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## LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

Paper 9 Poetry, Prose and Drama

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An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer two questions, each from a different section.

You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

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## Section A: Poetry

TED HUGHES: New Selected Poems 1957–1994

**Either** (a) In what ways and with what effects does Hughes present violence in two poems? 1

www.PapaCambridge.com Or (b) Comment closely on ways in which the language and imagery of the following poem present the calf.

#### A March Calf

Right from the start he is dressed in his best – his blacks and his whites Little Fauntleroy - quiffed and glossy, A Sunday suit, a wedding natty get-up, Standing in dunged straw 5 Under cobwebby beams, near the mud wall, Half of him legs, Shining-eyed, requiring nothing more But that mother's milk come back often. Everything else is in order, just as it is. 10 Let the summer skies hold off, for the moment. This is just as he wants it. A little at a time, of each new thing, is best. Too much and too sudden is too frightening -When I block the light, a bulk from space, 15 To let him in to his mother for a suck, He bolts a yard or two, then freezes, Staring from every hair in all directions, Ready for the worst, shut up in his hopeful religion, A little syllogism 20 With a wet blue-reddish muzzle, for God's thumb. You see all his hopes bustling As he reaches between the worn rails towards The topheavy oven of his mother. He trembles to grow, stretching his curl-tip tongue -25 What did cattle ever find here To make this dear little fellow So eager to prepare himself? He is already in the race, and quivering to win -His new purpled eyeball swivel-jerks 30 In the elbowing push of his plans. Hungry people are getting hungrier,

Butchers developing expertise and markets,

But he just wobbles his tail – and glistens Within his dapper profile Unaware of how his whole lineage Has been tied up.

He shivers for feel of the world licking his side. He is like an ember - one glow Of lighting himself up With the fuel of himself, breathing and brightening.

Soon he'll plunge out, to scatter his seething joy, To be present at the grass, To be free on the surface of such a wideness, To find himself himself. To stand. To moo.

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### WILFRED OWEN: Selected Poems

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  - Or (b) Comment closely on ways in which the following poem explores different moods.

#### Music

I have been urged by earnest violins And drunk their mellow sorrows to the slake Of all my sorrows and my thirsting sins. My heart has beaten for a brave drum's sake. 5 Huge chords have wrought me mighty: I have hurled Thuds of God's thunder. And with old winds pondered Over the curse of this chaotic world. With low lost winds that maundered as they wandered.

I have been gay with trivial fifes that laugh; And songs more sweet than possible things are sweet; 10 And gongs, and oboes. Yet I guessed not half Life's sympathy till I had made hearts beat, And touched Love's body into trembling cries, And blown my love's lips into laughs and sighs.

# Songs of Ourselves

- www.PapaCambridge.com (a) With reference to two poems, compare ways in which the poets express a 3 **Either** disappointment.
  - Or **(b)** Comment closely on ways in which the following poem expresses admiration.

#### Sonnet 18

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day? Thou art more lovely and more temperate: Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date: 5 Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines And often is his gold complexion dimmed; And every fair from fair sometime declines, By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimmed. But thy eternal summer shall not fade, Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st; 10 Nor shall death brag thou wander'st in his shade, When in eternal lines to time thou grow'st: So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see, So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

William Shakespeare

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### Section B: Prose

CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE: Half of a Yellow Sun

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Or (b) Discuss the following passage in detail, commenting on ways in which it presents Olanna's observations.

> She got back to Nsukka in the middle of the afternoon, that still hour when the sun was relentless and even the bees perched in quiet exhaustion. Odenigbo's car was in the garage. Ugwu opened the door before she knocked, his shirt unbuttoned, slight sweat patches under his arms. 'Welcome, mah,' he said.

> 'Ugwu.' She had missed his loyal, smiling face. 'Unu anokwa ofuma? Did you stay well?'

'Yes, mah,' he said, and went out to bring her luggage from the taxi.

Olanna walked in. She had missed the faint smell of detergent that lingered in the living room after Ugwu cleaned the louvres. Because she had imagined that Odenigbo's mother was already gone, she was dampened to see her on the sofa, dressed, fussing with a bag. Amala stood nearby, holding a small metal box.

'Nkem!' Odenigbo said, and hurried forwards. 'It's good to have you back! So good!'

When they hugged, his body did not relax against hers and the brief press of his lips felt papery. 'Mama and Amala are just leaving. I'm taking them to the motor park,' he said.

'Good afternoon, Mama,' Olanna said, but did not make an attempt to go any closer.

