to reflect opening, development and closure together with some successful use of cohesive devices.</li> <li>• Sentences are generally clearly structured, with generally sound control of expression and meaning. A reasonable selection of sentence structures is used.</li> <li>• Generally sound control of a range of punctuation devices, enabling intended emphasis and effects to be conveyed for most of the response.</li> <li>• Spelling is mostly accurate, with some slips which do not hinder meaning.</li> </ul>

<b>Level 4</b>	10 - 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communicates effectively.</li> <li>• A sound realisation of the writing task according to the writer's purpose and the expectations/requirements of the intended reader is shown.</li> <li>• Organisation is secure, text structure is well-judged; effective paragraphing as appropriate and/or a range of cohesive devices between and within paragraphs.</li> <li>• Sentences are purposefully structured, with sustained control of expression and meaning. A wide and varied selection of sentence structures is used.</li> <li>• Thorough control of the full range of punctuation, enabling intended emphasis and effects to be conveyed.</li> <li>• Spelling is almost always accurate, with occasional slips.</li> </ul>
<b>Level 5</b>	13 - 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication is perceptive and subtle with discriminating use of a full vocabulary.</li> <li>• Task is sharply focused on purpose and the expectations/requirements of the intended reader.</li> <li>• Sophisticated control of text structure, skilfully sustained paragraphing as appropriate and/or assured application of a range of cohesive devices.</li> <li>• Sentences are convincingly structured, with sophisticated control of expression and meaning. A convincing selection of sentence structures is used.</li> <li>• Control of the full range of punctuation is precise, enabling intended emphasis and effects to be conveyed.</li> <li>• Spelling is consistently accurate.</li> </ul>

