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**MARKS: 80**

**TIME: 2½ hours**

**This question paper consists of 27 pages.**

**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Read these instructions carefully before you begin to answer the questions.
2. Do not attempt to read the entire question paper. Consult the table of contents on page 4 and mark the numbers of the questions set on texts you have studied this year. Thereafter, read these questions and choose the ones you wish to answer.
3. This question paper consists of THREE sections:  
  
SECTION A: Poetry (30)  
SECTION B: Novel (25)  
SECTION C: Drama (25)
4. Answer FIVE questions in all: THREE in SECTION A, ONE in SECTION B and ONE in SECTION C as follows:  
  
SECTION A: POETRY  
PRESCRIBED POETRY – Answer TWO questions.  
UNSEEN POEM – COMPULSORY question  
  
SECTION B: NOVEL  
Answer ONE question.  
  
SECTION C: DRAMA  
Answer ONE question.
5. CHOICE OF ANSWERS FOR SECTIONS B (NOVEL) AND C (DRAMA):
  - Answer questions ONLY on the novel and the drama you have studied.
  - Answer ONE essay question and ONE contextual question. If you answer the essay question in SECTION B, you must answer the contextual question in SECTION C.  
If you answer the contextual question in SECTION B, you must answer the essay question in SECTION C.  
Use the checklist to assist you.
6. LENGTH OF ANSWERS:
  - The essay question on Poetry should be answered in about 250–300 words.
  - Essay questions on the Novel and Drama sections should be answered in 400–450 words.
  - The length of answers to contextual questions should be determined by the mark allocation. Candidates should aim for conciseness and relevance.
7. Follow the instructions at the beginning of each section carefully.

8. Number your answers correctly according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
9. Start EACH section on a NEW page.
10. Suggested time management:  
  
SECTION A: approximately 40 minutes  
SECTION B: approximately 55 minutes  
SECTION C: approximately 55 minutes
11. Write neatly and legibly.

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**\*NOTE:** In SECTIONS B and C, answer ONE ESSAY and ONE CONTEXTUAL question.  
You may NOT answer TWO essay questions or TWO contextual questions.

**CHECKLIST**

Use this checklist to ensure that you have answered the correct number of questions.

<b>SECTION</b>	<b>QUESTION NUMBERS</b>	<b>NO. OF QUESTIONS ANSWERED</b>	<b>TICK (✓)</b>
A: Poetry (Prescribed Poetry)	1–4	2	
A: Poetry (Unseen Poem)	5	1	
B: Novel (Essay OR Contextual)	6–9	1	
C: Drama (Essay OR Contextual)	10–15	1	

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You may NOT answer TWO essay questions or TWO contextual questions.

**SECTION A: POETRY****PRESCRIBED POETRY**

Answer any TWO of the following questions.

**QUESTION 1: POETRY – ESSAY QUESTION**

Read the poem below and then answer the question that follows.

**FELIX RANDAL – Gerard Manley Hopkins**

- 1 Felix Randal the farrier, O he is dead then? my duty all ended,
- 2 Who have watched his mould of man, big-boned and hardy-handsome
- 3 Pining, pining, till time when reason rambled in it and some
- 4 Fatal four disorders, fleshed there, all contended?
  
- 5 Sickness broke him. Impatient he cursed at first, but mended
- 6 Being anointed and all; though a heavenlier heart began some
- 7 Months earlier, since I had our sweet reprieve and ransom
- 8 Tendered to him. Ah well, God rest him all road ever he offended!
  
- 9 This seeing the sick endears them to us, us too it endears.
- 10 My tongue had taught thee comfort, touch had quenched thy tears,
- 11 Thy tears that touched my heart, child, Felix, poor Felix Randal;
  
- 12 How far from then forethought of, all thy more boisterous years,
- 13 When thou at the random grim forge, powerful amidst peers,
- 14 Didst fettle for the great grey drayhorse his bright and battering sandal!

