

WHAT DOES THE EXAM LOOK LIKE?



WHAT DOES THE MARK SCHEME SAY?

30 marks: Highly critical and detailed response. Range of accurate quotations. Insightful analysis of language, structure and form with accurate terminology. Explores contextual factors.

15 marks: Some explained and detailed response. Range of good quotations. Some analysis of language, structure and form with sometimes accurate terminology. Understands contextual factors.

5 marks: Simple response to the question. Limited quotations from extract and whole novel. Awareness of language, structure and form possible with terminology. Simple knowledge of contextual factors.

Charles Dickens: *A Christmas Carol*

Read the following extract from Chapter 1 and then answer the question that follows.

In this extract Scrooge is being introduced to the reader.

External heat and cold had little influence on Scrooge. No warmth could warm, nor wintry weather chill him. No wind that blew was bitterer than he, no falling snow was more intent upon its purpose, no pelting rain less open to entreaty. Foul weather didn't know where to have him. The heaviest rain, and snow, and hail, and sleet, could boast of the advantage over him in only one respect. They often 'came down' handsomely, and Scrooge never did.

5 Nobody ever stopped him in the street to say, with gladsome looks, 'My dear Scrooge, how are you? When will you come to see me?' No beggars implored him to bestow a trifle, no children asked him what it was o'clock, no man or woman ever once in all his life inquired the way to such and such a place, of Scrooge. Even the blindmen's dogs appeared to know him; and when they saw him coming on, would tug their owners into doorways and up courts; and then would wag their tails as though they said, 'No eye at all is better than an evil eye, dark master!'

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15 But what did Scrooge care? It was the very thing he liked. To edge his way along the crowded paths of life, warning all human sympathy to keep its distance, was what the knowing ones call 'nuts' to Scrooge.

Starting with this extract, how does Dickens present Scrooge as an outsider to society?

Write about:

- how Dickens presents Scrooge in this extract
 - how Dickens presents Scrooge as an outsider to society in the novel as a whole.
- [30 marks]

THE QUESTION:

20%

- ★ The exam will always begin 'Starting with', you don't have to necessarily start with the extract, this is more to start your thinking...it's your answer, it's up to you!
- ★ Dickens' name will be in the Q to remind you to think about the purpose of the text - what are the effects is the language/techniques he using?
- ★ The q will have a focus to allow you to make a contextual link e.g. here, it's being an outsider to society. Remember, context isn't worth lots of marks so shouldn't dominate your essay. Also, don't make large generalised statements, think carefully about the contextual information you wish to include.

BULLET POINTS:

- ★ You will be expected to use quotations from the extract to support your ideas and to analyse, in detail, what they show/reveal about the character/theme in the question
- ★ You will also be expected to refer to the whole text as well in your answer to demonstrate you have studied the entire novel. You will not necessarily have to remember direct quotations from the rest of the novel, you can paraphrase, however if you can remember - get them in!

Paper 1: Section B: Christmas Carol

30 MARKS, 52 MINUTES, 5-6 PARAGRAPHS

A01: 12 MARKS (CRITICAL RESPONSE USING QUOTES)

A03: 6 MARKS (TEXT-CONTEXT RELATIONSHIP)

A02: 12 MARKS (ANALYSE LANGUAGE, SENTENCE STRUCTURES AND FORM USED BY WRITER TO CREATE EFFECT)

