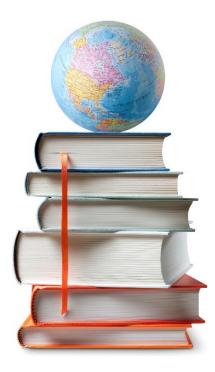


Example Candidate Responses – Paper 3 Cambridge International AS & A Level Literature in English 9695

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Introduction

The main aim of this booklet is to exemplify standards for those teaching Cambridge International AS & A Level Literature in English 9695, and to show how different levels of candidates' performance (high, middle and low) relate to the subject's curriculum and assessment objectives.

In this booklet, candidate responses have been chosen from the June 2021 series to exemplify a range of answers.

For each question, the response is annotated with a clear explanation of where and why marks were awarded or omitted. This is followed by examiner comments on how the answer could have been improved. In this way, it is possible for you to understand what candidates have done to gain their marks and what they could do to improve their answers. There is also a list of common mistakes candidates made in their answers for each question.

This document provides illustrative examples of candidate work with examiner commentary. These help teachers to assess the standard required to achieve marks beyond the guidance of the mark scheme. Therefore, in some circumstances, such as where exact answers are required, there will not be much comment.

The questions and mark schemes used here are available to download from the School Support Hub. These files are:

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How to use this booklet

This booklet goes through the paper one question at a time, showing you the high-, middle- and low-level response for each question. The candidate answers are set in a table. In the left-hand column are the candidate answers, and in the right-hand column are the examiner comments.

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	Ateral and Metaphionic representation . It

Answers are by real candidates in exam conditions. These show you the types of answers for each level. Discuss and analyse the answers with your learners in the classroom to improve their skills.

Examiner comments

Minor errors of expression and spelling do NOT form part of the mark scheme and are not penalised.

2 The candidate is moving in on the question and expressing an opinion about the relative importance of each character.

3 The candidate sees that both characters can be linked to central themes of the play.

Examiner comments are alongside the answers. These explain where and why marks were awarded. This helps you to interpret the standard of Cambridge exams so you can help your learners to refine their exam technique.

How the candidate could have improved their answer

- This response was confident and thorough, but it contained a number of things that could have been improved.
- To move into the next level, there would need to be a careful, analytical use of quotations to back up the points being made. As it stands, there was quite a lot of assertion.
- Towards the end of the essay, particularly in the last paragraph, it was clear that the candidate had run out of ideas.
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This section explains how the candidate could have improved each answer. This helps you to interpret the standard of Cambridge exams and helps your learners to refine their exam technique.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Many candidates responding to the passage question saw it as an invitation to write about the play as a whole.
 While it is a mistake to treat it as such, it is also a limitation not to make relevant reference to elsewhere in the play

 either by tracing character, theme or action.
- It is important, too, that responses mention and integrate others' opinions and some awareness of the background to the text, possibly by reference to other litery Lists the common mistakes candidates made

Often candidates were not awarded marks because they misread or misinterpreted the questions.

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Lists the common mistakes candidates made in answering each question. This will help your learners to avoid these mistakes and give them the best chance of achieving the available marks.

Question 2(a)

Example Candidate Response – high

2 a)	King Lean by Shakespear holds a greatement with
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	Ateral and Metaphonic representation . It
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	alle enperiences as a long hele king is in
5	Other Shakes peacern place de Othe lon Meichbett
	the old kings or charachter one a seen with
	Some sort of background including their accomplis
	ments and victories that & cesker. That helps
	& Strengthin the believe in audience that the
	Charachter is or has been gone through some
	Sort of expensive. In order to gain the
	Dower and unpeet of a white head thair.

Examiner comments

Minor errors of expression and spelling do NOT form part of the mark scheme and are not penalised.

2 The candidate is moving in on the question and expressing an opinion about the relative importance of each character. There is knowledge of relevant technical vocabulary with 'protagonists'.

3 The candidate sees that both characters can be linked to central themes of the play, thus showing understanding.

4 The candidate starts to explore the question with the genre of the text clearly in view.

5 The candidate demonstrates something of the context of the play within Shakespeare's work, linking these characters to tragic heroes who have faults that lead to their downfall.

As well as Gibucestin who yet shows the sub plot in blay by I inheriting the same mental as 6 id results Ìn downfail as well. his king wh his So the Dramatic Groney that shakes pear has his main charachters side by side te used Bandilig oc curley the. dep' deptie of emphesise bratility Suntility, and violence that The Older Joneration went through in the Elespether or Fleshethen σγ Ronesever era. Apette claracture of Hie diamatic presentation bothe charach tim Start at the very beging Roul of Gloucertu and Raul 51 play when the Start thent ore deduc 0] seen under a conversation regarding the lightimate and illigetimate Sent of Colonaster. He introduces Edward the illightimate bon as a Bastard which Beathous die the shows his indifference to the produced him. Hewen hustful relation that had the Gramatic irong reflects where his I luknow hund or degradation of a man "Edmand" gilthough unintertinal leads him to his death and & togdyni 10 Sifteing. On the other hand lear is busy practiced well starts at the very beging as that King divides his kingdan desire of beig praised. with hence: again Shakes peon presents. The key te the downfall of pricle. These aspect and of pride are presented by shakespres laquage as thing Lean User 1 verses (11) through tone and with My themic affects as to Enpower his authoritation States which charge to prose when the time of eners punish is only head. As well as Glovester is made blind as punishint. The backgroud of a page Society Ca be seen in Such aspect. As well as due te the fact that they bolt suffer & nomatte due te thei late or the developing conflicts made the by their am faich foolish practices of pride they are te as the principle charachters of and reflered Play Brama. Stated by DI Enringth That "The principle keeps out but Those who Chemachter are not loto - Those 12 Suffer,"