In 'Felix Randal', the speaker contemplates what he sees as significant aspects of the life and death of the farrier.

With close reference to **diction**, **imagery** and **tone**, discuss how the above statement is reflected in the poem.

Your response should take the form of a well-constructed essay of 250–300 words (about ONE page).

**[10]**

**QUESTION 2: POETRY – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

**REMEMBER – Christina Rossetti**

1 Remember me when I am gone away,  
2 Gone far away into the silent land;  
3 When you can no more hold me by the hand,  
4 Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.  
5 Remember me when no more day by day  
6 You tell me of our future that you plann'd:  
7 Only remember me; you understand  
8 It will be late to counsel then or pray.  
9 Yet if you should forget me for a while  
10 And afterwards remember, do not grieve:  
11 For if the darkness and corruption leave  
12 A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,  
13 Better by far you should forget and smile  
14 Than that you should remember and be sad.

2.1 Refer to lines 1–2: 'gone away,/Gone far away'.

How do these words set the initial mood of the poem? (2)

2.2 Explain what the use of the phrase, 'the silent land' (line 2) conveys about the speaker's state of mind. (2)

2.3 Refer to line 4: 'Nor I half turn to go yet turning stay.'

Discuss the significance of this description in the context of the poem. (3)

2.4 The speaker of this poem is self-centred.

Do you agree with this statement? Justify your response by referring to imagery and/or diction. (3)

**[10]**

**QUESTION 3: POETRY – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

**THE ZULU GIRL – Roy Campbell**

1 When in the sun the hot red acres smoulder,  
 2 Down where the sweating gang its labour plies,  
 3 A girl flings down her hoe, and from her shoulder  
 4 Unslings her child tormented by the flies.

5 She takes him to a ring of shadow pooled  
 6 By thorn-trees: purpled with the blood of ticks,  
 7 While her sharp nails, in slow caresses ruled,  
 8 Prowl through his hair with sharp electric clicks.

9 His sleepy mouth plugged by the heavy nipple,  
 10 Tugs like a puppy, grunting as he feeds:  
 11 Through his frail nerves her own deep languors ripple  
 12 Like a broad river sighing through its reeds.

13 Yet in that drowsy stream his flesh imbibes  
 14 An old unquenched unsmotherable heat –  
 15 The curbed ferocity of beaten tribes,  
 16 The sullen dignity of their defeat.

17 Her body looms above him like a hill  
 18 Within whose shade a village lies at rest,  
 19 Or the first cloud so terrible and still  
 20 That bears the coming harvest in its breast.

- 3.1 Refer to line 1: 'When in the sun the hot red acres smoulder'.  
 How does this line set the initial mood of the poem? (2)
- 3.2 Explain what the word, 'flings' (line 3) suggests about the girl's state of mind. (2)
- 3.3 Refer to line 11: 'Through his frail nerves her own deep languors ripple'.  
 Discuss the significance of this description in the context of the poem. (3)
- 3.4 The concluding stanza offers visions of the future.  
 Do you agree with this statement? Justify your response by referring to imagery and/or diction. (3)

(3)  
**[10]**

**QUESTION 4: POETRY – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

**VULTURES – Chinua Achebe**

1 In the greyness  
2 and drizzle of one despondent  
3 dawn unstirred by harbingers  
4 of sunbreak a vulture  
5 perching high on broken  
6 bone of a dead tree  
7 nestled close to his  
8 mate his smooth  
9 bashed-in head, a pebble  
10 on a stem rooted in  
11 a dump of gross  
12 feathers, inclined affectionately  
13 to hers. Yesterday they picked  
14 the eyes of a swollen  
15 corpse in a water-logged  
16 trench and ate the  
17 things in its bowel. Full  
18 gorged they chose their roost  
19 keeping the hollowed remnant  
20 in easy range of cold  
21 telescopic eyes ...  
22                   Strange  
23 indeed how love in other  
24 ways so particular  
25 will pick a corner  
26 in that charnel-house  
27 tidy it and coil up there, perhaps  
28 even fall asleep – her face  
29 turned to the wall!  
30 ... Thus the Commandant at Belsen  
31 Camp going home for  
32 the day with fumes of  
33 human roast clinging  
34 rebelliously to his hairy  
35 nostrils will stop  
36 at the wayside sweet-shop  
37 and pick up a chocolate  
38 for his tender offspring  
39 waiting at home for Daddy's  
40 return ...  
41                   Praise bounteous  
42 providence if you will  
43 that grants even an ogre  
44 a tiny glow-worm

