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LTA1 The Modern Novel

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June 2008**LTA1****The Assessment Objectives**

- Assessment in English Literature is unlike that in most other subjects where Assessment Objectives can be assessed discretely.
- Experience of examining in this subject along with research conducted into how candidates approach answering questions show that there is never an occasion where one can assess a single assessment objective discretely.
- Some assessment objectives, such as AO1, 2 and 3 are always present.
- In this specification, the Assessment Objectives do have different weightings in different units.
- In some modules the AOs are more or less equal; in others there is a dominant AO.
- The specification and its units have been constructed and the questions have been framed so that the Assessment Objectives are targetted in the proportions set out in the specification.

Unit 1

- In this unit, the weightings of the AOs are:

AO1 7%
AO2i 10%
AO3 8%
AO4 5%

The Spire - William Golding**Question 1**

Explore the presentation and importance of Pangall in the novel.

Focus: whole novel.

Key Words: explore presentation, importance, Pangall.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>Pangall</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>presentation/importance</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>presentation of Pangall</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of events and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>presentation and importance of Pangall</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>presentation and importance of Pangall</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

The Spire - William Golding**Question 2**

Using the following extract as a **starting point**, explore the ways Golding presents ideas about change and transformation in the novel.

Focus: whole novel.

Key Words: starting point, explore ways presents, ideas about change and transformation.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>events</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>ways presents or change and transformation.</u> 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>change and transformation</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of <u>events</u> and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>ideas about change and transformation</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>ways presents</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>ways Golding presents ideas about change and transformation</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Cold Mountain - Charles Frazier**Question 3**

Explore the ways Frazier presents the America of Inman's time in the novel.

Focus: whole novel.

Key Words: explore ways presents, American society.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>people</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>ways presents</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>concept of American society</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of <u>events</u> and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>presentation of American society</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>ways writer presents American society</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Cold Mountain - Charles Frazier**Question 4**

How appropriate is the following extract as the opening of the novel?

Focus: opening and whole novel.

Key Words: how appropriate, opening.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple telling of story/describing of events with increasing accuracy. • Asserts. • Sometimes irrelevant. • Lapses in technical accuracy. • Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dependent on unassimilated notes. • Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. • Little or no attention to <u>appropriateness</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins to address <u>opening and its relation to whole</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of events and character. • Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. • Some inaccuracies. • General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some evidence of individual response with general reference. • Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begins to consider <u>appropriateness of opening</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. • Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. • Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. • Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. • Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>appropriateness of opening</u>. • Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mature and confident judgement. • Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Wise Children - Angela Carter**Question 5**

How does Carter use and explore the theme of parenthood in the novel?

Focus: whole novel.

Key Words: how, use and explore, theme of parenthood.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>parents</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>use and explore</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>theme of parenthood</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of <u>events</u> and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>use and exploration of theme of parenthood</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>use and exploration of theme of parenthood</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Wise Children - Angela Carter**Question 6**

Using the following extract as a **starting point**, explore the importance and presentation of 'popular entertainment' in the novel.

Focus: whole novel.

Key Words: starting point, explore importance and presentation, popular entertainment.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>events</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>importance and presentation</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>popular entertainment</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of <u>events</u> and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>importance and presentation of popular entertainment</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>importance and presentation of popular entertainment</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Possession - A.S. Byatt**Question 7**

In what ways is *Possession* an appropriate title for the novel?

Focus: whole novel.

Key Words: what ways, appropriate title.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>events</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>appropriateness of title</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>title</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of <u>events</u> and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>appropriateness of title</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>appropriateness of title</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Possession - A.S. Byatt**Question 8**

Using the following extract as a **starting point**, explore the ways Byatt uses the theme of 'hunter' in the novel.

Focus: extract and whole novel.

Key Words: starting point, explore ways, uses the theme of 'hunter'.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>events</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>using themes</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>theme of hunter</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of events and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>ways writer uses theme of hunter</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>ways Byatt uses theme of hunter</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Spies - Michael Frayn**Question 9**

Explore the ways Frayn presents fathers and fatherhood in the novel.

Focus: whole novel.

Key Words: explore ways, fathers and fatherhood.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>fathers</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>ways presents</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>presentation of fathers</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of events and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>ways Frayn presents fathers and fatherhood</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>ways Frayn presents fathers and fatherhood</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20

Spies - Michael Frayn**Question 10**

Using the following extract as a **starting point**, consider the ways Frayn presents the theme of isolation in the novel.

Focus: extract and whole.

Key Words: starting point, consider ways presents, theme of isolation.

AOs 1-3 Knowledge and understanding. Clear communication. Form, structure, language.	AO4 Informed independent judgements.	Marks and Bands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Simple telling of story/describing of <u>events</u> with increasing accuracy. Asserts. Sometimes irrelevant. Lapses in technical accuracy. Little or no discussion of how language features shape meaning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dependent on unassimilated notes. Unclear line of argument/poor deployment of knowledge. Little or no attention to <u>presentation of theme</u>. 	Band 1 0-6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to address <u>theme of isolation</u> but in a general way at level of narration and description of <u>events</u> and character. Expression clear if limited by vocabulary. Some inaccuracies. General awareness of writer's technique. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some evidence of individual response with general reference. Not always balanced or consistent. 	Band 2 7-10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Begins to consider <u>ways Frayn presents theme of isolation</u> and how choices of language, form and structure inform meaning. Supporting evidence increasingly based on close reading. Analyses <u>writer's methods</u>. Expression controlled, vocabulary widening. Attention to <u>whole</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coherent, informed individual response to text, based on command of appropriate detail. 	Band 3 11-15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed analysis and exploration of <u>ways Frayn presents the theme of isolation</u>. Critical vocabulary tellingly used. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mature and confident judgement. Clear, cogent argument. 	Band 4 16-20