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6 The candidate indicates a direct parallel between the two characters.

7 The candidate tries to make reference to context, but the play is not, of course, set in the Elizabethan era, and the thought is not really backed up by evidence.

8 By this point in the essay, the candidate shows confident willingness to engage with the question and some awareness of its complexities. As yet, there has not been engagement with particular moments in the play, so there is little evidence of analysis except on a general level. There is knowledge and understanding of the wider sweep of the play and some engagement with relevant matters of context.

9 The essay is now starting to develop and to show an engagement with detail.

10 The essay deals with both characters at the same time. This is a clear sign that it is thorough and strategic. Less good work might tend to deal with one character and then the other.

11 The candidate argues strongly that both characters in some sense deserve their punishment. Again, both in view.

12 The mark scheme includes the requirement to consider other people's interpretations of the play. This is done here, although only so that the candidate can appropriate, not develop, the critic's opinion.

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King learn and Ciloucester also present the a theme of authority. bear the Though Submission of "Crown" he not only losses his Kingship but also power, money, respect, authority Hen pesitid only as king nof bit also as Ċ, oct of of athe as so to o thi g away his 1 kingship only nelleet (rown 6 not loss of but also the sepute Draniticul and respect of a feither. Stop Shakespear prepeti that whole Brilin 18 of given away on stake . supported by "Amold kettle That Those who As 15 losi power and rouk are abadul" So is repeared In the two chorachilins They both ove lead inte. tradgic ending. Glaucesten loss of Blinemers loss of bight but melaphoros is not only literal loss of kear's to sight to see the The love and 16 Lack love of her daughtives. That the flattery of his death. is the Prica rea mistake and reason This is presented dramatically as the First Act ้ร้ the a sevence of BOARD pust act. As The Chanachter come across cuses the fak mask is falls and real faces are reveale provene the flating Speacher of General ad lage on be observed and recogniscel by the audince to bit not Which Creal the by the old experienced men . 17 effect though Shakespeen dramatic Repter amnicient view E. andra 2B As well as the Generational conflict of Doth 18 pavallel plats ca On one be There is Edmad Goneral and Regen, Where the Stw had Their Conditio Por 1' c difference that Detwen Edgar. the potte by Shakespear is that of charachter presented Shilden, Edward, Goneil ad Keyn do not one evil follow this order of nature - Whereas the yanger daughter Cordilia and Edgar the legitimeti Da and Sen to guilar the orderly respert and so the Sainty prama. Condition's forging love image 19 theit balmi and Edging even in discourse Lean a support his Jather in th tregit tr of his life. Where Grenes) altitude the as the woust doughts of all three as she asks been to "the fist pahare in here towar as well as make the Kinstatia of his pights as well as Support that leads Regar in every aspect, if en be followed boxenal in all dismaf Said that Requ and Mout acts tared their

13 The argument starts on a new tack, thus giving the response a breadth of approach.

14 Although all of this is true, it would be helpful to see the case argued by specific reference to language and action.

15 At this point the essay evokes a critic and uses his argument to develop the current argument: this shows an ability to evaluate.

16 This shows that the two characters are linked by one of the themes of the play - blindness. It also starts to explore real and metaphorical blindness.

17 The writing here is slightly opaque, losing the fluency seen elsewhere.

18 Again, a new direction for the argument shows a willingness to engage with a range of aspects of the text whilst remaining focused on the question.

⁽¹⁹⁾ This is a clear, coherent discussion of the role of the younger generation. It needs to be backed up by some examples from the text.

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20 The critic mentioned before re-appears to set up a new and interesting area for discussion.

21 This makes some reference to particulars to substantiate the points being made.

Although the response so far has been very interesting and has explored some complex ideas, this is the first time that there is engagement with 'dramatic presentation' that is asked for by the question. Even now, it isn't illustrated.

23 Occasionally, the writing slips and it isn't quite possible to follow what the candidate means.

24 The essay takes a clear view of presentation at this point, thus directly hitting the full terms of the question. Points are supported by quotation and specific reference.

25 The ideas about order and rank presented here are clearly an attempt to provide a relevant context for the action. This is a welcome use of context as integrated.

