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**Pearson Edexcel International Advanced Level**

Time 2 hours

Paper reference **WET04/01**

**English Literature**

**International Advanced Level**

**UNIT 4: Shakespeare and Pre-1900 Poetry**

**You must have:**  
Source Booklet (enclosed)  
Prescribed texts (clean copies)

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **one** question from Section A and **one** question from Section B.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided  
– *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets  
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.

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## SECTION A

## Shakespeare

Answer ONE question from this section.

Begin your answer on page 4.

***Measure for Measure*****EITHER**

- 1 'Characters in *Measure for Measure* deserve the audience's sympathy to different extents.'

In the light of this statement, explore the ways in which Shakespeare creates sympathy for the characters in the play.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 1 = 25 marks)

**OR**

- 2 'What characters say is not as interesting as how they say it in *Measure for Measure*.'

In the light of this statement, explore the ways in which Shakespeare creates character voice in the play.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 2 = 25 marks)

***The Taming of the Shrew*****EITHER**

- 3 'The play fails to engage us, possibly because it lacks any meaningful suspense.'

In the light of this statement, explore Shakespeare's creation of suspense in *The Taming of the Shrew*.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

(Total for Question 3 = 25 marks)

**OR**

- 4 '*The Taming of the Shrew* revels in confusion.'

In the light of this statement, explore the ways in which Shakespeare presents confusion in the play.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

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**Hamlet****EITHER**

- 5 'The development of the theme of guilt provides the main interest in the play.'

In the light of this statement, explore the ways in which Shakespeare presents guilt in *Hamlet*.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 5 = 25 marks)**

**OR**

- 6 'The play's multiple ironies are a particular strength of the writing in *Hamlet*.'

In the light of this statement, explore the ways in which Shakespeare uses irony in the play.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 6 = 25 marks)**

**King Lear****EITHER**

- 7 'Cordelia is the most interesting character for modern audiences.'

In the light of this statement, explore the ways in which Shakespeare presents the character of Cordelia in *King Lear*.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 7 = 25 marks)**

**OR**

- 8 'In *King Lear*, characters are at the mercy of fate.'

In the light of this statement, explore the ways in which Shakespeare presents fate in the play.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

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**SECTION B****Pre-1900 Poetry**

**Answer ONE question on your chosen text.**

**You must select your second poem from the prescribed list for your studied collection.**

**The poems are listed in the Source Booklet on pages 3 to 5.**

**Begin your answer on page 16.**

**Prescribed text: *Metaphysical Poetry*, editor Colin Burrow**

**EITHER**

- 9** Read the poem *A Hymn to God the Father* on page 6 of the Source Booklet.

Explore the ways in which sin is presented in this poem and **one** other poem from your prescribed list.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 9 = 25 marks)**

**OR**

- 10** Read the poem *To My Mistress Sitting by a River's Side: An Eddy* on page 7 of the Source Booklet.

Explore the significance of imagery and symbolism in this poem and **one** other poem from your prescribed list.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 10 = 25 marks)**

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**Prescribed text: *English Romantic Verse*, editor David Wright**

**EITHER**

**11** Read the poem *So We'll Go no more A Roving* on page 8 of the Source Booklet.

Explore the ways in which regret is presented in this poem and **one** other poem from your prescribed list.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 11 = 25 marks)**

**OR**

**12** Read the poem *Stanzas Written in Dejection, near Naples* on pages 9–10 of the Source Booklet.

Explore the ways in which isolation is presented in this poem and **one** other poem from your prescribed list.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 12 = 25 marks)**

**Prescribed text: *The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse*, editor Christopher Ricks**

**EITHER**

**13** Read the poem '*I Look into My Glass*' on page 11 of the Source Booklet.

Explore the ways in which the passing of time is presented in this poem and **one** other poem from your prescribed list.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

**(Total for Question 13 = 25 marks)**

**OR**

**14** Read the poem '*The Autumn day its course has run—the Autumn evening falls*' on page 12 of the Source Booklet.

Explore the ways in which tone and mood are presented in this poem and **one** other poem from your prescribed list.

In your answer, you must consider relevant contextual factors.

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**The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse, editor Christopher Ricks (OUP, 2008)  
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**Prescribed text: *Metaphysical Poetry*, editor Colin Burrow****Question 9**

*A Hymn to God the Father* by John Donne

1

Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun,  
Which was my sin, though it were done before?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin, through which I run.  
And do run still, though still I do deplore?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done,  
For I have more.

2

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won  
Others to sin, and made my sin their door?  
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun  
A year or two, but wallowed in a score?  
When thou hast done, thou hast not done.  
For I have more.

3

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun  
My last thread, I shall perish on the shore;  
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy son  
Shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore;  
And, having done that, thou hast done,  
I have no more.



