



Rewarding Learning

IRISH STUDENT STUDY CARD #16

AS 3 EXTENDED WRITING SKILLS

Introduction

You will answer one question based on the study of one set work.

You can choose from either a literary text or a film.

Each set work has two open-ended question options. Three bullets are provided which must be used in your response.

Assessment

You should demonstrate your knowledge of the set work you have studied.

Assessment Objective/s

You will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- AO2: understand and respond to written language drawn from a variety of sources;
- AO3: manipulate the language accurately and appropriately using a range of lexis and structure;
- AO4: show knowledge and understanding of works created in the language studied.

You should be able to:

- develop knowledge and understanding of aspects of culture and society;
- express information, facts or ideas in writing and justify opinions;





- demonstrate your understanding and knowledge of the set work; and
- apply grammatical systems and structures accurately.

Look at the mark scheme to familiarise yourself with the requirements of each criterion and guidance on how to achieve the top bands.

Skills

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

Start by planning your essay.

- Your response should consist of five parts:
 - a short introduction;
 - the response to the three bullet points which will form the bulk of the essay; and
 - a short conclusion.
- You are advised to answer the three bullet points in the order in which they appear in the question. The planning of the essay has been outlined for you so that you can concentrate on developing your ideas.
- Start by preparing a few sub-points for each of the three bullet points before planning your introduction and conclusion.
- Both introduction and conclusion should be brief and relevant to the question.
- Plan your response to the three bullet points in advance.
- Keep a balance between the three bullet points.
- You do not necessarily need to write your answer on alternate lines but skipping a line between the introduction, the three bullet points and the conclusion will show that your ideas have been well organised.
- Do not include irrelevant material as it will not be rewarded and can detract from the presentation of your ideas.
- Do not repeat ideas.



A04: Knowledge

- You should illustrate your arguments with scenes from the film/text to show the detailed knowledge required for the top bands.
- Quotations are desirable but not essential. They should be relevant to the point you wish to illustrate.

A03: Target Language

- To gain access to the top band of marks, you should show a very good command of the language, with frequent examples of accurate and complex structures appropriate to AS level. Errors should only appear where more complex language is used.
- It is important to check your work for careless errors, such as:
 - spelling of basic vocabulary;
 - verb forms.
- Do not leave a gap. Make an intelligent guess if you are out of time and unsure.