

**Trial Examination 2020** 

**Question booklet** 

# **QCE English Units 3&4**

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# **SECTION 1**

#### Instructions

- There are two questions for each of the eight texts.
- Respond to **one** of the following questions.
- Respond in 800–1000 words.

# **Burial Rites by Hannah Kent**

a) How is the reader invited to view the influence of the Icelandic landscape in *Burial Rites*?

OR

b) Analyse the influence of Tóti on Agnes's development.

#### Cat's Eye by Margaret Atwood

a) 'This is the middle of my life. I think of it as a place, like the middle of a river, the middle of a bridge, halfway across, halfway over.' (Elaine)

How is the reader invited to view the concepts of time and memory in Cat's Eye?

OR

b) What do the conflicts between Cordelia and Elaine reveal about Elaine's identity?

# Hamlet by William Shakespeare

a) How is the reader invited to view the notions of death and corruption in *Hamlet*?

OR

b) Analyse the influence of the ghost on Hamlet's development in the play.

# Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

a) 'He had not imagined that a woman would dare to speak so to a man.'
How is the reader invited to view the complexities of gender roles in *Jane Eyre*?

OR

b) What perspective about Jane does Brontë communicate through Jane's relationship with Mr Rochester?

# Macbeth by William Shakespeare

a) How is the reader invited to view the role of the supernatural forces in *Macbeth*?

OR

b) Analyse the influence of Lady Macbeth on her husband's downfall.

#### Nineteen Eighty-Four by George Orwell

a) 'He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother.'How is the reader invited to view the notion of loyalty in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*?

OR

b) Analyse the influence of O'Brien on Winston's psychological state throughout the novel.

# The White Earth by Andrew McGahan

a) How is the reader invited to view the ideas of reconciliation and healing in *The White Earth*?

OR

b) Analyse the influence of John McIvor's beliefs on William's development.

# We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves by Karen Joy Fowler

a) 'Three children, one story. The only reason I'm the one telling it is that I'm the one not currently in a cage.' (Rosemary)

How is the reader invited to view the concept of humanity in *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*?

OR

b) Analyse the effect Rosemary's family members have on her growth in the novel.

#### **END OF PAPER**



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**Response booklet** 

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Student's Name:		
Teacher's Name:		

# Time allowed

- Planning time 15 minutes
- Working time 120 minutes

#### **General instructions**

- Answer the question in this response booklet.
- Write using black or blue pen.
- Respond in paragraphs consisting of full sentences.
- Planning paper will not be marked.

# Section 1 (55 marks)

1 extended response question

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Burial Rites	Cat's Eye	Hamlet	Jane Eyre	Macbeth	Nineteen Eighty-Four	The White Earth	We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves

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# Instructions

- Cancel any incorrect response by ruling a single diagonal line through your work.
- If you do not do this, your original response will be marked.
- Respond in 800–1000 words.

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