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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the last candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the first.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme - not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification/indicative content will not be exhaustive.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, a senior examiner must be consulted before a mark is given.
- Crossed out work should be marked **unless** the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Specific Marking Guidance

When deciding how to reward an answer, examiners should consult both the indicative content and the associated marking grid(s). When using a levels-based mark scheme, the 'best fit' approach should be used.

- Examiners should first decide which descriptor most closely matches the answer and place it in that level.
- The mark awarded within the level will be decided based on the quality of the answer and will be modified according to how securely all bullet points are displayed at that level.
- Indicative content is exactly that – they are factual points that candidates are likely to use to construct their answer.
- It is possible for an answer to be constructed without mentioning some or all of these points, as long as they provide alternative responses to the indicative content that fulfils the requirements of the question. It is the examiner's responsibility to apply their professional judgement to the candidate's response in determining if the answer fulfils the requirements of the question.

Section A: Post-2000 Poetry

Question Number 1	Indicative Content
	<p>'The Gun' All reasonable and relevant interpretations of 'violence' should be rewarded.</p> <p>Pertinent choices of second poem might be 'The Lammas Hireling' by Ian Duhig, 'Giuseppe' by Roderick Ford or 'Eat Me' by Patience Agbabi.</p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feaver's initial metaphor of the gun as 'stretched out like something dead / itself' relating to its later description as 'the King of Death' • her use of language to create a sense of threat, e.g. 'the long metal barrel / casting a grey shadow' • the opening stanza warns us that the gun leads to 'changes', e.g. we go on to see the progression of violence; from innocent 'practice: / perforating tins' to 'a rabbit shot / clean through the head' • Feaver's use of verb phrases to reflect the annihilation caused by the gun, e.g. 'Soon the fridge fills with creatures / that have run and flown' • the physical effects of the gun suggest the impact of violence, e.g. 'Your hands reek of gun oil / and entrails' • Feaver ironically observes how violence is energising, almost sexual, e.g. 'There's a spring in your step; your eyes gleam / like when sex was fresh' • violence and death breed a life of their own, e.g. 'A gun brings a house alive' and Death's mouth in the final stanza sprouts 'golden crocuses' • the form of the poem refuses to conform to any fixed stanza structure, rhythm or rhyme scheme, suggesting that there is something unpredictable, something disturbingly uncontrollable about violence. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

Question Number 2	Indicative Content
	<p>‘The Map-Woman’</p> <p>All reasonable and relevant interpretations of ‘the human body’ should be rewarded. Pertinent choices of second poem might be ‘Genetics’ by Sinéad Morrissey, ‘To My Nine-Year-Old Self’ by Helen Dunmore or ‘On Her Blindness’ by Adam Thorpe.</p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duffy uses the woman’s body as a means of defining and understanding her experience of life, e.g. ‘a map of the town / where she’d grown from a child’. The conceit of the map/body gives a sense of how the woman’s life has, piece by piece, been drawn on her skin: ‘her veins / like shadows below the lines of the map’ • the poet’s references to beginnings and endings suggest that the human body, in some senses, sums up the totality of the individual, e.g. ‘A-Z street-map’, ‘a precis of where to end or go back or begin’ • Duffy presents the transitoriness of human existence and human flesh, e.g. ‘the beloved mothers and wives, the nuns and priests, / their bodies fading into the earth like old print / on a page’; we also see the final sloughing off the skin in the last two stanzas of the poem; Duffy interestingly contrasts these ideas to the many permanent images in the poem • use of vocabulary of body parts (ankle, breast, heart, fingernail, nipple, navel, neck, hair, knee, head) captures a variety of elements of the experience of human existence • the poem focuses on the marking and the changing of the human body; Duffy refers to ‘birthmark, tattoo’, and the image of tattooing is a significant metaphor throughout the poem, suggesting how humans are marked by their experiences, e.g. ‘the map / gleamed on her skin’, ‘the prison and hospital stamped on her back’. Knowledge becomes embodied and permanent: ‘But her body was certain, / an inch to the mile’ • damage to the human body demonstrates the effects of harsh experience, e.g. ‘that line there, the edge / of a fingernail pressed on her flesh’, ‘an operation scar’ and how these have led to change over time • Duffy’s use of the clothes that cover the body, as if there is a need deliberately to hide and to cover up the realities represented by the human body, e.g. ‘she covered it up / with a dress, with a shawl, with a hat, / with mitts or a muff, with leggings, trousers / or jeans, with an ankle-length cloak’; ‘the map was under her stockings, / under her gloves, under the soft silk scarf at her throat, / under her chiffon veil’ • the regular 10-line structure of the stanzas suggests the importance of pattern and reflects the idea of the patterns of streets and experiences the poem deals with; however, the absence of a regular rhythmic and rhyming structure illustrates the unpredictability and changeability of life and how this relates to the human body. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Level 2	6–10	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer's craft. Identifies general connections between texts. Makes general cross-references between texts. 		
Level 3	11–15	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer's craft. Makes relevant connections between texts. Develops an integrated approach with clear examples. 		
Level 4	16–20	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer's craft. Analyses connections between texts. Takes a controlled discriminating approach to integration with detailed examples. 		
Level 5	21–25	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer's craft. Evaluates connections between texts. Exhibits a sophisticated connective approach with sophisticated use of examples. 		

