



# GERMAN STUDENT STUDY CARD #17

## AS 3 EXTENDED WRITING SKILLS

### Introduction

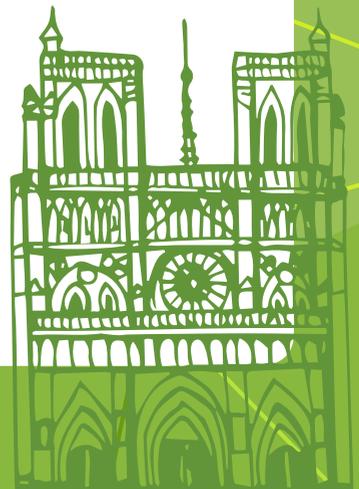
The Extended Writing examination consists of a written essay response in German based on one set text. Each text has two open-ended question options. You must answer one question. You should be able to demonstrate knowledge of the text you have studied and a capacity for critical thinking by using these skills:

- developing arguments
- presenting views, opinions and justifications
- critical analysis
- evaluating
- comparing characters
- appreciating themes and literary styles

### Assessment

You should be able to:

- demonstrate your ability to write in German about the set text you have studied.
- express information, facts and ideas in written German and justify opinions by studying a text.
- demonstrate your capacity for critical and analytical thinking in German by developing arguments and presenting views, opinions and justifications.
- demonstrate your capacity for critical analysis, evaluation and comparison of characters, plots and themes, literary style and motivation.
- apply grammatical structures accurately.





## Assessment Objective/s

The response is assessed according to the A02, A04 and A03 criteria i.e.

- understand and respond in writing to written language.
- demonstrate critical analysis and evaluation of works created in the language studied.
- manipulate the language accurately and appropriately, in written forms, using a range of lexis and structures.

## Skills

Here are some suggestions to help you prepare for this skills area.

- It is essential to know the text you are studying **in detail**.
- Focus on the plot, the characters and the themes.
- Personal engagement in the text is very important.
- Become involved in the text and you will find it easier to understand the motivation of the characters and the significance of the themes.
- There will be a choice of questions in the examination.
- Take time to make the right choice for you.
- Once you have made that decision take time to **plan** your essay.
- Write down the title of your essay and keep this in mind as you plan.
- Think out a brief introductory paragraph, the points which form the longest section of your essay and a brief conclusion.
- Pause before you start writing your essay, review your plan to ensure that you have included all the relevant points.
- Avoid re-telling the story but make reference to the text to justify your points and opinions.
- Do not over burden yourself learning quotations, but they may enhance an essay based on a literary text.
- If you do include quotations, ensure that you learn them accurately.