45	tenderness encapsulated
46	in icy caverns of a cruel
47	heart or else despair
48	for in the very germ
49	of that kindred love is
50	lodged the perpetuity
51	of evil.

4.1 Refer to lines 1–3: 'In the greyness/and drizzle of one despondent/dawn'.

How do these lines contribute to the mood of the first section? (2)

4.2 What do the words, 'cold/telescopic eyes' (lines 20–21) suggest about the nature of the vultures? (2)

4.3 Refer to lines 30–35: 'Thus the Commandant ... his hairy/nostrils'.

Discuss the significance of this description in the context of the poem. (3)

4.4 The concluding lines, 'Praise bounteous/providence ... perpetuity/of evil' (lines 41–51) offers options for human behaviour.

Do you agree with this statement? Justify your response by referring to imagery and/or diction. (3)

**[10]**

**AND**

**UNSEEN POEM (COMPULSORY)****QUESTION 5: CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the poem below and then answer the questions that follow.

**WISHING LEAVES – Wayne Visser**

1 We sat upon the bench that autumn night  
2 And basked beneath the moon's cool silver light  
3 While waves of traffic lapped the park's green shore  
4 And squirrels rushed to fill their acorn store  
  
5 A gust of wind set off a whispered sigh  
6 Among the trees that leaned against the sky  
7 We listened hard to catch their secret words  
8 Between the chirping chatter of the birds  
  
9 Then as we turned our faces to the moon  
10 Our hands entwined, our hearts in sync, in tune  
11 We felt the fingers of the silken breeze  
12 And made our wishes on the falling leaves

- 5.1 What impression does the word, 'basked' (line 2) create about the couple? (2)
- 5.2 Refer to stanza 2.  
Discuss the speaker's attitude toward nature. (2)
- 5.3 Refer to line 3: 'While waves of traffic lapped the park's green shore'.  
Comment on the effectiveness of this image in the context of the poem. (3)
- 5.4 The mood of the final stanza enhances the central idea of the poem.  
Do you agree with this statement? Justify your response. (3)
- [10]

**TOTAL SECTION A: 30**

**SECTION B: NOVEL**

Answer ONLY on the novel you have studied.

**THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY – Oscar Wilde**

Answer EITHER QUESTION 6 (essay question) OR QUESTION 7 (contextual question).

**QUESTION 6: THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY – ESSAY QUESTION**

*The Picture of Dorian Gray* is about Dorian Gray's loss of innocence.

Critically discuss the extent to which you agree with the above statement.

Your response should take the form of a well-constructed essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages).

**[25]****QUESTION 7: THE PICTURE OF DORIAN GRAY – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the extracts below and then answer the questions that follow.

**EXTRACT A**

'And now, Dorian, get up on the platform, and don't move about too much, or pay any attention to what Lord Henry says. He has a very bad influence over all his friends, with the single exception of myself.'

Dorian Gray stepped up on the dais, with the air of a young Greek martyr, and made a little moue of discontent to Lord Henry, to whom he had rather taken a fancy. He was so unlike Basil. They made a delightful contrast. And he had such a beautiful voice. After a few moments he said to him, 'Have you really a very bad influence, Lord Henry? As bad as Basil says?'

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'There is no such thing as a good influence, Mr Gray. All influence is immoral – immoral from the scientific point of view.'

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'Why?'