Section B: Post-2000 Prose

Question Number 3	Indicative Content
	<p><i>The Kite Runner</i></p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Kite Runner</i> explores some of the ways in which divisions between groups (ethnic, political, religious, generational) can all lead to conditions ripe for conflict • conflict between individuals: there are significant conflicts in the novel, often based on individual intolerance or guilt, such as those between Amir and Assef, and the conflict that develops between Amir and Hassan; such individual divisions are often microcosms of the broader civil divisions of the novel • differences between generations: there are significant differences in the ways in which younger and older characters in the novel view situations and ideas; Soraya Taheri's attitudes towards sexual relations, for instance, or Amir's views of manhood as compared to Baba's; such changing civil views lead to conflict in the novel; candidates might refer here to the changing social contexts covering the timespan of the novel • conflict between ethnic groups leads to cruel recriminations within the society of the novel; contexts relating to relations between Hazara and Pashtun communities provide a significant context here; the rape of Hassan and the abuse of Sohrab are examples of this at its most brutal • conflict between political groups: the novel provides plentiful examples of how Afghanistan is politically torn to pieces by waves of political dissension, both internal and external • we see how civil breakdown is caused as one regime succeeds another; contextual information relating to free Afghanistan and Afghanistan under the Soviets, and then the Taliban will be relevant here • divisions between religious groups: Afghani society is marred by the religious fissure between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims; the religiously fractured society that emerges and conflicts maintained in the name of religious sectarianism are significant contexts for the broken society we see emerging through the novel • contexts relating to the emergence and continuance of groups such as the Mujahideen and the Taliban will be significant. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Level 2	6–10	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer's craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 3	11–15	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer's craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 4	16–20	Discriminating controlled application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constructs a controlled argument with fluently embedded examples. Discriminating use of concepts and terminology. Controls structures with precise cohesive transitions and carefully chosen language. Demonstrates discriminating understanding of how meanings are shaped in texts. Analyses, in a controlled way, the nuances and subtleties of the writer's craft. Provides a discriminating analysis of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes detailed links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 5	21–25	Critical and evaluative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents a critical evaluative argument with sustained textual examples. Evaluates the effects of literary features with sophisticated use of concepts and terminology. Uses sophisticated structure and expression. Exhibits a critical evaluation of the ways meanings are shaped in texts. Displays a sophisticated understanding of the writer's craft. Presents a sophisticated evaluation and appreciation of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes sophisticated links between texts and contexts. 		

