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Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1)

Friday 6 June 2025

Morning (Time: 1 hour 30 minutes) Paper reference **4EA1/02R**

English Language A

PAPER 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and Imaginative Writing

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*
- Plan your answers in the lined spaces provided. Plans will not be marked unless no other response is provided.

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question*
- Quality of written communication, including vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar, will be taken into account in your response to Section B.
- Copies of the *Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology* may **not** be brought into the examination.
- Dictionaries may **not** be used in this examination.

Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

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SECTION A**Reading****Answer the question in this section.****You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.****Begin your answer on page 3.****Remind yourself of *The Bright Lights of Sarajevo*, taken from the *Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology*.*****The Bright Lights of Sarajevo***

After the hours that Sarajevans pass
 queuing with empty canisters of gas
 to get the refills they wheel home in prams,
 or queuing for the precious meagre grams
 of bread they're rationed to each day,
 and often dodging snipers on the way,
 or struggling up sometimes eleven flights
 of stairs with water, then you'd think that the nights
 of Sarajevo would be totally devoid
 of people walking streets Serb shells destroyed,
 but tonight in Sarajevo that's just not the case –

The young go walking at a stroller's pace,
 black shapes impossible to mark
 as Muslim, Serb or Croat in such dark.
 In unlit streets you can't distinguish who
 calls bread *hjlleb* or *hleb* or calls it *kruh*.
 All take the evening air with stroller's stride,
 no torches guide them but they don't collide
 except as one of the flirtatious ploys
 when a girl's dark shape is fancied by a boy's.

Then the tender radar of the tone of voice
 shows by its signals she approves his choice.
 Then match or lighter to a cigarette
 to check in her eyes if he's made progress yet.

And I see a pair who've certainly progressed
 beyond the tone of voice and match-flare test
 and he's about, I think, to take her hand
 and lead her away from where they stand
 on two shell scars, where in '92
 Serb mortars massacred the breadshop queue
 and blood-dunked crusts of shredded bread
 lay on the pavement with the broken dead.
 And at their feet in holes made by the mortar
 that caused the massacre, now full of water
 from the rain that's poured down half the day,
 though now even the smallest clouds have cleared away,

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(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS



SECTION B**Imaginative Writing****Answer ONE question from this section.****You should spend about 45 minutes on your chosen question.****Begin your answer on page 12.****EITHER**

- 2** Write about a time when you, or someone you know, went to see friends or family.

Your response could be real or imagined.

Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)

OR

- 3** Write a story with the title 'The Candlelit Dinner'.

Your response could be real or imagined.

Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)

OR

- 4** Look at the images provided.

Write a story that ends 'It moved into the shadows'.

Your response could be real or imagined. You may wish to base your response on one of the images.

Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)

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You may choose ONE image to prompt your response to Question 4.



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