'Because to influence a person is to give him one's own soul. He does not think his natural thoughts or burn with his natural passions. His virtues are not real to him. His sins, if there are such things as sins, are borrowed. He becomes an echo of some one else's music, an actor of a part that has not been written for him. The aim of life is self-development. To realise one's nature perfectly – that is what each of us is here for.'

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'Just turn your head a little more to the right, Dorian, like a good boy,' said the painter, deep in his work, and conscious only that a look had come into the lad's face that he had never seen there before.

[Chapter 2]

- 7.1 Place the above extract in context. (3)
- 7.2 Refer to lines 1–2: 'And now, Dorian, ... Lord Henry says.'  
Explain how Basil's tone reflects his attitude toward Dorian. (3)
- 7.3 Refer to lines 18–19: 'a look had ... seen there before.'  
Discuss the significance of Basil's observation in the light of later events. (3)
- 7.4 Refer to line 9: 'There is no such thing as a good influence, Mr Gray. All influence is immoral –'.  
Do you agree with Lord Henry's view as expressed in this line? Justify your response by drawing on the novel as a whole. (3)

**AND****EXTRACT B**

'... you finished a portrait of me that revealed to me the wonder of beauty. In a mad moment, that, even now, I don't know whether I regret or not, I made a wish, perhaps you would call it a prayer ...'

'I remember it! Oh, how well I remember it! No, the thing is impossible! The room is damp. Mildew has got into the canvas. The paints I used had some wretched mineral poison in them. I tell you the thing is impossible.'

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'Ah, what is impossible?' murmured the young man, going over to the window, and leaning his forehead against the cold, mist-stained glass.

'You told me you had destroyed it.'

'I was wrong. It has destroyed me.'

10

'I don't believe it is my picture.'

'Can't you see your ideal in it?' said Dorian, bitterly.

'My ideal, as you call it ...'

'As you called it.'

'There was nothing evil in it, nothing shameful. You were to me such an ideal as I shall never meet again. This is the face of a satyr.'

15

'It is the face of my soul.'

'Christ! What a thing I must have worshipped! It has the eyes of a devil.'

'Each of us has Heaven and Hell in him, Basil,' cried Dorian, with a wild gesture of despair.

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Hallward turned again to the portrait, and gazed at it. 'My God! If it is true,' he exclaimed, 'and this is what you have done with your life, why, you must be worse even than those who talk against you fancy you to be!'

[Chapter 13]

- 7.5 Account for Dorian's decision to reveal the tainted picture to Basil. (3)
- 7.6 Refer to line 1: '... you finished a portrait of me that revealed to me the wonder of beauty.'
- Explain what their pre-occupation with beauty suggests about aristocratic Victorian society. (3)
- 7.7 Critically discuss the mood in this extract. (3)
- 7.8 Refer to lines 1–3: 'In a mad ... it a prayer ...'.
- Critically discuss how Dorian's comment at this point in the novel is crucial to your understanding of his moral degeneration. (4)
- [25]**

**LIFE OF PI – Yann Martel**

Answer EITHER QUESTION 8 (essay question) OR QUESTION 9 (contextual question).

**QUESTION 8: LIFE OF PI – ESSAY QUESTION**

The manner in which Pi fights to survive diminishes his humanity.

Critically discuss the extent to which you agree with the above statement.

Your response should take the form of a well-constructed essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages).

**[25]****QUESTION 9: LIFE OF PI – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the extracts below and then answer the questions that follow.

**EXTRACT C**

It was with pride that I waved the ticket collector's hand away and showed Mr Kumar into the zoo.

He marvelled at everything, at how tall trees came tall giraffes, how carnivores were supplied with herbivores and herbivores with grass, how some creatures crowded the day and others the night, how some that needed sharp beaks had sharp beaks and others that needed limber limbs had limber limbs. It made me happy that he was so impressed.

5

He quoted from the Holy Qur'an: 'In all this there are messages indeed for a people who use their reason.'