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	those twho follow order as (liear ad Glorcester)
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	besille Lordise Reg also maker a sont of
	to infection to the solt-threwledge of lea that is the
	needer to sustain his Latrol, you must be head
	by the of PB Maccentureder of children On llo
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	as he behavis him. Hawen the Shakespen dramati
	presulation in this expect is presented by The
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	this Childen & was yet a trick of God's to pursh them of this deastand and proved
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24	all subject a in The drama shows a great
	great ironic presentation of both, As shakepen
	velleets and the theme of Man VS Nature.
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	feels adam of Birdness That to no more water to
	red to be the chiden that also behaved him.
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	bark at Degree, Dog Opays in Office says low as
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	both lite ally as wello a motodossicilly has
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	he realises the nature fact that was facts place in the Remiscace as they who was chose in every aspect of living the advacement that made a cradge aroud. there exists its victime. The ladge of courses conflict with Childrin, loss of authority and to rake, pavery. Series as well as shelt their abordand that both hiterally as well as melophosically form flapping this words freely. As their only denine af the and was to die. "Chancestedies award to
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Example Candidate Response – high, continued	Examiner comments
26 To that, Have I, Henrielf after as Mihilist & Meanings of loving with the death of condition. 26 To that, How I, Henri I, "Henrie aspect in presenting lagrage Tone and lithery devices.	26 Some useful reference to a particular moment to support the candidate's perceptions.
21 Condension the Aramotic assence of Shopaupun Cu be experience in a verily of was as he is said to be a writter of natrialistic closabling The ossens of madness and blindness con also be ser in the warding Structure is wild and by Annie Monie That the Structure is wild and 21 its dering and Imported by AC Bradly that the Madness is in leas is presited by the lack of structur in the play closena. The elingis the anishing soffer selfers. It for the live used for bird, the Shakesper presents the dramatic many by presult, the fact the the high called one actual foolishs and the low stada or sands one those who are engaged Hewever the Nature is brost under the dim ship eline high called one actual foolishs and the low stada or sands one those who are engaged Hewever the Nature is brost under order all. It dim ship every humas Cantol Lean, brost under order who has be disastrus and differed the fam	 27 Although there is relevance, introducing a new critic and new material in a final paragraph does not help to create overall coherence to what has gone before. 28 There is new material here which, if it was relevant, should have been explored during the course of the essay.

Example Candidate Response – nigh, continued	Examiner comments
29 Is well a favis - on hi Mrs Meckette proceed is General & Page though making the pun of emme Intreed by dugs roles for softs would chrotic of post mark aloraction and Edmand's rightful and advaceded fight, Reports The dought of the ald's at Paness ree is taking place 30	 29 It is difficult to see how this last paragraph adds anything to what has already been said. 30 This is a confident and thorough answer. The response shows a thorough knowledge of the play and a willingness to select and use relevant moments to substantiate a case. Both characters are kept clearly in view throughout. There is appreciation of context, although some of the more obvious contextualisations don't really work. This is seen at its best when the contexts are integrated into the discussion. It is clear that there is a confident, personal response to the play, with some use of quotations. Arguments are clear and sometimes complex, with only the occasional loss of fluency. Total mark awarded = 20 out of 25

Example Candidate Response – high, continued Examiner comments

How the candidate could have improved their answer

- The discussion moved forward in a coherent way, although there are moments where paragraphs could have been more effectively linked together.
- The opinions of others are aptly considered, although only really evaluated and integrated into the discussions on one occasion.
- This response was confident and thorough, but it contained a number of things that could have been improved.
- To move into the next level, there would need to be a careful, analytical use of quotations to back up the points being made. As it stands, there was quite a lot of assertion.
- Towards the end of the essay, particularly in the last paragraph, it was clear that the candidate had run out of ideas. Better planning would have helped avoid this. Introducing new material towards the end of an essay (after 'In conclusion') is not helpful, as it can't be explored.
- The major limitation in the essay was the lack of engagement with the dramatic qualities of the text: the question asks about 'dramatic presentation', and this was mainly done by implication, not by direct argument.
- There is a requirement that candidates consider and evaluate the opinions of others. At times this is done to help move along the candidate's argument; but elsewhere critics are simply evoked to be agreed with.
- On the whole, despite its clear arguments, there is a feeling that this essay was too long, and that arguments could have been made more concisely and crisply.

Example Candidate Response – middle

2 a 1 2	Shakespear's presentation of Clancester and Lear is deeply intertwined Throughout the play we experience both plots simulitaneously essentials providing us with the same message but at different scales. Proving that the conflic that these two charecters face is of a universal nature in both cases, we experience the tragedy that befalls an their families. The reason on both cases being their own incompetence as a review but more importantly as a father. With	 The candidate addresses the question directly and sees that the two characters are linked through theme and circumstance. The tragedy is personal to these two characters. The candidate uses appropriate vocabulary.
5	Giloucester serving as Lears subplot # their misgirings become somewhat easier to digest and forgive as it comes off as a buman error rather than an act of evil. A prevalent feature of shakespears tragedies is the voble figure they has a tragic flaw which leads to their downtall The King Lear, the two noble men in power suffer from the consequences of prefering man's law over natures law. Natures law requires people to abide by the rules of the hierarchy equal heatment of one children and trust between members of a family. Lear and Gloucester however	 3 This sentence isn't very clear – the 'it' isn't identified. 4 This opening paragraph shows an ability to engage with the question, and a knowledge and understanding of the broader sweep and structure of the play. 5 Some contextual observations about the nature of tragedy here, although the idea of the tragic flaw isn't yet explored. Gloucester is perhaps sinned against in the play, whereas Lear is sinning in his actions.
6	seem to be missing that. Although Lear introduces himself with the strength and grandeur of a capable ruler, he soon loses the respect of the audience with the love test. The love test is bound to	6 This is starting to move on to the particulars of the play.