Question Number 4	Indicative Content
	<p><i>The Kite Runner</i></p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the novel explores a wealth of ways in which individuals and society seek to exert personal, religious, social and political power over others as the events of the novel unfold, Hosseini explores how the exertion of power leads to changes in characters' circumstances, beliefs and attitudes: Hassan, for example, suffers increasingly as Amir exerts power over him in their relationship Hosseini portrays Afghanistan as it is subjected to a sequence of different political authorities as the novel progresses; each of these authorities seeks to exert its power in different ways (physical, spatial, psychological, religious) political power enables certain characters to exert their influence in unsavoury ways; Assef, for example, finds an outlet for his psychotic behaviours; in another example, the Russian border guard seeks to exert his power by attempting to commit rape abstract 'powers' exert their influence over characters in the novel; Amir, for example, finds himself increasingly under the power of his feelings of guilt; Assef's actions are driven by his uncontrolled sexual urges and desire for power religious beliefs exercise a particular form of power in the novel; the Taliban converts its beliefs into brutal political repression; the religious differences between ethnic groups in Afghanistan are reflected in power inequities in the novel societal and cultural attitudes wield power in the novel; the expatriate Afghani community in the United States, even though thousands of miles from its homeland, is nevertheless governed by a legacy of attitudes that continue to affect beliefs and behaviours: the Taheris' view of their daughter's relationships; Baba's difficulties in settling into his new way of life contexts related to political change will be relevant as the novel explores wider issues relating to the politics of power and the ways in which these affect characters' behaviours and perspectives. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Level 2	6–10	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer's craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 3	11–15	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer's craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
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Question Number 5	Indicative Content
	<p><i>Life of Pi</i></p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pi's attitudes to life and his abilities to handle his experiences are secured by his idiosyncratic religious beliefs, drawing on an eclectic mixture of Christianity, Islam and Hinduism • Martel's postmodern narrative employs a variety of forms, such as animal fable, non-fiction report, detective story, adventure story and romance; this shows that the character of Pi has a variety of means of making secure sense of and presenting his experiences • the novel's narrative arc from Pi's early life in India to his later life in Canada highlights the experience of being uprooted and the establishment of new and secure 'roots' as an immigrant • Pi's narrative demonstrates his ability to understand human nature; his use of animals as representations of the humans on the lifeboat and the conflicts that occur there shows this capacity • the narrative interpolations set in Pi's house demonstrate how much he is now at home and secure in his new environment; Martel uses this to show how Pi has successfully managed to put down secure roots in his adoptive nation • the events of the novel demand that Pi focus on the basic securities of life: eating, sleeping and drinking; these inevitably make him focus on what makes his existence secure and how these affect his self-belief • the narrative of Pi's adventures is explored from a variety of perspectives – Indian, Canadian, Japanese; this demonstrates that the broad 'humanity' of his tale provides its own security that transcends national, religious and cultural roots • candidates may consider the novel in relation to a variety of contextual issues such as literary form, religious belief systems, existentialism, considering how these experiences underpin Pi's experiences. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Level 2	6–10	General understanding/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Makes general points, identifying some literary techniques with general explanation of effects. Aware of some appropriate concepts and terminology. Organises and expresses ideas with clarity, although still has errors and lapses. Gives surface readings of texts relating to how meanings are shaped in texts. Shows general understanding by commenting on straightforward elements of the writer's craft. Has general awareness of the significance and influence of contextual factors. Makes general links between texts and contexts. 		
Level 3	11–15	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer's craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
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Question Number 6	Indicative Content
	<p><i>Life of Pi</i></p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Life of Pi</i> is a postmodern novel; Martel makes use of a variety of narrative forms and in doing so encourages his readers to see the events of Pi's story in a range of divergent, yet interconnected ways; Martel's telling of his story using different literary modes such as animal fable, non-fiction report, detective story, adventure story and romance demonstrates how story can be used as a means of trying to shape understanding • the novel's use of multiple narrative forms makes it resistant to the determination of any final meaning; Martel challenges the idea that a literary narrative need necessarily be uniform or unifying or that it should necessarily draw neat conclusions • the novel explores the ways in which Pi's life is shaped by the competing religious narratives of Christianity, Islam and Hinduism; he, of course, uses all three together to create his own unique narrative of religious experience • all of the novel's narratives are encompassed within the broader narrative, known only to Pi, that eventually sees him happily settled in his new family home in Canada; this final resolution may well leave readers feeling rather uneasy • Pi often finds himself present within stories over which he has no control: for example when the hyena is tormenting and ultimately kills the zebra, Pi knows that his involvement will achieve nothing • Martel's novel explores the connections between multiple potential narratives and readings of these narratives; the overlapping and interaction of these stories encourages readers to evaluate the potential ways in which Pi's experiences might be understood • when he speaks with the Japanese investigators at the end of the novel, Pi highlights the fictionality of his account, suggesting that the animal story he has offered is only one way – perhaps the most palatable way – that his tale could have been represented • Martel uses his interlocking narratives to explore the complex interactions of existence in a variety of postmodern contexts such as colonialism, migration, global politics and religion. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Question Number 8	Indicative Content
