## Assessment Schedule – 2006

## Scholarship English (93001)

The <b>Performance Descriptor 1</b> essay will:	indicated by:
demonstrate extensive knowledge of texts and methods used in crafting them	fluency
	confident use of terminology to describe content, processes and crafting
respond critically with mature ideas and independent reflection	use of texts and references suitable to purposes of the argument (question / topic)
	references are interwoven
demonstrate an exceptional level of sustained critical response, showing consistent ability to synthesise knowledge, understanding and argument	perception
	some substantiated independent thought
	high level of response
	close academic and critical referencing
	coherent discussion
	independent views
	arguments structured, coherent and deliberate response to topic
	high level of engagement
7, 8 marks	personal response

The <b>Performance Descriptor 2</b> essay will:	indicated by:
demonstrate extensive knowledge of texts and methods used in crafting them	fluency
	<ul> <li>use of terminology to describe content, processes and crafting</li> </ul>
respond critically with mature ideas and independent reflection	<ul> <li>use of texts and references suitable to purposes of the argument (question / topic)</li> </ul>
	references are interwoven
sustain coherent, substantiated and engaging argument	perception
	<ul> <li>some independent thought, not necessarily orthodox, but nevertheless substantiated and argued coherently and logically</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>arguments structured, coherent and deliberate response to topic</li> </ul>
	high level of engagement
5, 6 marks	personal response

The <b>Performance Descriptor 3</b> essay will:	indicated by:
demonstrate extensive knowledge of texts and methods used in crafting them	<ul> <li>fluency</li> <li>use of terminology to describe content, processes and crafting</li> </ul>
respond critically with mature ideas and independent reflection	<ul> <li>texts and references chosen are suitable for the purposes of the argument / question / topic</li> <li>references are interwoven</li> </ul>
demonstrate coherent and substantiated argument	ideas showing perception, some independent thought, not necessarily representing orthodox critical views
	arguments structured, coherent, substantiated
3, 4 marks	personal response

The <b>Performance Descriptor 4</b> essay will:	indicated by:
demonstrate knowledge of texts and methods used in crafting them	fluency
	use of terminology to describe content, processes and crafting
respond critically with some mature ideas and independent reflection	texts and references chosen are suitable for the purposes of the argument / question / topic
	discussion may be unbalanced*
demonstrate coherent and substantiated argument	some interweaving of references
	ideas showing perception, some independent thought, not necessarily representing orthodox critical views
	arguments substantiated
	personal response
1, 2 marks	*"unbalanced" may be in terms of the question itself and /or the use of support evidence. See also Note 1, below.

## Notes:

- 1. A nine-point marking scale (0–8) is used to assess each essay.
- 2. Substantial and integral repetition of material in Sections B and C will be seen as producing "unbalanced" answers. Therefore, essays that repeat material may achieve no higher than 1 or 2 marks.
- 3. **0** will be awarded where any essay is wholly lacking in **scholarship** substance.
- 4. Although NOT explicitly required in the criteria at these levels, essays should nevertheless show accurate use and control of the conventions of academic writing.