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INTRODUCTORY PAPER			
TEXT COMPREHENSION	WRITER'S CRAFT	SYNTAX	VOCABULARY
QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:			
<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> match a step to an image in a procedure identify the relationship between characters 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> locate rhyming words in a poem identify simple figurative language 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify a noun, verb or adjective in a text use the correct tense or agreement 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> find a definition given in the text
<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> restate a writer's idea give an example of an action to show a character trait 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain the meaning of simple figurative language 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand the use of italic font for scientific terms understand a narrative to identify a pronoun referent 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interpret the meaning of a word
<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infer a character's feelings from dialogue compare the features of two objects predict the next event in a narrative 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Not tested at this level.</p>	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Not tested at this level.</p>	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Not tested at this level.</p>

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PAPER A

TEXT COMPREHENSION

WRITER'S CRAFT

SYNTAX

VOCABULARY

QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:

IDENTIFY

- name the point in a narrative when an event took place
- identify the first, next or last event in a sequence

IDENTIFY

- find a simile in a text
- identify the text type e.g. diary, poem, recipe

IDENTIFY

- identify a correctly punctuated sentence
- identify the full form of a contraction

IDENTIFY

- find a definition given in the text

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- understand a cause-and-effect relationship in a simple process
- state the main purpose of a text

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the effect of beginning a text with a joke or question
- explain the use of subheadings in a factual text

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- join two sentences with a common conjunction

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret the meaning of a word

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- analyse a scientific text to identify a crucial piece of information
- analyse a text to understand the writer's point of view

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:			
<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> find information in a table or diagram locate the part of an image that matches a description sequence a series of events 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> name the device or technique used e.g. simile, personification 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify a pronoun referent 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <p>Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts</p>
<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interpret a character's actions in context summarise a writer's argument 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> paraphrase figurative language explain the purpose of rhetorical questions in an argument 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> join two sentences with a conjunction or connective 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interpret the meaning of a technical word from context
<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> make a judgement about a character's decision contrast the actions of characters in a narrative 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the features of a text to identify its genre e.g. narrative, scientific 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Not tested at this level.</p>	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Not tested at this level.</p>

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PAPER C

TEXT COMPREHENSION

WRITER'S CRAFT

SYNTAX

VOCABULARY

QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:

IDENTIFY

- state the topic sentence
- identify the cause or effect of an event

IDENTIFY

- name the device or technique used
e.g. simile, personification

IDENTIFY

- identify correct use of speech punctuation

IDENTIFY

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UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the choice of a particular material/equipment in a procedure
- understand who the audience of a text is
- distinguish between fact and opinion

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret figurative language
- explain the effect of word choice

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- demonstrate understanding of agreement or tense to select the correct clause

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- provide a synonym for a given word

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- infer a character's mood
- draw conclusions about the outcome of a process or a series of events
- contrast the reviewer(s)'s judgements of two books

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- compare the devices or techniques used in a text

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- find two words with the same meaning in a text

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QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:			
<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> restate a writer's opinion identify a specific example of a model described in a text 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify the purpose of literary or rhetorical devices such as repetition recognise the effect of figurative language in a text 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify correct use of complex punctuation including colons and semicolons 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <p>Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts.</p>
<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain the cause or effect of an event use information from a text to label a diagram explain the main purpose of a paragraph 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain how a character or an opinion is developed infer the writer's tone 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain the use of punctuation such as brackets or colons 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain a word which has several different meanings
<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infer the reason for a character's decision in a narrative evaluate the aspects of a character or text that are humorous infer the theme/s of a narrative 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> infer the reason for including quotations or references to other texts 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the grammatical relationship indicated by a connective 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts.</p>

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QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:			
<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> restate a supporting argument 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify more complex literary and rhetorical devices e.g. allusion 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> replace connectives in the text identify types of clauses e.g. adjectival clause, adverbial clause 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognise relationships in meaning between words in a text
<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> summarise the main idea of a complex text use information from a diagram or table to support a conclusion explain the key on a map or a diagram 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interpret a play on words in the title of a text explain the use of modality in a text 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrate grammatical knowledge to identify the correct connective or clause to maintain the meaning of a passage understand the use of tense to stage events in a text 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interpret the meaning of idiomatic language interpret the meaning of a word in order to provide its antonym
<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse how an argument could be more effective infer the central motivation of a character generalise from a text the writer's intention/purpose 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the effect of a one-sentence paragraph 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts.</p>	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts.</p>

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QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:

<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify the setting in a complex poem identify a counter-argument 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify conventions specific to particular text types e.g. reviews 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> identify modal adjectives, adverbs or nouns in a text 	<p>IDENTIFY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> match a word with its contextual usage
<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> provide supporting evidence for an opinion explain a character's reaction to an event 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> explain the use of historical context in a narrative or an argument 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand the use of hyphenation to join words to build meaning 	<p>UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> interpret the meaning of a technical word using its base form
<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> compare and contrast points of view in a text understand the whole text to identify assumptions judge the suitability of alternative titles for a text 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> relate the conclusion of a text to the introduction evaluate the use of modality in a text examine the use of voice and tense in a text to convey meaning 	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <p>Skills described in the lower papers will be assessed using more complex texts.</p>	<p>ANALYSE/EVALUATE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> analyse the meanings of a group of words to identify the one different in meaning extrapolate from the base form other words from the same semantic family



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PAPERS G & H

TEXT COMPREHENSION

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SYNTAX

VOCABULARY

QUESTIONS MAY REQUIRE STUDENTS TO:

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- identify the correct graphical or diagrammatic representation of information
- identify points of conflict within an argument

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UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- draw conclusions about the writer's relationship with the narrator
- understand a process to identify its salient aspect or feature

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain irony in a text
- explain how layout can affect meaning in a text

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- interpret complex referencing within a text

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the meaning of a word used in a different context
- interpret jargon

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- evaluate the writer's relationship with the audience
- interpret multiple meanings of a title

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- analyse the impact of word choice

ANALYSE/EVALUATE

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PAPERS I & J (ICAS ONLY)

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UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the nature of relationships in a narrative
- distinguish between supported and unsupported statements

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

- explain the change in perspective in a text e.g. from first to second person, or from one character to another

UNDERSTAND/EXPLAIN

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ANALYSE/EVALUATE

- synthesise the ideas from a text to make a new analogy or predict a future outcome
- evaluate a text to identify its limitation

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