



**Poetry - Larkin**

**English past Exam Questions**

**Higher Level**

2012

Paper Two - Section 3 QB Part 3

3. Philip Larkin

“Larkin’s poems often reveal moments of sensitivity which lessen the disappointment and cynicism found in much of his work.”

To what extent do you agree with this statement? Support your answer with suitable reference to the poetry of Philip Larkin on your course.

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Paper 2 – Section 3 Q1

**1. Philip Larkin**

“Writing about unhappiness is the source of my popularity.” (Philip Larkin)

In the light of Larkin’s own assessment of his popularity, write an essay outlining your reasons for liking/not liking his poetry. Support your points with the aid of suitable reference to the poems you have studied.