'Olanna, kedu?' Mama asked. It was Mama who initiated their hug; it was Mama who smiled warmly. Olanna was puzzled but pleased. Perhaps Odenigbo had spoken to her about how serious their relationship was, and their planning to have a child had finally won Mama over.

'Amala, how are you?' Olanna asked. 'I didn't know you came too.' 'Welcome, Aunty,' Amala mumbled, looking down.

'Have you brought everything?' Odenigbo asked his mother. 'Let's go. Let's go.'

'Have you eaten, Mama?' Olanna asked.

'My morning meal is still heavy in my stomach,' Mama said. She had a 30 happily speculative look on her face.

'We have to go now,' Odenigbo said. 'I have a scheduled game later.'

'What about you, Amala?' Olanna asked. Mama's smiling face suddenly made her want them to stay a little longer. 'I hope you ate something.'

'Yes, Aunty, thank you,' Amala said, her eyes still focused on the floor. 'Give Amala the key to put the things in the car,' Mama said to

Odenigbo.

Odenigbo moved towards Amala, but stopped a little way away so that he had to stretch out and lengthen his arm to give her the key. She took it carefully from his fingers; they did not touch each other. It was a tiny moment, brief and fleeting, but Olanna noticed how scrupulously they avoided any contact, any touch of skin, as if they were united by a common knowledge so monumental that they were determined not to be united by anything else.

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www.PapaCambridge.com 'Go well,' she said. She watched the car ease out of the composition and stood there, telling herself she was mistaken; there had been nothing in that gesture. But it bothered her. She felt something similar to what she had felt while waiting for the gynaecologist: convinced that something was wrong with her body and yet willing him to tell her that all was well.

'Mah, will you eat? Should I warm rice?' Ugwu asked.

'Not now.' For a moment, she wanted to ask Ugwu if he too had observed that gesture, if he had observed anything at all. 'Go and see if any avocados are ripe.'

'Yes, mah.' Ugwu hesitated ever so slightly before he left.

She stood at the front door until Odenigbo came back. She was not sure what the shrivelling in her stomach and the racing in her chest meant. She opened the door and searched his face.

'Did anything happen?' she asked.

Chapter 20

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## E.M. FORSTER: A Passage to India

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This Mr Fielding had been caught by India late. He was over forty when he entered that oddest portal, the Victoria terminus at Bombay, and – having bribed a European ticket-inspector - took his luggage into the compartment of his first tropical train. The journey remained in his mind as significant. Of his two carriage companions one was a youth, fresh to the East like himself, the other a seasoned Anglo-Indian of his own age. A gulf divided him from either: he had seen too many cities and men to be the first or to become the second. New impressions crowded on him, but they were not the orthodox new impressions; the past conditioned them, and so it was with his mistakes. To regard an Indian as if he were an Italian is not, for instance, a common error, nor perhaps a fatal one, and Fielding often attempted analogies between this peninsula and that other, smaller and more exquisitely shaped, that stretches into the classic waters of the Mediterranean.

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His career, though scholastic, was varied, and had included going to the bad and repenting thereafter. By now he was a hard-bitten, good-tempered, intelligent fellow on the verge of middle age, with a belief in education. He did not mind whom he taught: public-school boys, mental defectives and policemen had all come his way, and he had no objection to adding Indians. Through the influence of friends, he was nominated Principal of the little college at Chandrapore, liked it, and assumed he was a success. He did succeed with his pupils, but the gulf between himself and his countrymen, which he had noticed in the train, widened distressingly. He 20 could not at first see what was wrong. He was not unpatriotic, he always got on with Englishmen in England, all his best friends were English, so why was it not the same out here? Outwardly of the large shaggy type, with sprawling limbs and blue eyes, he appeared to inspire confidence until he spoke. Then something in his manner puzzled people and failed to allay the distrust which his profession naturally inspired. There needs must be this evil of brains in India, but woe to him through whom they are increased! The feeling grew that Mr Fielding was a disruptive force, and rightly, for ideas are fatal to caste, and he used ideas by that most potent method – interchange. Neither a missionary nor a student, he was happiest in the give-and-take of a private conversation. The world, he believed, is a globe of men who are trying to reach one another and can best do so by the help of goodwill plus culture and intelligence – a creed ill suited to Chandrapore, but he had come out too late to lose it. He had no racial feeling - not because he was superior to his brother civilians, but because he had matured in a different atmosphere, where the herd-instinct does not flourish. The remark that did him most harm at the Club was a silly aside to the effect that the so-called white races are really pinko-gray. He only said this to be cheery, he did not realize that 'white' has no more to do with a colour than 'God save the King' with a god, and that it is the height of impropriety to consider what it does connote. The pinko-gray male whom he addressed was subtly scandalized; his sense of insecurity was awoken, and he communicated it to the rest of the herd.