We came to the zebras. Mr Kumar had never heard of such creatures, let alone seen one. He was dumbfounded.

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'They're called zebras,' I said.

'Have they been painted with a brush?'

'No, no. They look like that naturally.'

'What happens when it rains?'

15

'Nothing.'

'The stripes don't melt?'

'No.'

I had brought some carrots. There was one left, a large and sturdy specimen. I took it out of the bag. At that moment I heard a slight scraping of gravel to my right. It was Mr Kumar, coming up to the railing in his usual limping and rolling gait.

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...

Mr and Mr Kumar looked delighted.

'A zebra, you say?' said Mr Kumar.

'That's right,' I replied. 'It belongs to the same family as the ass and the horse.'

'The Rolls-Royce of equids,' said Mr Kumar.

25

'What a wondrous creature,' said Mr Kumar.

'This one's a Grant's zebra,' I said.

Mr Kumar said, '*Equus burchelli boehmi*.'Mr Kumar said, '*Allahu akbar*.'

I said, 'It's very pretty.'

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We looked on.

[Chapter 31]

9.1 Refer to lines 1–2: 'It was with ... into the zoo.'

Account for Pi's feeling of pride.

(3)

9.2 Refer to line 27: '"This one's a Grant's zebra," I said.'

Explain the significance of the zebra in the context of the novel as a whole.

(3)

9.3 Earlier in the novel, Pi says, 'Mr and Mr Kumar were the prophets of my Indian youth.'

Refer to the novel as a whole and comment on the impact of both men on Pi's life.

(3)

9.4 Refer to line 25: 'The Rolls-Royce of equids' and line 26: 'What a wondrous creature'.

Despite their widely differing perspectives on life, both Mr Kumars display a similar reaction to the zebra.

Discuss the accuracy of this observation.

(3)

**AND**

**EXTRACT D**

'What exactly do you intend to feed that tiger of yours? How much longer do you think he'll last on three dead animals? Do I need to remind you that tigers are not carrion eaters? Granted, when he's on his last legs he probably won't lift his nose at much. But don't you think that before he submits to eating puffy, putrefied zebra he'll try the fresh, juicy Indian boy just a short dip away?'

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You may be astonished that in such a short period of time I could go from weeping over the muffled killing of a flying fish to gleefully bludgeoning to death a dorado. I could explain it by arguing that profiting from a pitiful flying fish's navigational mistake made me shy and sorrowful, while the excitement of actively capturing a great dorado made me sanguinary and self-assured. But in point of fact the explanation lies elsewhere. It is simple and brutal: a person can get used to anything, even to killing.

10

It was with a hunter's pride that I pulled the raft up to the lifeboat. I brought it along the side, keeping very low. I swung my arm and dropped the dorado into the boat. It landed with a heavy thud and provoked a gruff expression of surprise from Richard Parker. After a sniff or two, I heard the wet mashing sound of a mouth at work. I pushed myself off, not forgetting to blow the whistle hard several times, to remind Richard Parker of who had so graciously provided him with fresh food.

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[Chapter 61]

- 9.5 Explain how Pi's upbringing has equipped him with the necessary skills for his survival. (3)
- 9.6 Refer to lines 1–3: 'What exactly do ... not carrion eaters?'
- In your view, is Pi's survival linked to that of the tiger? Justify your response. (3)
- 9.7 Refer to lines 16–17: 'I pushed myself ... with fresh food.'
- Critically discuss the contrast between Pi's current mood and his mood when he is first stranded on the lifeboat. (3)
- 9.8 Refer to line 11: 'It is simple ... even to killing.'
- Critically discuss how Pi's comment at this point in the novel is crucial to your understanding of his plight on the lifeboat. (4)

**[25]****TOTAL SECTION B: 25**

**SECTION C: DRAMA**

Answer ONLY on the play you have studied.

**HAMLET – William Shakespeare**

Answer EITHER QUESTION 10 (essay question) OR QUESTION 11 (contextual question).

