TEXT AND PERFORMANCE
STANDARD LEVEL
PAPER 2 – POETRY

Wednesday 2 May 2012 (morning)

1 hour 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

• Do not turn over this examination paper until instructed to do so.
• Answer one question. Each question is worth [25 marks].
• The maximum mark for this examination paper is [25 marks].
Answer one question. Refer closely to the works of at least two poets you have studied.

1. Consider the way at least two poets you have studied have explored the subject of youth and/or old age in their work.

2. Consider the way memory has been used in the work of at least two poets you have studied.

3. Evaluate how at least two poets you have studied have dealt with the challenge of expressing extremes of emotion through their use of language.

4. Consider how at least two poets you have studied have used style to convey their sense of what is valuable in life.

5. Poetry should communicate in a surprising and original way. Compare how at least two poets you have studied have used language in surprising and original ways to convey their meaning.

6. Poets often focus on a particular preoccupation in their work. With close reference to the work of at least two poets you have studied, consider how they have used their poetry to examine this preoccupation.