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Example Candidate Response – middle, continued Examiner comments

create differences and harbour competition	
amongst his daughter daughters. And where	
here is competition, here are winners	
and losers. Cordelia loses as roon as	
she returned to boast her love for her	
fatter unlike her older sisters who use	
2 excessive tot hub hyperboles to profess	7 All of this is true, but there is no
their love. It is Leavis short sightedness but	textual support.
he barnistes cordelia, the only one who	
truly loves him by giving away all his	
power to Goveril and Regar. Both of whom	
ain to strip he ting off of his	
remaining powers, rendering him useless. While	
- new notice tain to the Reagon with Coperil	8 By implication, the candidate is
it may be argued that regregan and	suggesting that other interpretations
Goneril are interently evil, it may also be	are possible.
proven that year is somewhat responsible for	
heir actions. Lear has treated Cordelia as	
pre most loved daughter before he jove lest and	
had even planned to give the larger chunk	
of power to ber. This preferential preatment	
of oney children is against ne laws of	9 A clear expression of a
9 nature and also provides a logical reason	personal opinion.
to why lear's daughters turned against him	
. To a large extent, it was his own doing.	
	10 Lear's early behaviour has
10. On the parallel Gloucester too fails to	been dealt with, so the essay now
treat his sons equally - Glouester openly	turns to Gloucester. The essay is
speales of Edmunds illegitimetic birm in	dealing serially with the characters,
a derogativy manner and this enrages	rather than keeping the comparison
Edmund and drives him towards an	going throughout. This is done
inmoral and evil approach to get what	acceptably.
he reserves . I this animalistic approach of	
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Examiner comments

The survival of the fittest is condemnable
the survival of the fittest is condemnable but it is easy to see where it stems from. At the end, Edmund tries to save Lear
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part of him is good and not with
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11 IN Edward Calourestera failure to trat
both sons equally leads to his son falling onto the wrong path and eventually his own densise.
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eventually his own demise.
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receive is much larger than he sin tray
have done. Lear loses his Kingship, his
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eventually even his samity. Gloucester too,
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I wi then deal with the travela, while
lear uses denial, anger and self pity to
12 Stal with his wors, Gloucester appears
to be a stronger individual as keeping
12 deal with his wors, anger and sett pity to to be a stronger individual as keeping aside his own worries, he does his
amos to protect his ting, mis logalty and
13 strong nolve thus shines through.
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1 This is all true, but it is tending towards telling the story of the play, rather than analysing the dramatic presentation of the issues.

12 This could usefully be examined through the use of short quotations from each character.

13 By this point, there has been no analysis of text, which is a limitation to the response.

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	The The irony in the stories of both
	Lear and Gloncester lies in the fact
	that they realize their mistakes after it is too late Initially when Edmund
	is the late Initially when Edmund
	chows alongeter on faire letter, he claims
	that "I won't be needing my spectacles" and
	that "I won't be reeding my spectacles" and "let's see, let's see". which is ironic
	because a concester only ever sees he truth
	affer re has been blinded. with his sight intact he fails to identify Edmund's
	intact he fails to identify Edmunds
· ·	tra treachery which perhaps proves that
	his old age had made him incompetent
	tria treachery which perhaps proves that his old age had made him incompetent and untit for a runer.
	Similarly, lears incompetence prevails
	when the divided his kingdom in he
	most irresponsible way. His charecter this once magnificent highhess has been decayed
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	hy his sense of pride and ego hert his
	invaded him. It is only after Lear loses
	his somity that he realises the full
	invaded him. It is only after Lear loses his sonity that he realises the full extent of the mistakes he has made.
	the Ultimately, mrough aconcesses and
	Lear, Shakespear shows the effect of old
	age and the decaying of power and
	intellect · However, of ne end of
	the play pe audiences witness how both
	apable of owing up to hear shortcomings
	capable of owing up to hear shortcomings
	and trus makes he audience sympathize with
·	and trus makes he andwence sympathize with man Shulcespear conveys Through Lear and
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	Gloucester now he elderly may not always be right, mey ore also not deserving of he vile an behaviour mat we often subject hem to. 16
	always be right, ney ore also not
15	deserving of the vile atte behaviour
	mat we often subject hern to. 16

The response begins to deal with text, suggesting a theme of blindness which is relevant to both characters. It is at this point that the essay crosses the border into the 'competence' described in the mark scheme.