Still, the men tolerated him for the sake of his good heart and strong body; it was their wives who decided that he was not a sahib really. They disliked him. He took no notice of them, and this, which would have passed without comment in feminist England, did him harm in a community where the male is expected to be lively and helpful. Mr Fielding never advised one about dogs or horses, or dined, or paid his midday calls, or decorated trees for one's children at Christmas, and though he came to the Club it was only to get his tennis or billiards, and to go. This was true.

www.PapaCambridge.com He had discovered that it is possible to keep in with Indians and Englishmen, that he who would also keep in with Englishwomen must drop the Indians. The two wouldn't combine. Useless to blame either party, useless to blame them for blaming one another. It just was so, and one had to choose.

### Stories of Ourselves

- 6 **Either** (a) Discuss ways in which **two** stories present and explore change.
- www.PapaCambridge.com Or (b) Comment closely on ways in which the following passage presents the stranger a how the local people respond to him.

An overweight, elderly man got off a silver bike the size of a short-legged horse. He wore a bandanna on his head and a red silk scarf around his mouth in the classic style of stagecoach robbers. As he came into the bar he unwound the scarf and pulled off the bandanna, and Creel Zmundzinski's mouth fell open. From under the silk emerged a huge white beard that could have filled a bushel basket. It covered the man from upper lip to belt buckle and was of a snowy, radiant white that seemed backlit by a full moon. Flowing into it as twin Missouris into the Mississippi were masses of hair that on a lesser man would have been sideburns. And from crown to shoulder blade cascaded heavy, silvery waves of hair. Creel Zmundzinski slowly grasped that he was looking at a tsunami of a beard.

The stranger, ignoring Amanda Gribb's stare, called for a beer, but before he drank he removed a silver straw from his breast pocket, an accourrement favored by maté drinkers of the pampas. Amanda Gribb nodded with approval. Too often she had been called on to measure damp beards, whiskers clotted with hardened egg yolk, residues of mustard, individual crumbs clinging to hairs like boys swinging on ropes above a swimming hole. Here was a man who cared about his beard. Its luteous glow, its fluffed fullness, the mild fragrance of rose petals that wafted from it all declared a pogonophile-meister, as Reginald Reynolds might have said.

Creel Zmundzinski wanted a look at the stranger's license, and he slipped out expecting it would be a Montana plate. There was a belt of eccentrics and oddballs 20 from Cooke City to Livingston. Or maybe he would be from Nevada, a state which featured heavily bearded men everywhere except Las Vegas. This stranger would be a threat in Las Vegas for he could easily hide a full deck of cards in his facial hair. Creel was nonplussed to find identification from Rhode Island, a state he imagined the size of the Wal-Mart parking lot. The motorcycle got a second look as well – one 25 of the new Harleys, a Softail V-Rod. Creel had been saving up for eleven years to buy a Harley, but not this water-cooled model, which he knew had to have set the bearded one back seventeen big bills. He reentered the Pee Wee shaking his head. Amanda caught his eye, and he mouthed 'Rhode Island.'

'Find what you were looking for?' said the stranger, and Creel realised belatedly 30 that the man had been watching him in the bar mirror.

'Just wanted to see where you were from,' mumbled Creel. He could feel his own beard withering and turned half away from the easterner.

'Since you want to know, I was born in Secaucus, New Jersey, on October 13, 1939. Name is Ralph Kaups. My father, Hayden Kaups, was a successful 35 limnologist, and my mother, Virginia Rusling, studied batik in Borneo before the Second World War, then served as curator of Asian fabrics for the New Jersey Textile Institute. I went to Princeton, graduated summa cum laude, did my graduate work in ergonomics, married, divorced, one daughter, taught for thirty-two years at various eastern ratholes, and last week I retired. I am out here to see Mercedes de Silhouette, whose late husband was my roommate at Princeton in the sweet long ago. I plan to buy the old line camp on their place and fix it up. Moving to Elk Tooth for my retirement. That help you out?'

Creel, his ears burning, said 'See you later' to Amanda and left the bar.

As he got in his truck he saw Plato Bucklew coming out of the Western Wear & Feed store with a hatbox under his arm. His bruised face and black eye showed the results of a weekend fight in a distant parking lot. Plato liked to fight.

Creel beckoned him over.

