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Paper 2 Unseen Poetry

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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- 1 Read carefully the poem which describes a thunderstorm passing over a village in Africa.

An African Thunderstorm

From the west Clouds come hurrying with the wind Turning Sharply Here and there Like a plague of locusts Whirling Tossing up things on its tail Like a madman chasing nothing.	5
Pregnant clouds Ride stately on its back Gathering to perch on hills Like dark sinister wings; The Wind whistles by And trees bend to let it pass.	10 15
In the village Screams of delighted children Toss and turn In the din of whirling wind, Women – Babies clinging on their backs – Dart about In and out Madly The wind whistles by Whilst trees bend to let it pass. Clothes wave like tattered flags Flying off To expose dangling breasts As jagged blinding flashes Rumble, tremble, and crack Amidst the smell of fired smoke And the pelting march of the storm.	20 25 30

- (a) How does the poet strikingly describe the storm? [15]
- (b) How does the poet dramatically convey the effects the storm has on the people? [15]

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