15 This is a response which just crosses into the area of 'Sound and competent'.

There is knowledge and understanding of the play's plot and characters. The view of 'tragedy' isn't fully established in terms of tragic fault.

The major limitation lies in the lack of close textual analysis which doesn't really begin until the fifth page. At this point, the essay improves considerably because the views are substantiated.

There is some attempt to provide a context through discussion of tragedy, although this is not fully understood. The structure of the essay is clear, with an alternation between the characters.

The candidate's personal views come through clearly and there is some engagement with different possible interpretations, although this is done mostly by implication.

16 This is an interesting essay that runs along in the area of 'straightforward and partial' until its penultimate page.

Total mark awarded = 14 out of 25

How the candidate could have improved their answer

- The arguments, although mainly clear, were not substantiated with text. The essay achieved all the criteria for the level below and began to provide one aspect (analysis) of the next level up — and this edged the script into the next level.
- Other improvements would have been that the candidate might have engaged more fully and directly with others' views, or with other contexts.
- The main improvement would have been for the candidate to directly address the instruction in the question to compare and contrast the dramatic presentation of the two characters. The question involves understanding of both Lear and Gloucester, but its central instruction is to analyse a technical aspect of the writer's craft, rather than present character study.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- With this question, there is a clear need to keep both the characters mentioned fully in view throughout the answer. The question is centred on a view of the text as a play to be performed, so it is important that 'dramatic presentation' is the central focus of the answer.
- Many candidates did not produce relevant contexts or asserted them without integrating them into their own arguments to help progress the essay.
- With the opinions of others, there is only relevance if these opinions are interrogated and integrated into the argument being advanced by the candidate.
- Candidates need to be careful not to write plot summaries.

Question 2(b)

Example Candidate Response – low

2 Б.	in Shakespearers "King Lear", a king chooses to divide
1	his kingdom among his three daughters depending on
	the exclusit of their flatturies in proclaiming their love for him
	as their father. His two eldest daughters, honorit and kegan
	shower him with affection, whereas his youngest. Corduia,
2	Says nothing, claiming her live for him is so due it
9	cannot be expressed through language. In anger, King Lear casts
3	
	Regan, who later betray him. This extract is contrasted against
	King lear's descent into madness in the play, his abandorment
	of his daugneur corduia, and 4
5	
	King Lear gradually descendes into madness within the course
·····	of the pray. Upon MS. Aris' reamon with Conduction towards.
	the end of the play, he have been so driven into madness
	te can barely speak anymore. However, in thus externet new
6	that Cordelia has died, he regains his speech and begins
	to speak with much more daring than man the beginning
	of his descept when he experienced hallwoinattons. This is demonstrated
	by two request for a clooking glass' to check if she is still
	breathing and 13 - actually diceased, and evidenced again through
. 🤍	Kint's consonance, difference and decay to describe he madness
	after banishing Cordelaa and splitting his hingdom.

Examiner comments

Some knowledge of the situation in the play.

2 This is true of the play, but as yet there is no sign of the passage printed, which should be the central focus of the answer.

3 The candidate shows some knowledge of the situation that causes the action of the play.

4 This paragraph just stops and there is no very clear focus on the task.

5 This is an attempt, perhaps, to contextualise the ending of the play – the printed passage.

⁶ This is now starting to look at the passage. The statement about him recovering his speech is a personal opinion and shows some understanding of Lear's return from madness.

7 This is just starting to focus on what Lear does and says, which is the centre of the question which asks about the 'presentation' of Lear.

8 Some reference to the action of the scene, but it is only mentioned, not analysed. There is also a passing reference to language.

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	Lear, after abandoning cordeling in the play's opening, finally
9	reconctus with her in this extract. Though previously intermally
	reconciling against up decision to banish Cordular, such as
	ty through Araming her as the lesser of two evils when his
10	eldest daughtus began forsaking him, he finally admits his regret
	directly to be in this extract. Though it must be stated how of
	these confessions reach Cardova's ears. Although he a Dinaly
	accepting his past regressions, he does so to a corpse that
	aannat apprectate his sewimonts. Similarly, when Cordelia visits her
	asleep "Arther in the text before battle, she lanents how poorig he
	was treated by her two sisters before kissing him sweety. Lear is
	mable to reciprocate her interactions as he is askep. This enhances
	the tragedy fett in 'King Lear' as the auditace sever do quite
	witness a proper reconstruction between hear and Condulia beton
	both of their draths,
	In conclusion, this extract of Shekespearies "king hear" demonstrates
4	Lear's briefly regained Savity due to the trauma of Orderials
	dear, his Arnal reconstitution with Cardelia, and 13
	adan, "" Tha reading win apound with

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9 This expresses a dramatic fact, but it also expresses an opinion about the action.

10 There is a clearer focus on the passage here, with some opinion about Lear's regret. This is the strongest section of the response. The reference to elsewhere in the play broadens the discussion and makes a statement about Shakespeare's structuring of the play.