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www.PapaCambridge.com 'You want a have the heart tooken out a you, go in Pee Wee's and see wh settin at the bar. There's no sense in goin along with this damn beard thing another day.' But as he spoke the stranger came out of Pee Wee's and began tying his monstrous beard up in its scarves.

'Jesus,' said Plato, scratching his crotch, a nervous habit he'd picked up in the army.

They stared as the man started up his V-Rod and swept away.

The Contest

#### Section C: Drama

EDWARD ALBEE: Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

**Either** (a) Discuss Albee's dramatic presentation of marriages in the play. 7

www.PapaCambridge.com Or (b) How might the following passage change an audience's overall reaction to Martha in the play? You should make close reference to the passage in your answer.

Martha: You want to know why the S.O.B. hates my father? You want me to tell you? All right.... I will now tell you why the S.O.B. hates mv father. Honey [swinging to some sort of attention]: Oh, good!

Martha [sternly, to HONEY]: Some people feed on the calamities of 5 others.

Honey [offended]: They do not!

Nick: Honey....

All right! Shut up! Both of you! [Pause.] All right, now. Mommy Martha: died early, see, and I sort of grew up with Daddy, [Pause -10 thinks] ... I went away to school, and stuff, but I more or less grew up with him. Jesus, I admired that guy! I worshipped him ... I absolutely worshipped him. I still do. And he was pretty fond of me, too ... you know? We had a real... rapport going ... a real rapport. 15

Nick: Yeah, yeah.

Martha: And Daddy built this college ... I mean, he built it up from what it

was ... it's his whole life. He is the college.

Nick: Unh-hunh.

The college is him. You know what the endowment was when he Martha:

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took over, and what it is *now*? You look it up some time.

Nick: I know ... I read about it....

Shut up and listen ... [As an afterthought] ... cutie. So after I Martha:

got done with college and stuff, I came back here and sort of ... sat around, for a while. I wasn't married, or anything. WellIllI, I'd been married ... sort of ... for a week, my sophomore year at Miss Muff's Academy for Young Ladies ... college. A kind of junior Lady Chatterley arrangement, as it turned out ... the marriage. [NICK laughs.] He mowed the lawn at Miss Muff's, sitting up there, all naked, on a big power mower, mowing away. But Daddy and Miss Muff got together and put an end to that ... real quick ... annulled ... which is a laugh ... because theoretically you can't get an annulment if there's entrance. Ha! Anyway, so I was revirginized, finished at Miss Muff's ... where

they had one less gardener's boy, and a real shame, that was ... and I came back here and sort of sat around for a while. I was hostess for Daddy and I took care of him ... and it was ... nice. It

was very nice.

Nick: Yes ... yes.

www.papaCambridge.com Martha: What do you mean, yes, yes? How would you know? [NICK shrugs helplessly.] Lover. [NICK smiles a little.] And I got the idea, about then, that I'd marry into the college ... which didn't seem to be quite as stupid as it turned out. I mean, Daddy had a sense of history ... of ... continuation.... Why don't you come over here and sit by me? Nick [indicating HONEY, who is barely with it]: I ... don't think I ... should.... I ... Martha: Suit yourself. A sense of continuation ... history ... and he'd 50 always had it in the back of his mind to ... groom someone to take over ... some time, when he quit. A succession ... you know what I mean? Nick: Yes, I do. Martha: Which is natural enough. When you've made something, you 55 want to pass it on, to somebody. So, I was sort of on the lookout, for ... prospects with the new men. An heir-apparent. [Laughs.] It wasn't Daddy's idea that I had to necessarily marry the guy. I mean, I wasn't the albatross ... you didn't have to take me to get the prize, or anything like that. It was something I had in the 60 back of my mind. And a lot of the new men were married ... naturally. Nick: Sure. Martha [with a strange smile]: Like you, baby. 65 [a mindless echo]: Like you, baby. Honey Martha [ironically]: But then George came along ... along came George. [re-entering, with liquor]: And along came George, bearing George hooch. What are you doing now, Martha? Martha [unfazed]: I'm telling a story. Sit down ... you'll learn something.

Act 1

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## WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: Richard III

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Or (b) With close reference to detail, discuss how an audience might react as the following episode develops.