**QUESTION 10: HAMLET – ESSAY QUESTION**

The problem of making moral choices is a significant issue in the play.

Critically assess the validity of this statement.

Your response should take the form of a well-constructed essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages).

**[25]****QUESTION 11: HAMLET – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the extracts below and then answer the questions that follow.

**EXTRACT E**

HAMLET

Get thee to a nunnery. Why wouldst thou be a breeder of sinners? I am myself indifferent honest, but yet I could accuse me of such things that it were better my mother had not borne me. I am very proud, revengeful, ambitious, with more offences at my beck than I have thoughts to put them in, imagination to give them shape, or time to act them in. What should such fellows as I do crawling between heaven and earth? We are arrant knaves, all. Believe none of us. Go thy ways to a nunnery. Where's your father?

5

OPHELIA

At home, my lord.

HAMLET

Let the doors be shut upon him, that he may play the fool nowhere but in his own house. Farewell.

OPHELIA

O help him, you sweet heavens!

HAMLET

If thou dost marry, I'll give thee this plague for thy dowry: be thou as chaste as ice, as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny. Get thee to a nunnery, go, farewell. Or if thou wilt needs marry, marry a fool; for wise men know well enough what monsters you make of them. To a nunnery, go, and quickly, too.

15

Farewell.

OPHELIA

O heavenly powers, restore him!

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[Act 3, Scene 1]



LAERTES

And so have I a noble father lost,  
A sister driven into desperate terms,  
Who has, if praises may go back again,  
Stood challenger, on mount, of all the age 30  
For her perfections. But my revenge will come.

CLAUDIUS

Break not your sleeps for that. You must not  
think  
That we are made of stuff so flat and dull  
That we can let our beard be shook with danger, 35  
And think it pastime. You shortly shall hear more.  
I loved your father, and we love ourself.  
And that, I hope, will teach you to imagine –

[Act 4, Scene 7]

11.6 Refer to line 14: 'Lives almost by his looks'.

Explain how Gertrude's final act will clearly indicate her love for Hamlet. (3)

11.7 Refer to line 2: 'And you must put me in your heart for friend'.

Discuss the irony in this line. (3)

11.8 Refer to lines 27–31: 'And so have ... revenge will come.'

If you were the director of a production of *Hamlet*, describe how you would direct the actor playing Laertes to deliver these lines. Justify your answer with reference to both body language and tone. (3)

11.9 Claudius is a villain without any redeeming qualities.

Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, critically discuss the extent to which you agree with this statement. (4)  
**[25]**

**OTHELLO – William Shakespeare**

Answer EITHER QUESTION 12 (essay question) OR QUESTION 13 (contextual question).

**QUESTION 12: OTHELLO – ESSAY QUESTION**

The problem of making moral choices is a significant issue in the play.

Critically assess the validity of this statement.

Your response should take the form of a well-constructed essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages).

**[25]****QUESTION 13: OTHELLO – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the extracts below and then answer the questions that follow.

**EXTRACT G**

OTHELLO

If it were now to die,  
'Twere now to be most happy, for I fear  
My soul hath her content so absolute  
That not another comfort like to this  
Succeeds in unknown fate. 5

...

IAGO

That Cassio loves her, I do well believe't.  
That she loves him, 'tis apt and of great credit.  
The Moor, howbeit that I endure him not,  
Is of a constant, noble, loving nature,  
And, I dare think, he'll prove to Desdemona 10  
A most dear husband. Now, I do love her too—  
Not out of absolute lust (though peradventure  
I stand accountant for as great a sin)  
But partly led to diet my revenge,

For that I do suspect the lusty Moor 15  
Hath leaped into my seat, the thought whereof  
Doth like a poisonous mineral gnaw my inwards.  
And nothing can or shall content my soul  
Till I am evened with him, wife for wife,  
Or failing so, yet that I put the Moor 20  
At least into a jealousy so strong  
That judgment cannot cure. Which thing to do,  
If this poor trash of Venice, whom I trash  
For his quick hunting, stand the putting on,

I'll have our Michael Cassio on the hip, 25

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*Emilia draws back the bed-curtains*

Help, help, ho, help! O, lady, speak again!

