

New Zealand Scholarship Assessment Specifications

General Information

Scholarship Performance Standard	English
Mode of Assessment	Written examination
For Year	2008

Specific Information

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

Format of the assessment

There will be three sections:

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. There will be a single question for this section.

Section B Response to Literature and Language will require a response to literature and/or language studied. Candidates will be required to select one question from a number of options.

Section C Exploring Issues in Literature and Language will require an exploration of issues in literature and/or language studied. Candidates will be required to select one question from a number of options.

Note: Candidates who select short texts (eg poetry, short story, magazine articles, short electronic or audio texts) should refer to two for each selected genre. Candidates should demonstrate wide knowledge and wide reading, and an appreciation of aspects of intertextuality.

Marking Each essay will be marked out of 8 to give a total of 24 marks.