

Paper 2 examiner's comments coversheet

Subject name: English A

Sample name: Example A

Question 2	
Criterion A	Mark: 8/10
Examiner's comments:	
<p>Knowledge and understanding are good and sustained. The interpretation of the similarities and differences is convincing and, at times, persuasive. The essay goes beyond the anecdotal and deals effectively with the terms in the question.</p>	
Criterion B	Mark: 9/10
Examiner's comments:	
<p>Analysis and evaluation just make it into the upper band. The discussion of techniques and devices was successfully integrated. Perceptive analysis of braided narration. Analysis of broader authorial choices is at times insightful, as in the discussion of mixed perspectives in Narayan and connecting it to the question: "which works in synergy with Narayan's first person narration, which tells us that Velan's image of Raju is not true and Raju is not what Velan thinks he is, demonstrating the universal idea of appearance vs reality."</p>	
Criterion C	Mark: 4/5
Examiner's comments:	
<p>The essay mainly maintains a clear and sustained focus on the task. Beginning the essay with "yes" is unusual, but appropriate. The conclusion is underdeveloped, possibly owing to time pressure. The essay is balanced.</p>	
Criterion D	Mark: 4/5
Examiner's comments:	
<p>Generally, the language is mature and terminology is used effectively. The sentence construction is sometimes laboured. There are some punctuation errors and other minor lapses.</p>	
General commentary	
<p>This is an engaging and strong essay. The candidate is particularly strong in their analysis of language and authorial purpose. Knowledge and understanding have been integrated effectively with interpretation and techniques.</p>	