Sweet Desdemona, O sweet mistress, speak!

DESDEMONA

A guiltless death I die.

15

EMILIA

O, who has done this deed?

DESDEMONA

Nobody; I myself. Farewell.

Commend me to my kind lord. O, farewell!

*Desdemona dies*

...

EMILIA

Thou art rash as fire to say

20

That she was false. O, she was heavenly true!

OTHELLO

Cassio did top her – ask thy husband else.

O, I were damned beneath all depth in hell

But that I did proceed upon just grounds

To this extremity. Thy husband knew it all.

25

EMILIA

My husband!

OTHELLO

Thy husband.

EMILIA

That she was false to wedlock?

OTHELLO

Ay, with Cassio. Nay, had she been true,

If heaven would make me another such world

30

Of one entire and perfect chrysolite,

I'd not have sold her for it.

EMILIA

My husband!

OTHELLO

Ay, 'twas he that told me first.

An honest man he is, and hates the slime

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That sticks on filthy deeds.

EMILIA

My husband!

OTHELLO

What needs this iteration? Woman, I say thy husband.

EMILIA

O mistress, villainy hath made mocks with love!

My husband say that she was false?

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OTHELLO

He, woman.

I say thy husband – dost understand the word?

My friend, thy husband, honest, honest lago.

[Act 5, Scene 2]

- 13.6 Refer to lines 6–7: 'Not Cassio killed! ... revenge grows harsh.'  
Explain Othello's reactions in these lines. (3)
- 13.7 Refer to lines 13–14: 'Help, help, ho, ... sweet mistress, speak!'  
If you were the director of a production of *Othello*, how would you instruct the actress to deliver these lines? Justify your instructions with reference to both body language and tone. (3)
- 13.8 Refer to lines 17–18: 'Nobody; I myself ... my kind lord.'  
Discuss the extent to which Desdemona's own actions have contributed to the tragedy. (3)
- 13.9 The death of Desdemona marks the ultimate victory of evil.  
Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, critically comment on the validity of this statement. (4)
- [25]**

**THE CRUCIBLE – Arthur Miller**

Answer EITHER QUESTION 14 (essay question) OR QUESTION 15 (contextual question).

**QUESTION 14: THE CRUCIBLE – ESSAY QUESTION**

The problem of making moral choices is a significant issue in the play.

Critically assess the validity of this statement.

Your response should take the form of a well-constructed essay of 400–450 words (2–2½ pages).

**[25]****QUESTION 15: THE CRUCIBLE – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the extracts below and then answer the questions that follow.

**EXTRACT I**

PROCTOR	PROCTOR <i>eats, then looks up.</i> If the crop is good I'll buy George Jacob's heifer. How would that please you?	
ELIZABETH	Aye, it would.	
PROCTOR	<i>(with a grin)</i> : I mean to please you, Elizabeth.	5
ELIZABETH	<i>(it is hard to say)</i> : I know it, John. <i>He gets up, goes to her, kisses her. She receives it. With a certain disappointment, he returns to the table.</i>	
PROCTOR	<i>(as gently as he can)</i> : Cider?	
ELIZABETH	<i>(with a sense of reprimanding herself for having forgot)</i> : Aye! <i>(She gets up and goes and pours a glass for him. He now arches his back.)</i>	10
	...	
ELIZABETH	Mary Warren's there today.	
PROCTOR	Why'd you let her? You heard me forbid her go to Salem any more!	
ELIZABETH	I couldn't stop her.	15
PROCTOR	<i>(holding back a full condemnation of her)</i> : It is a fault, it is a fault, Elizabeth – you're the mistress here, not Mary Warren.	
ELIZABETH	She frightened all my strength away.	
PROCTOR	How may that mouse frighten you, Elizabeth? You –	
ELIZABETH	It is a mouse no more. I forbid her go, and she raises up her chin like the daughter of a prince and says to me, 'I must go to Salem, Goody Proctor; I am an official of the court!'	20
PROCTOR	Court! What court?	
ELIZABETH	Aye, it is a proper court they have now. They've sent four judges out of Boston, she says, weighty magistrates of the General Court, and at the head sits the Deputy Governor of the Province.	25
PROCTOR	<i>(astonished)</i> : Why, she's mad.	
ELIZABETH	I would to God she were. There be fourteen people in the jail now, she says. <i>(PROCTOR simply looks at her, unable to grasp it.)</i> And they'll be tried, and the court have power to hang them too, she says.	30

