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Paper 1 Drama and Poetry

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2 hours



You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions in total:
Section A: answer **one** question.
Section B: answer **one** question.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- Dictionaries are **not** allowed.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

This document has **16** pages. Any blank pages are indicated.

Section A: Drama

Answer **one** question from this section.

ARTHUR MILLER: *All My Sons*

- 1 **Either** (a) Discuss Miller's presentation of different attitudes to fathers in *All My Sons*.
- Or** (b) Paying close attention to language and dramatic effects, discuss Miller's presentation of the relationship between Joe Keller and Kate Keller (Mother) in the following extract.

Mother: You're asking me again.

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Mother:

always afraid of mice.

Here he was

(*from Act 3*)

- [Enter DON JOHN and CONRADE.]

Borachio: Even he.

- Don John:* A proper squire! And who, and who? Which way looks he?
- Borachio:* Marry, on Hero, the daughter and heir of Leonato.
- Don John:* A very forward March-chick! How came you to this? 45
- Borachio:* Being entertain'd for a perfumer, as I was smoking a musty room, comes me the Prince and Claudio hand in hand, in sad conference. I whipt me behind the arras, and there heard it agreed upon that the Prince should woo Hero for himself, and, having obtain'd her, give her to Count Claudio. 50
- Don John:* Come, come, let us thither; this may prove food to my displeasure; that young start-up hath all the glory of my overthrow. If I can cross him any way, I bless myself every way. You are both sure, and will assist me?
- Conrade:* To the death, my lord. 55
- Don John:* Let us to the great supper; their cheer is the greater that I am subdued. Would the cook were o' my mind! Shall we go prove what's to be done?
- Borachio:* We'll wait upon your lordship.
- [Exeunt.] 60

(from Act 1 Scene 3)

WOLE SOYINKA: *The Trials of Brother Jero and Jero's Metamorphosis*

- 3** **Either** (a) Discuss some of the effects created by Soyinka's presentation of politics in the **two** plays.
- Or** (b) Discuss Soyinka's presentation of the relationship between Amope and Jero in the following extract from *The Trials of Brother Jero*. In your answer you should refer in detail to language and action and their effects.

Amope: Don't forget to bring some more water when you're returning from work.

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[BROTHER JEROBOAM *shuts the door.*]

(*from The Trials of Brother Jero, Scene 2*)

THOMAS MIDDLETON AND WILLIAM ROWLEY: *The Changeling*

- 4 Either (a) 'De Flores: I loved this woman in spite of her heart.'

With this comment in mind, discuss Middleton and Rowley's presentation of De Flores in *The Changeling*.

- Or (b) Discuss the presentation of the relationship between Beatrice and Alsemero in the following extract. In your answer you should pay close attention to dramatic methods and their effects.

Beatrice: You are a scholar, sir?

Alsemero: A weak one, lady.

Beatrice: Which of the sciences is this love you speak of?

Alsemero: From your tongue I take it to be music.

Beatrice: You are skilful in't, can sing at first sight. 5

Alsemero: And I have show'd you all my skill at once.
I want more words to express me further,
And must be forc'd to repetition:
I love you dearly.

Beatrice: Be better advis'd, sir: 10
Our eyes are sentinels unto our judgments,
And should give certain judgment what they see;
But they are rash sometimes, and tell us wonders
Of common things, which when our judgments find,
They can then check the eyes, and call them blind. 15

Alsemero: But I am further, lady; yesterday
Was mine eyes' employment, and hither now
They brought my judgment, where are both agreed.
Both houses then consenting, 'tis agreed;
Only there wants the confirmation 20
By the hand royal, that's your part, lady.

Beatrice: Oh, there's one above me, sir. [*Aside.*] For five days past
To be recall'd! Sure, mine eyes were mistaken,
This was the man was meant me; that he should come
So near his time, and miss it! 25

Jasperino [*aside.*]: We might have come by the carriers from Valencia,
I see, and sav'd all our sea-provision: we are at farthest
sure. Methinks I should do something too;
I meant to be a venturer in this voyage.
Yonder's another vessel, I'll board her, 30
If she be lawful prize, down goes her top-sail.
[*Greets DIAPHANTA.*]
[*Enter DE FLORES.*]

De Flores: Lady, your father—

Beatrice: Is in health, I hope. 35

De Flores: Your eye shall instantly instruct you, lady.
He's coming hitherward.

Beatrice: What needed then
Your duteous preface? I had rather
He had come unexpected; you must stall 40

A good presence with unnecessary blabbing:
And how welcome for your part you are,
I'm sure you know.

- De Flores* [aside.]: Will't never mend this scorn
One side nor other? Must I be enjoin'd 45
To follow still whilst she flies from me? Well,
Fates do your worst, I'll please myself with sight
Of her, at all opportunities,
If but to spite her anger; I know she had
Rather see me dead than living, and yet 50
She knows no cause for't, but a peevish will.
- Alsemero*: You seem'd displeas'd, lady, on the sudden.
- Beatrice*: Your pardon, sir, 'tis my infirmity,
Nor can I other reason render you,
Than his or hers, of some particular thing 55
They must abandon as a deadly poison,
Which to a thousand other tastes were wholesome;
Such to mine eyes is that same fellow there,
The same that report speaks of the basilisk.

