

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

General Information

Scholarship Performance Standard English

Mode of Assessment Written examination

For Year 2006

Specific Information

Candidates will answer **THREE** questions, writing at least **800** words for each.

Format of the assessment

Candidates will answer one question from each section:

Section A Close Reading of Unfamiliar Texts will require a technical comparison of two written texts, one prose and one poetry, with an emphasis on aspects of content and crafting.

Section B Response to Literature and Language will require a response to literature and/or language studied.

Section C Exploring Issues in Literature and Language will require an exploration of issues in literature and/or language studied.

Candidates who select short texts (eg poetry, short story, magazine articles, short electronic or audio texts) should refer to at least two. Candidates should demonstrate wide knowledge and wide reading, and an appreciation of aspects of intertextuality.