NEW ZEALAND SCHOLARSHIP 2004

ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR ENGLISH

Although NOT explicitly required in the criteria at these levels, essays should nevertheless show accurate use and control of the conventions of academic writing.

Note: Three essays must be completed.

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

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

The Performance Descriptor 3 essay will:

demonstrate extensive knowledge of texts and methods used in crafting them

indicated by

- fluency and use of terminology to describe content, processes and crafting.
- Texts chosen are suitable for the purposes of the argument
- references are interwoven
- ideas showing perception, some independent thought, not necessarily representing orthodox critical views
- arguments structured, coherent, substantiated
- personal response

respond critically with mature ideas and independent reflection

demonstrate coherent and substantiated argument

The Performance Descriptor 4 essay will:

demonstrate knowledge of texts and methods used in crafting them

indicated by

- fluency
- use of terminology to describe content, processes and crafting.
- texts chosen are suitable for the purposes of the argument
- discussion may be unbalanced
- some interweaving
- ideas showing perception, some independent thought, not necessarily representing orthodox critical views
- arguments substantiated
- · personal response

respond critically with some mature ideas and independent reflection

demonstrate coherent and substantiated argument