



Comparative – Theme
English Past Exam Questions
Ordinary Level

2012

Paper 2 – Section 2 – Question B

B THEME

1. (a) Identify a theme found in **two** of the three texts you have studied on your comparative course . In relation to **one** text you have studied, explain how you found studying this text helpful in understanding your chosen theme. (30)

- (b) Identify a second text in which you have studied the same theme. Compare relevant aspects of this text, with the one you referred to in 1.(a) above, in order to establish which text was the most helpful in developing your understanding of the theme.

Remember to refer to both texts in your answer. (40)

OR

2. (a) (i) Identify a theme from **one** text that you have studied on your comparative course and describe a key moment in which this theme is clearly evident. (15)

- (ii) Describe a key moment in another text, which you studied on your comparative course, which clearly reveals the same theme which you discussed in 2.(a)(i) above. (15)

- (b) Compare what you learned about your chosen theme from each of the key moments you have identified.

Remember to refer to both key moments in your answer. (40)

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* Before beginning your answer to either of the two questions on **THEME**, you should

- name the texts studied for your comparative course
- name a theme that you are going to discuss.

1. (a) As part of your comparative course you have studied the **same theme** in three different texts. With reference to **one** of these texts, explain what you learned about this theme. Support your answer with reference to your chosen text. (30)
- (b) Do you think that studying the same theme in two or more texts helped you to get a better understanding of that theme? Explain your answer with reference to the texts you have studied. (40)

OR

2. (a) i) Choose a key moment in one of the texts you have studied in your comparative course and describe how it reveals a significant theme in this text. (15)
- ii) Choose a key moment from a second text you have studied in your comparative course and describe how that key moment reveals the same theme in this text. (15)
- (b) Compare the similarities and differences between the two key moments described above to show how looking at more than one text can help us to better understand a theme. (40)

2009

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Before beginning your answer to either of the two questions on **THEME**, you should name a **theme** that you are going to discuss.

1. You have been asked to talk to your class about the theme of the comparative texts you have studied.

(a) Describe **one** key moment in the text where the theme is clearly evident. (30)

(b) Compare the moment described in (a) above with a moment in another text where **the same theme** is also clearly shown. (40)

OR

2. (a) Choose a theme from **one** of the texts on your comparative course and say why it did (**or** did not) make the text entertaining. (30)

(b) Choose the **same theme** from another text and say why it made that text more (**or** less) entertaining than the one discussed in (a) above. (40)

2007

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Before beginning your answer to either of the two questions on THEME, you should

- name the texts studied for your comparative course and
- name a theme that you are going to discuss.

1. (a) Describe how your chosen theme is presented in **one** of the texts. (30)

(b) Compare the way in which the same theme is presented in a second text with the way it has been presented in the text in (a) above. To begin your answer use one of the following statements:

- *“I thought the theme in my first text was more powerful/less powerful than the theme in my second text because...”*
- *“I enjoyed the theme of one text more than the other because...”*

(40)

OR

2. (a) Write a piece in which you attempt to persuade a reader that a theme is presented in a more interesting way in one text rather than in another. Support your views with reference to the two texts chosen. (30)

(b) Select one moment from each of **two** texts that you have studied that appeals to you in a special way. Say how, in your opinion, these moments have helped you to understand the theme involved.

Explain your answer with references to your chosen texts. (40)