11 This point about frustrated reconciliation shows some understanding of how the scene may pull upon the heart strings of an audience.

12 This is a short, relevant conclusion, but it doesn't really address how the question has been answered.

13 This response is basic and limited. The candidate shows some knowledge of the play in general but doesn't show that there is an understanding of the play as something to be performed.

There is some attention to the scene printed, with occasional support from the text. There is some attempt to link this passage with the rest of the play.

Apart from putting the extract into the context of the play as a whole, there is no attempt at context.

Total mark awarded = 11 out of 25

How the candidate could have improved their answer

- The major limitation of the response is that the passage printed needs to be the central focus of the discussion.
- The candidate could have included more personal response as it is very limited.
- The candidate should have considered the opinions of others in the response.
- This response, although still 'straightforward and partial' was markedly less good than the previous answers. There was more quotation, but the focus was on Tom and Laura, not on their 'dramatic presentation'.
- The ideas were clear and straightforward and there was sound knowledge and understanding of the play. However, there was little that dealt with effects or saw the complexity of the relationship of the two characters.
- There were occasional lapses of fluency. To gain a higher mark, the candidate would have needed to support the arguments more fully and analyse more deeply, using fuller reference to detail.
- There would need to be more on the writer and the way in which he shapes our response.
- More could be done to make a reader aware that the text is a play which works dramatically on stage.
- There could have been a fuller engagement with critics as a means of sharpening arguments. The mark scheme asks for the opinions of others to be evaluated, and the candidate needed to include these. Some of the best insights (Tom as narrator) were kept for the end where there was no time to develop them.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Many candidates responding to the passage question saw it as an invitation to write about the play as a whole.
 While it is a mistake to treat it as such, it is also a limitation not to make relevant reference to elsewhere in the play

 either by tracing character, theme or action.
- It is important, too, that responses mention and integrate others' opinions and some awareness of the background to the text, possibly by reference to other literary works or to the world view from which the text emerges.

Question 4(a)

Example Candidate Response – middle

	4	a	The Glass Menagerie is a semi-autobiographical	
		-0-	play by Tennessee Williams Williams presentation	The mark scheme asks for contexts for the text but biographical
			life Tone being Williams birth name, is a	links like this are rarely needed. The text is set in its own right, as a
			substitute for the play wright himself Laura's	work of art, not as a display of the
			is also inspired by williams sister, Rose.	author's experience or psychology.
			Tom is clearly fond of Laura, despite his	
	·.· ·		actions. He care's about her, as is enident	2 This is starting to move in on
		-2-	by the way he tasks to have . Tom's gentle	the question in a simple way. The
			throughout the play and every time is with	issue of the way Tom talks is raised
· 	• •		Laura.	but not illustrated.
			Laura acts as a tether believen Tom and	
	;		their mother. It is due to her influence that	
			Tom and Amandaare able to reconcile.	
			This also highlights the nift in the family,	
-			as well as faura's importance in the	
	••••••		Usingfeild household. It is because of her that Tom and Amarda by to mend their	
		-3	relationship after the fight.	3 Again, all of this may be true,
				but it is not supported by examples.
÷			Laura's fragility is highlighted sher her	
			glass ornament from here managerie breaks during ton and Amanda's fight. Not only	
			this, but the glass ormaneut breaking also	
			describes the effect. For and Amandas	4 Although there are no direct quotations, this uses an example
			constant fights have on Laura. As the	from the text to interpret the
			glass breaks, we are forced to wonder how-long it will be until Laura, too,	relationship between characters.
			breaks uncler pressure. 4	The candidate is also aware that objects in the play have a symbolic
ŀ				significance.

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Example Candidate Response – middle, continued Examiner comments

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While Tom wants to escape fis life and	
everything is it, laura is the only aspect	
of his life that he does not want to leave	
behind through as it is a "manage of "	-
behind However, as it is a "memory play", 	5
Laura and Amanda. However, physically	and
leaving her was not enough to prevent	doe
Tons from lining in the past. Ton's confession	Tom
that he "tried to leave" Laura behind but	put
he to was "more faith ful than he arolent	
intended to be", makes it clear that he	
cannot leave Laura in his thoughts. In	
6 creating the play, Tom paradoxi cally	
becomes closer to Laura and Amanda.	play
	writi
- to Tom views Laura as pragile as her	is m
glass menagerie, however false it may	
be, and constantly underestimates her	_
Tom insists that Laura cannot survive in	
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torces her to be dependent on him. However,	
this is still not enough to prevent him from	ess:
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Tom to be cordial with Amanda As much	8
8 as Tom cared about Laura, he was	and
destined to escape while Lawa was not	
This is highlighted multiple times, the most	of th
obvious one being that Laura slips and	mea
falls on the five escape, the one through	den
which Tom eventually escapes.	the
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5 This begins to talk about genre and about audience reaction. It doesn't tussle with the business of Tom's memories being shaded to put him in a good light.

It is not clear in the text of the play that Tom thinks of himself as writing a play. The action of the play is more what he is visualising in his mind.

