

**Assessment Schedule – 2023****English: Respond critically to significant aspects of unfamiliar written texts through close reading, supported by evidence (91474)****Assessment Criteria**

Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
<p><i><b>Responding critically</b> to significant aspect(s) of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading involves the candidate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing a <b>relevant</b> critical discussion in response to the question, showing an <b>engagement</b> with the text(s)</li> <li>• making and evaluating a range of relevant points in support of the discussion that show <b>understanding</b> of how at least TWO aspect(s) of the text(s) have been crafted to create meaning</li> <li>• <b>including</b> specific and relevant details from the text(s) in the response to <b>support</b> the discussion.</li> </ul>	<p><i><b>Responding critically and convincingly</b> to specified aspect(s) of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading involves the candidate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing a <b>convincing</b> critical discussion in response to the question, showing <b>informed engagement</b> with the text(s)</li> <li>• making and evaluating a range of relevant points in support of the discussion that show <b>convincing understanding</b> of how at least TWO aspect(s) of the text(s) have been crafted to create meaning</li> <li>• <b>beginning to weave</b> specific and relevant details from the text(s) into the response to <b>effectively support</b> the discussion</li> <li>• potentially linking the points made to matters beyond the text(s).</li> </ul>	<p><i><b>Responding critically and perceptively</b> to specified aspect(s) of unfamiliar written text(s) through close reading involves the candidate:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• developing a <b>sophisticated or original*</b> critical discussion in response to the question, showing <b>insightful* engagement</b> with the text(s)</li> <li>• making and evaluating a range of relevant points in support of the discussion that show a <b>perceptive understanding</b> of how at least TWO aspect(s) of the text(s) have been crafted to create meaning</li> <li>• <b>weaving</b> specific and <b>judiciously chosen</b> relevant details from the text(s) into the response to <b>effectively support and expand</b> the discussion</li> <li>• tracing the development of ideas throughout the text, and linking the points made to other contexts such as human experience, society, and the wider world.</li> </ul> <p><i>* Expectations of “insight” and “originality” should be considered in the context of a candidate working at Level 8 of The New Zealand Curriculum</i></p>

**Cut Scores**

Not Achieved	Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
0 – 7	8 – 12	13 – 18	19 – 24

**Evidence**

**QUESTION ONE: Poetry (Text A: “One way and another”)**

The question prompts a discussion of how the writer explores the way people respond to the details of life.

Aspects of the text relevant to this discussion might include:

- audiences and purposes
- ideas (e.g. nature provides (surprising) beauty; memories bring joy; the connected nature of things; having things both ways)
- language features (e.g. simile, emotive language, personal pronouns, rhetorical question)
- structures (e.g. stanza use; time / chronology / memory; outside-inside-outside; duality).

N1	N2	A3	A4	M5	M6	E7	E8
<p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifies an idea from the text that relates to the question</li> </ul> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p>shows awareness of the use of ONE technique, <b>without linking it</b> to the idea.</p>	<p>The response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifies an idea from the text that relates to the question</li> <li>• presents a critical discussion of how ONE technique is used to make meaning in relation to the idea</li> </ul> <p><i>OR</i></p> <p>shows awareness of the use of TWO techniques, <b>linking them</b> to the idea</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• includes details from the text.</li> </ul>	<p>The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement, <b>although some parts may be partial or weak.</b></p>	<p>The response <b>securely</b> fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement.</p>	<p>The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Merit, <b>although some parts may be imbalanced or limited.</b></p>	<p>The response <b>securely</b> fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Merit.</p>	<p>The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Excellence, <b>although some parts may be imbalanced or limited.</b></p>	<p>The response <b>securely</b> fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Excellence.</p>

**N0** = No response; no relevant evidence.

**QUESTION TWO: Prose (Text B: “What’s in a name?”)**

The question prompts a discussion of how the writer explores the significance of naming.

Aspects of the text relevant to this discussion might include:

- audiences and purposes
- ideas (e.g. naming and identity; names and gender / power)
- language features (e.g. metaphor, personal pronoun, cliché, emotive language)
- structures (e.g. chronology; expectation / reality; example / generalisation).

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**QUESTION THREE: Comparison of the texts**

The question prompts a discussion comparing how the writers reflect on people’s experiences of change.

Aspects of the text relevant to this discussion might include:

- audiences and purposes
- ideas (e.g. changes that are expected or not anticipated; changes that are welcome or that bring challenges; material changes or changes to ideas; changes to plumbing and changes to society)
- language features, e.g.:
  - personal pronouns: in the poem, “I” is the writer who reflects on the change also experienced by “we” (presumably the people in the family / street); in the prose, “I” is a woman expected to change and “he” is a man challenged by change
  - emotive language: in the poem, the change is appreciated as ambivalence (“swanky” / ”extravagance”); in the prose, change is appreciated through “nightmare” as negative
- structures (e.g. use of time to show how change can be slower than expected in terms of names, or faster than realised in terms of plumbing).

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The response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifies an idea from the text that relates to the question</li> </ul> <p><i>OR</i></p> shows awareness of the use of ONE technique, <b>without linking it</b> to the idea.	The response: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• identifies an idea from the text that relates to the question</li> <li>• presents a critical discussion of how ONE technique is used to make meaning in relation to the idea</li> </ul> <p><i>OR</i></p> shows awareness of the use of TWO techniques, <b>linking them</b> to the idea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• includes details from the text.</li> </ul>	The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement, <b>although some parts may be partial or weak.</b>	The response <b>securely</b> fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement.	The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Merit, <b>although some parts may be imbalanced or limited.</b>	The response <b>securely</b> fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Merit.	The response fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Excellence, <b>although some parts may be imbalanced or limited.</b>	The response <b>securely</b> fulfils the intent of the assessment criteria for Achievement with Excellence.

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