(from Act 1 Scene 1)

Section B: Poetry

Answer **one** question from this section.

ROBERT BROWNING: Selected Poems

- 5 **Either** (a) Discuss ways in which Browning explores feelings of loss in **two** poems.
- Or** (b) Paying close attention to Browning's poetic methods, discuss the presentation of the speaker in the following extract from *Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister*.

from *Soliloquy of the Spanish Cloister*

I	
Gr-r-r—there go, my heart's abhorrence!	
Water your damned flower-pots, do!	
If hate killed men, Brother Lawrence,	
God's blood, would not mine kill you!	5
What? your myrtle-bush wants trimming?	
Oh, that rose has prior claims—	
Needs its leaden vase filled brimming?	
Hell dry you up with its flames!	
II	10
At the meal we sit together:	
<i>Salve tibi!</i> I must hear	
Wise talk of the kind of weather,	
Sort of season, time of year:	
<i>Not a plenteous cork-crop: scarcely</i>	15
<i>Dare we hope oak-galls, I doubt:</i>	
<i>What's the Latin name for 'parsley'?</i>	
What's the Greek name for Swine's Snout?	
III	20
Whew! We'll have our platter burnished,	
Laid with care on our own shelf!	
With a fire-new spoon we're furnished,	
And a goblet for ourself,	
Rinsed like something sacrificial	
Ere 't is fit to touch our chaps—	25
Marked with L. for our initial!	
(He-he! There his lily snaps!)	
IV	
<i>Saint</i> , forsooth! While brown Dolores	
Squats outside the Convent bank	30
With Sanchicha, telling stories,	
Steeping tresses in the tank,	
Blue-black, lustrous, thick like horsehairs,	
—Can't I see his dead eye glow	
Bright, as 't were a Barbary corsair's?	35
(That is, if he'd let it show!)	

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OWEN SHEERS: *Skirrid Hill*

- 6** **Either** **(a)** Discuss the writing and effects of **two** poems which present the relationship between parents and children.
- Or** **(b)** Comment closely on the following poem, analysing ways in which Sheers presents the central character.

L.A. Evening

'E. Booth heard the solemn whisper of the god of all
arts.

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Songs of Ourselves, Volume 2

- 7 **Either** (a) Discuss the writing and effects of **two** poems which present the natural world.
- Or** (b) Comment closely on the following poem, analysing ways in which Hardy presents the wife's experience.

A Wife in London (December, 1899)

I--The Tragedy

She sits in the tawny vapour
 That the City lanes have uprolled,
 Behind whose webby fold on fold
 Like a waning taper 5
 The street-lamp glimmers cold.

A messenger's knock cracks smartly,
 Flashed news is in her hand
 Of meaning it dazes to understand
 Though shaped so shortly: 10
 He--has fallen--in the far South Land ...

II--The Irony

'Tis the morrow; the fog hangs thicker,
 The postman nears and goes:
 A letter is brought whose lines disclose 15
 By the firelight flicker
 His hand, whom the worm now knows:

Fresh--firm--penned in highest feather --
 Page-full of his hoped return,
 And of home-planned jaunts by brake and burn 20
 In the summer weather,
 And of new love that they would learn.

(Thomas Hardy)

GILLIAN CLARKE: Selected Poems

- 8 **Either** (a) Discuss the writing and effects of **two** poems in which Clarke explores ideas of home.
- Or** (b) Discuss Clarke's presentation of the effects of death in the following poem. In your answer you should pay close attention to Clarke's poetic methods.

Ram

He died privately.
 His disintegration is quiet.
 Grass grows among the stems of his ribs,
 Ligaments unpicked by the slow rain.
 The birds dismantled him from spring nests. 5
 He has spilled himself on the marsh,
 His evaporations and his seepings,
 His fluids filled a reservoir.
 Not long since he could have come
 Over the Saddle like a young moon, 10
 His cast shadow whitening Breconshire.

The blue of his eyes is harebell.
 Mortality gapes in the craters of his face.
 Buzzards cry in the cave of his skull
 And a cornucopia of lambs is bleating 15
 Down the Fan of his horns.
 In him more of October than rose hips
 And bitter sloes. The wind cries drily
 Down his nostril bones. The amber
 Of his horizontal eye 20
 Is light on reservoir, raven
 In winter sky. The sun that creams
 The buzzard's belly as she treads air
 Whitens his forehead. Flesh
 Blackens in the scrolls of his nostrils, 25
 Something of him lingering in bone
 Corridors catches my throat.

Seeking a vessel for blackberries and sloes
 This helmet would do, were it not filled
 Already with its own blacks, 30
 Night in the socket of his eye.

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