As with the start of the essay, the point made here is not supported with evidence from the text.

8 This point shows knowledge and understanding, but there is no engagement with the language of the play or the dramatic presentation of a scene. This means that the candidate isn't really demonstrating an ability to analyse the texts, a key element of the mark scheme.

Example Candidate Response – middle, continued Examiner comments

Despite her failed marriage, Amarola' wonted a husband for lawa fliat could replace Tom. As much as Tom cared about Lawa, he cared about getting away more. Tom obes not even sail for anyting to get justher than one meeting. As soon as he instochases a gentleman calles in Jim, Tom stops paying the bills and prepares is get away. Toms freedom tied in Lawa, while Loura was destined to live an imprisoned life. Williams does not show a constrained relationship belivean Lawa and Tom in order to Mighlight the instanting of Toms ambilions. While Tom loved Lawa, whe wanted nothing more to escape. 9 10 The trans of the first scene when we are clarified that dupile leaving and achieving his goals, Tom could not more on. While he may be away form them physically of common get for more to escape of the cannot escape due more to mark of the first scene when we are clarified that he spends away, the more to he comes away of his fate them he was at home, he gened for an escape. However now that he was away,	 9 This last sentence doesn't really flow, though its intent is clear. 10 The last two paragraphs have shown knowledge of the play and a willingness to engage with Tom's motivation. However, there is no evidence produced to back up these personal opinions. 11 The candidate interprets at this point, using the prompt of the 'memory play' from early on to explain Tom's dissatisfaction. This is more analytical and shows an awareness of the genre of the text.
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13 Lawas fragility is tixened to her glass Menagerie. As Lawa says, "if you breather, it breats", it is applicable to herself. However, just lived her	13 This takes us back to a point made earlier; here the point is backed up with some evidence.
precious glass menagence, Tom regards Lauras as a precious collection that must be protected from the world. This is unfair to Laura, as not only is she	14 This sums up the situation at the end of the play. It is just starting to think about the complexity of Tom's psychological state.
<u>painfilly shy as a result, John leanez</u> <u>her to an incertain fate after making</u> <u>his escape.</u> 14	15 The response is straightforward and partial. It keeps to the question and makes some use of reference to the events and language to substantiate points. However, much, although true, is asserted.
	There is a lack of detailed analysis, and this means that Tom's motivation and presentation of the events is taken at face value.
	There is a straightforward personal response to the text, only partially supported.
	The answer makes clear progress through a range of slightly limited points.
	The use of context – Williams's own life – does not help the argument. There is no obvious reference to the opinions of others.
	Total mark awarded = 13 out of 25

Examiner comments

How the candidate could have improved their answer

- This candidate does everything that is described in the mark scheme level for 'Straightforward and partial'. A
 limitation of the response is that much is asserted, not substantiated. Furthermore, to improve, the response could
 have considered Tom as a biased narrator.
- There is little here that recognises the genre of the text and explores the writer's techniques in relation to it.
- There is little close reference to language or action: the essay is at its best when this happens. The mark scheme is clear that responses should think about how a text might be variously interpreted, possibly by reference to critics or a particular performance: there is no mention of them here, even by implication.

Example Candidate Response – low

4 (a) 'The Glass Menagerie' is Tennessee William's famous play that based on his personal story. The key of the play is the relation -ship twitte between "hinh" and his sister, who are tour and Laura Williams presents the relationship of them mainly on the same sufference they owned brought by the their mother Amande: The protangerist proprieties. Protection of Laur -a from Tour in most of the play and the whole memory focus on Laura when Tour play the role of marrietor. 3 E. Firstly, Both Tem and Laura are within's of Amanda in the whole family: Amanda, who is the wother of the fam- -ily and criticized as attempting to control every pieces of	 This attempts context but issues of the relationship between text and author are outside the scope of an A level answer. Context is only useful if it illuminates the text or supports a candidate's developing argument. This shows a sensible understanding of the family dynamic. There is some attempt here to suggest areas of technical interest
the whole family. Amanda, who is the mother of the fam	 3 There is some attempt here to suggest areas of technical interest (point of view) which are central to 'dramatic presentation'. 4 There is some knowledge and understanding of the family and its inner tensions here. 5 Reference to a critic demonstrates some background reading but it doesn't really help the essay develop. 6 This demonstrates an awareness of the play as working through symbols. 7 The point made is supported by reference to the text.
uis house as well as rainforces their similarities in the thome. Which metaphor of they are they best knowing each	

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	Amanda in the family is due to Lawra's mattel inavitable
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	Personation experience in Scene 2 novem she are out
	of the business school. Williams portrays her says Big Gta
	glass house raises tropical flowers." The unor sentence
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	a: character who successfully accomplishes the duties that
	2 we wasn't did for his sister Rose. On By contrast, at the
	pity of hurting Laura's fragile mentle world. 13

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12 The point made earlier is developed a bit more.

13 This takes us back to a point made earlier; here the point is backed up with some evidence.

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	enhance the importance of Lawra as well as portraying the
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A discourse marker demonstrates that there is a straightforward structure to the candidate's points. The answer makes clear progress through a range of slightly limited points.