[Act 2]

- 15.1 Refer to line 5: 'I mean to please you, Elizabeth.'  
Account for Proctor's need to please his wife. (2)
- 15.2 Refer to lines 20–22: 'It is a mouse ... of the court!'  
Explain the changes that are observed in Mary Warren at this point in the play. (2)
- 15.3 What does this extract suggest about the current state of the Proctors' marriage? (2)
- 15.4 Refer to lines 23–29: 'Court! What Court? ... (*unable to grasp it.*)'  
By referring to both the stage directions and the dialogue, discuss John Proctor's attitude to the events taking place in Salem. (3)
- 15.5 Comment on the impact that the court trials have on the people of Salem. (3)

**AND****EXTRACT J**

PROCTOR	She never saw no spirits, sir.	
DANFORTH	( <i>with great alarm and surprise, to Mary</i> ): Never saw no spirits!	
	...	
PARRIS	They've come to overthrow the court, sir! This man is –	
DANFORTH	I pray you, Mr Parris. Do you know, Mr Proctor, that the entire contention of the state in these trials is that the voice of Heaven is speaking through the children?	5
PROCTOR	I know that, sir.	
DANFORTH	( <i>thinks, staring at Proctor, then turns to Mary Warren</i> ): And you, Mary Warren, how came you to cry out people for sending their spirits against you?	10
MARY	It were pretence, sir.	
DANFORTH	I cannot hear you.	
PROCTOR	It were pretence, she says.	
DANFORTH	Ah? And the other girls? Susanna Walcott, and – the others? They are also pretending?	15
MARY	Aye, sir.	
DANFORTH	( <i>wide-eyed</i> ): Indeed. ( <i>Pause. He is baffled by this. He turns to study Proctor's face.</i> )	
PARRIS	( <i>in a sweat</i> ): Excellency, you surely cannot think to let so vile a lie to spread in open court!	20
DANFORTH	Indeed not, but it strike hard upon me that she will dare come here with such a tale. Now, Mr Proctor, before I decide whether I shall hear you or not, it is my duty to tell you this. We burn a hot fire here; it melts down all concealment.	
PROCTOR	I know that, sir.	25
DANFORTH	Let me continue. I understand well, a husband's tenderness may drive him to extravagance in defence of a wife. Are you certain in your conscience, Mister, that your evidence is the truth?	

[Act 3]

- 15.6 Refer to lines 27–28: 'Are you certain in your conscience'.  
Discuss how Proctor's action later in the play offers an answer to Danforth's question. (3)
- 15.7 Explain the irony of Danforth's assertion that it is the 'voice of Heaven' (line 5) that is 'speaking through the children' (line 6). (3)
- 15.8 Refer to line 3: 'They've come to overthrow the court, sir! This man is –'.  
If you were the director of a production of *The Crucible*, how would you instruct the actor to deliver this line? Justify your instructions with reference to both body language and tone. (3)
- 15.9 The nature of justice in Salem is questionable.  
Using this extract as a starting point and drawing on your knowledge of the play as a whole, critically comment on the validity of this statement. (4)
- TOTAL SECTION C: 25**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 80**