

Section I

25 marks

Attempt Question 1

Allow about 50 minutes for this section

Read the texts on pages 3–5 of the question paper, then answer the questions in the spaces provided. These spaces provide guidance for the expected length of response.

Your answers will be assessed on how well you:

- demonstrate understanding of the ways language shapes and expresses perceptions

Question 1 (25 marks)

Text 1 — Memoir extract

- (a) Describe the negative discoveries made by Brian Turner. 2

Brian Turner discovered ~~the~~ ^{the} challenging aspects of life and in achieving one's dreams. He explained, by the use of listing, the several characteristics to endorse the challenging factors that will push an individual's limits in achieving their goals in life.

- (b) How does Brian Turner use language to convey his positive feelings about his discoveries? 4

The author ^{provided} ~~found~~ anecdotal evidence, a quotation from his ^{father} ~~dad~~ to emphasise his positive discovery that hard work and sacrifices in life pays off: 'if you want to be any good, you must learn to suffer'. He also used repetition - 'keep going, keep going... don't give up', to motivate the responders to continue pursuing their dreams as this may result to great things in life. His sharing of his own experience in addition to the motivating statements he revealed, expressed in ^{sophisticated} ~~own~~ language shows the positive outcomes of diligence.

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Question 1 (continued)

Text 2 — Cartoon

- (c) In what ways are ideas about discovery conveyed in the cartoon?

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... The satellite digging a hole on the ground, ^{symbolise} ~~indicates~~ ^{create an out of this world} the men's desire to discovery. This digging of hole represents the endless possibilities caused by discovery, that may also lead to unexpected outcomes. The sections below the ground indicates the unexplored ~~the~~ world, its possible lifestyle, inhabitants and culture. The alien's ^{negative} reaction to the hole created symbolizes the ~~great~~ difference of attitudes of individuals in country discoveries, implying a great sense of disagreements.

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~~Also, the satellite in the middle of the cartoon~~

Question 1 (continued)

Text 3 — Fiction extract

- (d) How does the narrator compare herself to her father's 'living wonders'? 2

Her father's very optimistic view of herself is highly contradicted by the narrator through her ^{repeated} reference to ^{her} simplicity: "plain person" and "nothing special". She also listed her physical characteristics that "did not seem wonderful" to her in comparison to her father's valuable treatment of her child as a "living wonder".

- (e) What view of Mr Morris is conveyed by Alice Hoffman? 3

The writer conveyed Mr ~~Morris~~ Morris' ^{changing} view of life, inspired by the novel that he read. It was revealed that Mr Morris' love of reading and his grand life behind locked doors. His life was "enriched immeasurably by ^{the} many novels in his collection", in particular Jane Eyre that caused him to go out and explore the world outside the locked doors. Alice also conveyed the intellectual abilities of Mr Morris despite his mental disabilities as well as his attitude to discover ^{the unknown}.

- (f) How is language used to contrast Mr Morris's expectations and his discoveries? 4

The author used imagery to create a visualisation to the minds of the readers, also to distinguish Mr. Morris's pleasant expectations of the world, to the reality he discovered: "huddled in cell, blood streaking his hair." His expectations that New York ^{has} no discrimination against different people was proved to be wrong, evidenced by the degrading perception of the crowd with the use of emotive language: "abusers cheered on... he was a monster." The ^{highly sophisticated} language reveals his failure to be accepted by the society.

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Question 1 (continued)

- (g) Imagine an event where a person makes an unexpected rediscovery.

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Write a diary entry which explores his or her response to this rediscovery.

I have just received the most amazing news in my life! A letter, an unexpected letter from my real family. I have been searching for my parents and if ever, for my siblings but I was very unsuccessful. I honestly have given up for so long, but this letter, a hand-written letter, from my father ~~a friend~~ made me very emotional. It is the best time of my life!

With all the details provided by him, I get to rediscover my own family heritage. This provided me the missing puzzle ~~part~~ piece in my life's puzzle. I am very excited to meet them, I booked a flight to Hong Kong, back ~~from~~ ^{to} the place where I was born. I will rediscover the culture, customs, traditions as well as its land's beauty that I have missed ^{growing} ~~up~~ up in Australia.

My initial reaction in receiving the mail was purely confusion. As I read the ^{breaking} news, I was ecstatic! I finally can see my ^{original and} ~~real~~ family, in a foreign land where is my ^{actual} ~~real~~ homeland. This unexpected life discovery taught me a valuable lesson in life: to keep persevering and blessings will come your way!

End of Question 1