King Edward:	Is Clarence dead? The order was revers'd.	
Gloucester:	But he, poor man, by your first order died, And that a winged Mercury did bear; Some tardy cripple bare the countermand That came too lag to see him buried. God grant that some, less noble and less loyal, Nearer in bloody thoughts, an not in blood, Deserve not worse than wretched Clarence did, And yet go current from suspicion!	5
	[Enter DERBY.]	10
Derby:	A boon, my sovereign, for my service done!	
King Edward:	I prithee, peace; my soul is full of sorrow.	
Derby:	I will not rise unless your Highness hear me.	
King Edward:	Then say at once what is it thou requests.	
Derby:	The forfeit, sovereign, of my servant's life; Who slew to-day a riotous gentleman Lately attendant on the Duke of Norfolk.	15
King Edward:	Have I a tongue to doom my brother's death, And shall that tongue give pardon to a slave? My brother kill'd no man – his fault was thought, And yet his punishment was bitter death. Who sued to me for him? Who, in my wrath,	20
	Kneel'd at my feet, and bid me be advis'd? Who spoke of brotherhood? Who spoke of love? Who told me how the poor soul did forsake The mighty Warwick and did fight for me? Who told me, in the field at Tewksbury When Oxford had me down, he rescued me	25
	And said 'Dear Brother, live, and be a king'? Who told me, when we both lay in the field Frozen almost to death, how he did lap me Even in his garments, and did give himself, All thin and naked, to the numb cold night? All this from my remembrance brutish wrath	30
	Sinfully pluck'd, and not a man of you Had so much grace to put it in my mind. But when your carters or your waiting-vassals Have done a drunken slaughter and defac'd The precious image of our dear Redeemer,	35
	You straight are on your knees for pardon, pardon; And I, unjustly too, must grant it you.	40

But for my brother not a man would speak; Nor I, ungracious, speak unto myself

[DERBY rises.]

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www.PapaCambridge.com For him, poor soul. The proudest of you all Have been beholding to him in his life; Yet none of you would once beg for his life. O God, I fear thy justice will take hold On me, and you, and mine, and yours, for this! Come, Hastings, help me to my closet. Ah, poor Clarence!

[Exeunt some with KING and QUEEN.]

Gloucester: This is the fruits of rashness. Mark'd you not

How that the guilty kindred of the Queen

Look'd pale when they did hear of Clarence' death?

O, they did urge it still unto the King!

God will revenge it. Come, lords, will you go To comfort Edward with our company?

Buckingham: We wait upon your Grace.

> 60 [Exeunt.]

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Act 2, Scene 1

# ROBERT BOLT: A Man for All Seasons

- www.PapaCambridge.com (a) What, in your view, is the dramatic effect of having one character - the C 9 **Either** Man - who can address the audience and comment on the action in A Man Seasons?
  - (b) Comment closely on the dialogue in the following passage, considering ways in Or which Bolt contrasts Thomas More and Wolsey.

	[Enter WOLSEY. He sits at table and immediately commences writing, watched by COMMON MAN who then exits. Enter MORE.]	
Wolsey	[writing]: It's half-past one. Where've you been? [Bell strikes one.]	5
More:	One o'clock, Your Grace. I've been on the river.	
	[WOLSEY writes in silence, while MORE waits standing.]	
Wolsey	[still writing, pushes paper across table]: Since you seemed so violently opposed to the Latin dispatch, I thought you'd like to look it over.	10
More	[touched]: Thank you, Your Grace.	
Wolsey:	Before it goes.	
More	[smiles]: Your Grace is very kind. [Takes and reads.] Thank you.	
Wolsey:	Well, what d'you think of it? [He is still writing.]	15
More:	It seems very well phrased, Your Grace.	
Wolsey	[permits himself a chuckle]: The devil it does! [Sits back.] And apart from the style, Sir Thomas?	
More:	I think the Council should be told before that goes to Italy.	
Wolsey:	Would you tell the Council? Yes, I believe you would. You're a constant regret to me, Thomas. If you could just see facts flat on, without that moral squint; with just a little common sense, you could have been a statesman.	20
More	[little pause]: Oh, Your Grace flatters me.	
Wolsey:	Don't frivel Thomas, are you going to help me?	25
More	[hesitates, looks away]: If Your Grace will be specific.	
Wolsey:	Ach, you're a plodder! Take you altogether, Thomas, your scholarship, your experience, what are you? [A single trumpet calls, distant, frosty and clear. WOLSEY gets up and goes and looks from window.] Come here. [MORE joins him.] The King.	30
More:	Yes.	
Wolsey:	Where has he been? D'you know?	
More:	I, Your Grace?	
Wolsey:	Oh, spare me your discretion. He's been to play in the muck again.	35
More	[coldly]: Indeed.	
Wolsey:	Indeed! Indeed! Are you going to oppose me? [Trumpet again.	

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