15 Candidate may have run out of time: the piece appears unfinished.

16 This response is at the lower end of 'straightforward and partial'. There is knowledge of the text and some willingness to engage with textual detail. Some points are supported by quotation. Although there are references to the play's audience, the response does not really begin to deal with 'dramatic presentation' – the ways in which Tom and Laura's relationship is brought to life by the language, action and staging of the play.

References to the context of William's personal life are not relevant – and they aren't convincingly presented either.

At one point, a critic is adduced but the reference doesn't really move the arguments forward.

The response is clearly structured, although it is not finished. Ideas expressed are simple.

Total mark awarded = 11 out of 25

How the candidate could have improved their answer

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Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- To gain high marks, it is important for candidates to engage with the full implication of the question: this question is about 'dramatic presentation' and that should be the central focus of the answer, which not all candidates focused on.
- Candidates need to be able to select relevant knowledge and understanding and use it to develop an argument, supporting what they say with quotation and reference to particular moments.
- There needs to be sustained analysis if an answer is to gain a high mark. Candidates were not always confident about the play's strategies and techniques, as well as their opinions about the characters.
- When engaging with contexts or critics, candidates need to be aware that they must use these insights to support and develop their own arguments: if they are added without relevance, contexts and critics are of limited use.

Question 4(b)

Example Candidate Response – high

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	longuage and tone Williams aveates drangetic
	effects and tension in stones the Glass Menogener
	Ananda has a very dramatic character, dictra
	tone, and attions. Throughout this scene America
4	is month very 'slowly," even letting her had
	and gloves fall to the floor as if she nere
	in istense shock. Offer tone is one filled with
	betray and disbelief which further increases
	the dramatic dension. This serves a purpose
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	as it has not been and right revealed that
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	happened, Amanda Takes her time to
	address have, letting her anxiety build.
·	We see Amenda tear up the keyboard
	diagram, the stores at it sweetly and
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The candidate engages immediately with the precise terms of the question in terms of dramatic methods.

2 Even this early, there is engagement with detail. It sees that Williams is very clear with his stage directions and that they are a way into interpreting the play.

3 Detail serves to characterise effect.

4 This takes a clear, personal view of some of the dynamics of the Wingfield family.

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5 This is emphatically not just simply recounting what happens. The details are being adduced as part of an interpretation.

6 The question asks about methods and concerns, and at this point the candidate points out elements of Amanda's behaviour that are typical of what she does throughout.

7 This turns to matters of staging, showing that there is appreciation of how Williams's methods create meaning. This whole paragraph is an intelligent interpretation of one aspect of the printed passage.

8 This sees that the infected mind isn't simply confined to Amanda.

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Amanda is beginning to be seen in a complex way here, not just as someone who is overdramatic.

10 Money is one of the central themes of the play, and it is fully explored here as a means of talking about aspects of the play as a whole.

1 Again, what a character does is explored and interpreted.

12 Another of the play's big themes is mentioned and explored through the example already given.

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13 The response moves to deeper exploration of Amanda, so earlier ideas are picked up to be developed further.

14 There is a link to the play as a whole here. It shows knowledge and understanding of how the scene fits into the larger patterns of the play.

15 This continues to develop the candidate's complex view of Amanda both here and elsewhere in the play. It sees that there could be different interpretations of her language and action.

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Example Candidate Response – high, continued

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16 There is a deft shift to Laura here, to balance what has gone before: the opinions expressed are not fully supported from textual reference.

The candidate sums up what has been said with clarity and reminds the reader that the writer's methods produce significance.

18 This is a confident and thorough response.

It shows thorough knowledge of the play and an ability to range widely, without losing focus on the printed scene.

It does not engage with contexts (though they are implied) or with the opinions of critics, though it does suggest that Amanda might be seen in a variety of different ways.

There is acute, intelligent discussion of aspects of what is said in the scene, together with discussion of matters of stage directions and staging.

The candidate's opinions are wellinformed and supported. Ideas are communicated clearly and there is some complexity of response.

Total mark awarded = 21 out of 25

How the candidate could have improved their answer

- The mark scheme indicates that essays should consider and evaluate varying opinions and interpretations, and this is not done.
- The mark scheme also asks for there to be a consideration of contexts. The candidate begins on this with the mention of 'plastic theatre' and could have explored this in more detail.
- Occasionally, the link between paragraphs is not smoothly made, so the argument can seem slightly disjointed.

Common mistakes candidates made in this question

- Two areas of possible weakness contexts and the opinions of others have been identified above.
- Many candidates did not exploit the detail of the passage printed to support their arguments.
- Another area of weakness can be in balancing part to whole using detail from this scene to show things that are
 true about the whole play. The question asks about 'methods and concerns', and this means that candidates need
 to be very conscious that the question is about techniques and the realisation of significance, not simply about
 identifying characters and then providing a character study. The key word in the question is 'dramatic' to which
 candidates need to pay attention.

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