

# WHAT DOES THE EXAM LOOK LIKE?



## WHAT DOES THE MARK SCHEME SAY?

**24 marks:** Critical and detailed response. Range of accurate quotations. Insightful analysis of language, structure and form with accurate terminology. Clear understanding of poet's purpose.

**16 marks:** Explained and detailed response. Range of good quotations. Some analysis of language, structure and form with sometimes accurate terminology. Some understanding of purpose.

**8 marks:** Simple response to the question. Limited quotations from extract and whole play. Awareness of language, structure and form possible with terminology. Simple understanding of poet's purpose.

### To a Daughter Leaving Home

When I taught you  
at eight to ride  
a bicycle, loping along  
beside you  
5 as you wobbled away  
on two round wheels,  
my own mouth rounding  
in surprise when you pulled  
ahead down the curved  
10 path of the park,  
I kept waiting  
for the thud  
of your crash as I  
sprinted to catch up,  
15 while you grew  
smaller, more breakable  
with distance,  
pumping, pumping  
for your life, screaming  
20 with laughter,  
the hair flapping  
behind you like a  
handkerchief waving  
goodbye.

Linda Pastan

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In 'To a Daughter Leaving Home', how does the poet present the speaker's feelings about her daughter?

## THE QUESTION:

20%

In this exam you will be presented with a poem you have never seen before and you will have to answer **two** questions relating to it.

Section A (as shown to your left) will require you to analyse/write about this poem in isolation.

The question will name the poem on the paper to remind you that this first question is just about this poem only. It will mention the term "the poet" to remind you to think about the poet's choices of form/structure and language and the effect of these.

You will be expected to use quotations in your answer as you have the poem on the page in front of you.

THIS PART OF THE EXAM  
HAS NO MARKS FOR  
CONTEXT (AO3)

## Paper 2: Section C: Unseen Poetry

PART A: 24 MARKS, 35 MINUTES, 3-4 PARAGRAPHS

AO1: 12 MARKS (CRITICAL RESPONSE USING QUOTES),

AO2: 12 MARKS (ANALYSE LANGUAGE, SENTENCE STRUCTURES AND FORM USED BY WRITER TO CREATE EFFECT)