

**IB English Language and Literature
Paper 1 Checklist**

Name: _____

Criterion A: Understanding and Interpretation

Candidates are required to:

- ⇒ Demonstrate an understanding of the texts and draw reasoned conclusions from implications in it.
- ⇒ Support ideas using references to the text

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY ☒

- ☐ I have made inferences and deductions about the text rather than summarizing it.
- ☐ My comments are about less obvious points and aspects and are specific.
- ☐ I have used quotes from the text to support my points.
- ☐ My quotes are explicitly linked to my interpretations (i.e. the use of connectives).
- ☐ My quotes have been carefully selected rather than copying out whole lines or sentences.
- ☐ I have considered how my points are connected to consider the 'bigger picture'.
- ☐ My commentary is directly related to my question or thesis.

Criterion B: Analysis and Evaluation

Candidates are required to:

- ⇒ Analyze and evaluate how textual features and/or authorial choices shape meaning.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY ☒

- ☐ I have identified features used or choices made by the writer, such as language, form, and structure.
- ☐ I have explained how these features help support my interpretation of the text.
- ☐ My comments are directly related to the prescribed question or thesis.
- ☐ I have used descriptive language and/or appropriate vocabulary and terminology to communicate my ideas.

Criterion C: Focus and Organization

Candidates are required to:

⇒ Present ideas in a manner that is clear, focused, and organized.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY ☒

- ☐ I have planned out or outlined my ideas in the order that they will be presented.
- ☐ I have a clear introduction that identifies purpose, audience, context, and text type of the extract.
- ☐ My introduction identifies my interpretation of the question or thesis statement.
- ☐ I maintain a clear focus on the question or thesis throughout my response.
- ☐ I make each of my points in separate paragraphs.
- ☐ I use connectives to bridge my thoughts and ideas.
- ☐ I have a clear conclusion that summarizes my argument without being repetitive.

Criterion D: Language

Candidates are required to:

⇒ Use clear, varied, and accurate language.

⇒ Employ appropriate use of register (vocabulary, tone, etc.) and style.

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY ☒

- ☐ I have used a formal style of writing throughout my entire response.
- ☐ I have used a broad range of vocabulary.
- ☐ I am careful with word choice when explaining my thoughts and ideas.
- ☐ My spelling has been checked and is correct.
- ☐ I have proofread my response and (when applicable) have asked others to proof my writing.