**Prescribed text: *Metaphysical Poetry*, editor Colin Burrow****Question 10**

*To My Mistress Sitting by a River's Side: An Eddy* by Thomas Carew

Mark how yond eddy steals away  
From the rude stream into the bay;  
There locked up safe, she doth divorce  
Her waters from the channel's course,  
And scorns the torrent that did bring  
Her headlong from her native spring.  
Now doth she with her new love play,  
Whilst he runs murmuring away.  
Mark how she courts the banks, whilst they  
As amorously their arms display,  
T' embrace and clip her silver waves:  
See how she strokes their sides, and craves  
An entrance there, which they deny;  
Whereat she frowns, threat'ning to fly  
Home to her stream, and 'gins to swim  
Backward, but from the channel's brim,  
Smiling, returns into the creak,  
With thousand dimples on her cheek.

Be thou this eddy, and I'll make  
My breast thy shore, where thou shalt take  
Secure repose, and never dream  
Of the quite forsaken stream:  
Let him to the wide ocean haste,  
There lose his colour, name, and taste;  
Thou shalt save all, and safe from him  
Within these arms forever swim.

**Prescribed text: *English Romantic Verse*, editor David Wright****Question 11**

*So We'll Go no more A Roving* by George Gordon, Lord Byron

So, we'll go no more a roving  
So late into the night,  
Though the heart be still as loving,  
And the moon be still as bright.

For the sword outwears its sheath,  
And the soul wears out the breast,  
And the heart must pause to breathe,  
And love itself have rest.

Though the night was made for loving,  
And the day returns too soon,  
Yet we'll go no more a roving  
By the light of the moon.

**Prescribed text: *English Romantic Verse*, editor David Wright**

**Question 12**

*Stanzas Written in Dejection, near Naples* by Percy Bysshe Shelley

The sun is warm, the sky is clear,  
 The waves are dancing fast and bright,  
 Blue isles and snowy mountains wear  
 The purple noon's transparent might,  
 The breath of the moist earth is light,  
 Around its unexpanded buds;  
 Like many a voice of one delight,  
 The winds, the birds, the ocean floods,  
 The City's voice itself, is soft like Solitude's.

I see the Deep's untrampled floor  
 With green and purple seaweeds strown;  
 I see the waves upon the shore,  
 Like light dissolved in star-showers, thrown:  
 I sit upon the sands alone,—  
 The lightning of the noontide ocean  
 Is flashing round me, and a tone  
 Arises from its measured motion,  
 How sweet! did any heart now share in my emotion.

Alas! I have nor hope nor health,  
 Nor peace within nor calm around,  
 Nor that content surpassing wealth  
 The sage in meditation found,  
 And walked with inward glory crowned —  
 Nor fame, nor power, nor love, nor leisure.  
 Others I see whom these surround —  
 Smiling they live, and call life pleasure; —  
 To me that cup has been dealt in another measure.

Yet now despair itself is mild,  
 Even as the winds and waters are;  
 I could lie down like a tired child,  
 And weep away the life of care  
 Which I have borne and yet must bear,  
 Till death like sleep might steal on me,  
 And I might feel in the warm air  
 My cheek grow cold, and hear the sea  
 Breathe o'er my dying brain its last monotony.

Some might lament that I were cold,  
As I, when this sweet day is gone,  
Which my lost heart, too soon grown old,  
Insults with this untimely moan;  
They might lament — for I am one  
Whom men love not, — and yet regret,  
Unlike this day, which when the sun  
Shall on its stainless glory set,  
Will linger, though enjoyed, like joy in memory yet.



**Prescribed text: The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse, editor Christopher Ricks****Question 13**

*'I Look into My Glass'* by Thomas Hardy

I LOOK into my glass,  
And view my wasting skin,  
And say, 'Would God it came to pass  
My heart had shrunk as thin!'

For then, I, undistrest  
By hearts grown cold to me,  
Could lonely wait my endless rest  
With equanimity.

But Time, to make me grieve,  
Part steals, lets part abide;  
And shakes this fragile frame at eve  
With throbblings of noontide.

**Prescribed text: The New Oxford Book of Victorian Verse, editor Christopher Ricks****Question 14**

*'The Autumn day its course has run—the Autumn evening falls'* by Charlotte Brontë

THE Autumn day its course has run—the Autumn evening falls  
Already risen the Autumn moon gleams quiet on these walls  
And Twilight to my lonely house a silent guest is come  
In mask of gloom through every room she passes dusk and dumb  
Her veil is spread, her shadow shed o'er stair and chamber void  
And now I feel her presence steal even to my lone fireside  
Sit silent Nun—sit there and be  
Comrade and Confidant to me