

**2018 CTP
Sec 4 (EX) English Language
Mock Examinations 1**

Name:		Date:	
Centre:	Name of Tutor:	Remarks by Tutor:	Marks: 50

Duration: 1 hr 50 mins

Instructions to students:

- 1. Do not open this booklet until you are told to do so**
- 2. Follow all instructions carefully.**
- 3. Answer all the questions in the space provided.**
- 4. Do not spend too much time on a question. Move on to the next question and come back to it later.**

Additional Materials:

- a) Insert**

Section A [5 marks]

Refer to the poster (Text 1) on page 2 of the Insert for Questions 1–4.

1 What effect is the tagline ‘A student will never forget’ intended to have on the reader?

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2 Look at the main picture on the left of the poster. How does this picture relate to the tagline?

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..... [2]

3 With reference to the poster, write down one word that gives readers a sense of what teaching as a career means.

..... [1]

4 What is the main purpose of this poster?

..... [1]

Section B [20 marks]

Refer to Text 2 on pages 3 and 4 of the Insert for Questions 5–12.

5 [At the beginning of this text, Jake and his family members were greeted with bad news. Explain how the language used in paragraph 1 makes the atmosphere appear gloomy. Support your ideas with three details from paragraph 1.

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..... [3]

6 In paragraph 2 ‘The almost hushed pitch sawed Jake’s heart further and no one heard him wail inside.’ (lines 12–13). Identify the word(s) or phrase in the given sentence which suggest

- (i) silence[1]
- (ii) a violent action[1]

7 In paragraph 3, what is dramatic and effective about the phrase ‘jarring click of the shutting door smacked’? (lines 21–22).

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..... [2]

8 In paragraph 3 ‘The beeping and the feeble jump of the heart monitor as good as counted away what was left to her life and his world; Jake wanted to kill the evil creature.’ (lines 24–25).

What two things does this suggest about Jake’s feelings about the situation around him?

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..... [2]

9 Paragraph 4 ends with 'The monitor spoke a strange language about his mother and his mother was a foreign mother.'

(i) Which word suggests that the monitor is a person?

..... [1]

(ii) Why does the writer describe Jake's mother in that way?

..... [1]

10 The writer uses a simile 'like one of those bomb things' (line 35) and a metaphor 'she was his universe' (line 36). What do these suggest about Jake's view of his mother?

Similes	Writer's view of Jake's mother
'like one of those bomb things'	
'she was his universe'	

[2]

11 'And he waited, perhaps with some glimpse of light in his heart.' (lines 45–46). Is the writer's view that there was some glimpse of light accurate? Give two pieces of evidence from paragraphs 5 and 6 to support your answer.

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..... [2]

- 12 The structure of the text reflects Jake's feelings as he reacts to his mother's conditions. Complete the flow chart by choosing one word from the box to summarise his main feeling described in each part of the text. There are some extra words in the box you do not need to use.

Jake's Feelings

restless	sad	solemn	petrified	hopeless	dazed	angry
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Flow chart

paragraph 1: (i)



paragraph 2: (ii)



paragraph 3: (iii)



paragraphs 4–5: (iv)



paragraph 6: (v)

[5]

Section 3 [25 marks]

Refer to Text 3 on pages 4 and 5 of the insert for Questions 13–18.

13 (i) ‘Also claimed to be the tears of the gods...’ (lines 1–2). What does the underlined word tell us about the writer’s opinion of this belief?

..... [1]

(ii) What do ‘the tears of the gods’ refer to?

..... [1]

14 (i) How has the role of diamonds changed over time, according to lines 10–14?

Olden times	
Over time	

[1]

(ii) Why do the Greeks believe that the diamond has such a role over the centuries? **Answer in your own words.**

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..... [1]

15 Here is a part of a conversation between two students, John and Siti who have read the article.



Siti

I think it was more sincere when the significance of rings was not dictated by any authorities.

I think so too. In fact, rings were even ordered to be worn and they were used to discriminate people.



John

(i) Identify two examples from paragraph 3 that Siti can give to support her view.

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..... [1]

(ii) How would John explain his position with reference to lines 25–28?

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..... [2]

16 The writer states that ‘there was a radical change, endangering the diamond investment by businessmen’ (lines 35–36).

Explain fully why the writer chooses to describe the change with this underlined phrase.

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..... [2]

17 ‘*A diamond is forever*’ (line 39). With reference to the italicised statement, explain why it is apt to unify marriages with diamonds.

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..... [1]

