English Paper 2

Overview

Sections

- Section A: Poetry
- Question 1 seen poetry essay
- Question 2 4 seen poetry contextuals
- Question 5 unseen

Poetry essay

- Do if you are a competent writer, with a weak knowledge of the poems
- Introduction keywords plus roadmap
- One paragraph for each "stop" on the roadmap
 - Make sure you know what tone, diction, imagery and structure refer to
- **▶** Conclusion

Seen contextuals

- ▶ Tone
- Diction
- Imagery
- ► Main message of the poem
- Context of the poem

Seen contextual

- 1.1 Easy entry into the question
- 1.3.1 e.g. Identify the figure of speech/tone/...
- 1.3.2 Explain the figure of speech / discuss the effect/effectiveness of the figure of speech
- 1.5 Higher order question "Critically comment"

Unseen poem

- Compulsory
- ▶ Pay careful attention to the title as a clue
- ▶ Don't rush
- ► The last few lines of a poem are often where it gets to its deeper point

Section B & C

One essay and one contextual, one per section

Literature essay

- Step 1: keywords
- Step 2: brainstorming (evidence)
- Step 3: introduction
 - Keywords
 - Stance
 - "Roadmap"
- Step 4: paragraphs PEEL
- Step 5: conclusion
 - "Roadmap"
 - Stance
 - Keywords

Literature essays

Often based on themes

Literature contextuals

- > 2 x 2 mark questions, 7 x 3 mark questions
- Answer in detail
- ▶ PEE on your paper
- ► Look at mark allocation

Literature contextuals

- ► State of mind
- Attitude
- ► Irony

Literature contextuals

- Place this extract into context
- ▶ If you were director, how would you direct the character playing _____ to deliver lines _____. Refer to tone, body language and justify your answer.
- Using these lines as a starting point
- Change
- Based on your knowledge of the drama/novel as a whole
- Reveals about their character