

Principal Examiner's comments on exemplar material for Specimen Paper
WRITE-2 Commissioned Writing

Comments on **Steven's Big Day**, a response to Commission 3

AO1 – 6/10

This is a developed piece in response to the commission which includes the name of the soft drink in a short story that is often quite clichéd and overly sentimental. There is some effective use of dialogue but generally this commission could have been dealt with in a much more accomplished and convincing manner for the next band. The writing is fluent and achieves some of its intentions, even if it has uneven moments.

AO2 – 6/10

Overall, the writing is fluent and controlled, with good command of dialogue, even if it direct speech is relied upon too much. Some vocabulary is developed, and there is a capable control of paragraphs but generally this needed to be more refined and crafted for a higher mark, with more variety and subtlety of devices.

Comments on **I'm Coming Out**, a response to Commission 5

AO1 – 10/10

This is a concise and eminently publishable poem which responds to the commission imaginatively in richly developed and sustained use of form, leading to a professional overall affect.

AO2- 9/10

While it is shorter than the suggested length, this is a richly developed, highly crafted poem with excellent, professional control of line breaks and stanza formations. Faultless accuracy in spelling.