	<p><i>The White Tiger</i></p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Balam's own life story is represented in the novel; in this, the novel has elements of the <i>bildungsroman</i> as readers are provided with a first-person insight into the experiences that have made Balam what he is Balam's narrative presents us with an India on the verge of a potentially great future; as such, the novel deals with the possibility for India to grow up as a nation events from his past have scarred Balam and have given rise to his damaged view of life; growing up in the Indian 'system', he believes, kills opportunity: in naming elements of the system the Rooster Coop and the Darkness, Balam emphasises both the nature of life and the threat of death in the India he presents growing up has given Balam a strong sense that India is a place of corruption; his letters to Wen Jiabao provide many examples of corruption at individual, local, national and global levels; these experiences have shaped Balam's way of viewing and dealing with existence Adiga employs stark contrasts throughout the novel; images of health/disease and life/death are metaphors for the state of individuals, institutions, the nation; the binary oppositions around which these metaphors function serve to illustrate the dilemmas India and its populace face as they look to develop and 'grow up' the changes Balam sees around him as India develops are not always for the good; social changes have removed some problems associated with the old way of life, but also give rise to new ones (the capitalist abuses of the likes of the Ashoks, for instance); it remains unclear what the new India is growing into similarly, in growing into the future, Balam sees that there are certain things that he and India will lose; for all that he resents the power of his grandmother, for instance, seeing the continued existence of people like her as an existential threat to the new India, he nevertheless bears her a grudging honour and respect; the stifling Indian Rooster Coop, for all that it threatens the burgeoning new nation also carries a certain nostalgic value a variety of contexts related to the Indian caste system, new social and political contexts in India with its emergent forms of democracy and capitalism, and a broader background of contexts relating to Asian politics and the new global politics will be relevant in considering the idea of growing up. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Level 3	11–15	Clear relevant application/exploration <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers a clear response using relevant textual examples. Relevant use of terminology and concepts. Creates a logical, clear structure with few errors and lapses in expression. Demonstrates knowledge of how meanings are shaped in texts with consistent analysis. Shows clear understanding of the writer's craft. Demonstrates a clear exploration of the significance and influence of contextual factors Develops relevant links between texts and contexts. 		
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	<p>Brooklyn</p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • set against a context of mass post-war migration, Tóibín's novel explores the nature of memory in the lives of characters who have chosen or been forced to migrate • Tóibín's novel opens with the portrayal of Enniscorthy, establishing from the outset the nature of life in post-war Ireland that will form a backdrop for so many of Eilis' memories • many characters in the novel, although they accept the changed circumstances of their lives in Brooklyn, nevertheless find memories of the past continue to play an important role: for example Eilis' memories of Rose and her mother • elements of their former lives remain central to the characters' sense of personal identity when they are in Brooklyn: the Christmas celebrations of the Irish community in Brooklyn, presided over by Father Flood, and the Fiorellos' family meals provide useful examples • family, community and traditions remain important nostalgic 'roots' for Eilis and other key characters, such as Tony and his family, transcending geographical and temporal distance • as time progresses in the novel, Tóibín demonstrates how characters' memories of the past tend to idealise and romanticise things, people and places; representations of the Irish and Italian communities are particularly relevant here • when Eilis returns to Enniscorthy she returns to the land of her memory; the experience serves to remind her of how much her life has changed; candidates may refer to her relationships with Tony, Jim and her mother • given the contexts of the post-war world they face, characters in the novel are inhabiting a very changed world; the geographical and cultural shifts necessitated by migration highlight both the importance and the dangers of memory. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Question Number 11	Indicative Content
	<p><i>Purple Hibiscus</i></p> <p>Candidates may include the following in their answers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adichie presents her readers with a nation that is experiencing significant social and political change due to economic growth and political revolution; the need for change comes with the need for learning from experience, and Adichie's novel explores this • Adichie presents Papa as a man who uses often brutal methods emerging from his unforgiving religious views as a means of inculcating learning by experience in his household; this contrasts with Auntie Ifeoma's much more cooperative and generous view of enabling her children to learn from their experiences • Papa refuses to see the value of Nigeria's traditional cultures and practices; considering his own views as 'more advanced', he fails to see the wisdom and humanity he could learn from Papa Nnukwu's experience • Papa and his partner, Ade Coker, are courageous in presenting Nigeria's shifting political and social experiences; they use their paper as a vehicle for promoting learning • learning from emotional experience: Kambili, as she develops romantic feelings for Fr Amadi, learns about herself and her emotional needs; Fr Amadi faces a similar set of challenges and has to learn how to balance his romantic feelings with his priestly vocation • Fr Amadi's decision to take up a missionary posting to Germany shows that in the changing contemporary world, the West has much to learn from the experience of the rest of the world, a reversal of the traditional dynamic; this requires readers to re-evaluate contexts of colonial and religious history • university education in Nigeria is an important element of the novel; students' educational experiences are threatened by political change, and Auntie Ifeoma is particularly worried by the experiences of young female students in the face of increasingly conservative social attitudes • the political, societal, religious and cultural contexts of Adichie's novel all provide significant forums for learning in the novel. <p>These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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