

EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL OF SWAZILAND Junior Certificate Examination

LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 2 (Unseen Text)

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1 hours 30 minutes

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Mark Guide

Question 1

This question requires candidates to express their feelings as they read the passage. Obviously, most candidates will express their sadness, pity or sympathy for the boy's scary situation. Good candidates will focus on the feelings ignited by the portrayal of all the different characters, namely; the boy, the dog and the prophetess. The repertoire of questions flooding the boy's mind as he knocks at the door may evoke strong feelings of anxiety, worry, and mystic. No doubt the passage will ignite a wide range of feelings from candidates.

Question 2

The portrayal of nightfall is both fear inspiring and terror-striking. The scary image of a "lurking" murderer who is ready to pounce on the vulnerable and hopeless victim is terrifying. Candidates will comment on how language has been aptly used by the poet to intensify the fear. The use of "I" also makes the poem more personal and touching. Good candidates will quote specific and relevant parts from the poem to substantiate their various points and also comment about the effects of the punctuation.