

PRACTICE EXAM - SECTION A
ANIMAL FARM – GEORGE ORWELL

60 minutes = 20 marks

Instructions

- Choose **one** (1) topic to respond to
- Write the essay topic at the top of the first page
- Complete your essay in the answer booklet provided
- Ensure you write your name on the booklet
- Allow 60 minutes for this section (including 5 minutes for planning and proof reading)
- PLEASE LEAVE A MARGIN

1. **George Orwell's *Animal Farm* shows us that the greatest obstacle to achieving a fair society is not our political beliefs but human nature. Discuss.**

2. **How does Orwell portray language as an instrument of social control in *Animal Farm*?**

3. **How does Orwell convey his message through various literary techniques (such as setting, characterisation, symbolism, foreshadowing, figurative language...).**

4. **Why do the animals accept the injustice of the pigs' domination in *Animal Farm*?**

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA:

CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Level of knowledge of the novel➤ Complexity of ideas➤ Use of appropriate evidence (quotes) from the text➤ Ability to engage with the ideas of the essay topic
STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sentence construction➤ Paragraphing➤ Introduction and conclusion➤ Development of ideas➤ Logical progression of ideas
EXPRESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Vocabulary➤ Spelling➤ Punctuation

PRACTICE EXAM - SECTION B
TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD by HARPER LEE and
RABBIT PROOF FENCE by PHILLIP NOYCE

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1. Texts set in the past are not as valuable as texts set in modern times. Do you agree? Make close reference to *Rabbit Proof Fence* and *To Kill a Mockingbird* in your response.

2. Which text, *Rabbit Proof Fence* or *To Kill a Mockingbird* is better suited to today's school syllabus? Justify your response.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

CONTENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Level of knowledge of the texts➤ Complexity of ideas➤ Relevance to topic
STRUCTURE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sentence construction➤ Paragraphing➤ Introduction and conclusion➤ Development of ideas➤ Logical progression of ideas
EXPRESSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Vocabulary – sophistication of language choices➤ Spelling➤ Punctuation