



**ST. FRANCIS
METHODIST SCHOOL**
Possibilities to Realities

Curriculum Description for Singapore-Cambridge GCE 'O' Level

CAMBRIDGE LITERATURE IN ENGLISH (GCE Ordinary Level) (Syllabus 2015)

The course aims to develop students' ability to enjoy the reading of literature and appreciate its contribution to aesthetic and imaginative growth. The set texts will help them to explore areas of human concern, thus leading to a greater understanding of themselves and others. They will read, understand and respond to various genres to appreciate the ways in which writers achieve their effects, and to develop information retrieval strategies for the purposes of literary study. They must be prepared to do extensive written work so that they will learn to construct and convey meaning clearly and coherently in written and spoken language.

Scheme of Papers

Two papers will be set (Papers 2015/01 and 2015/02). Candidates are expected to answer a total of four questions. Total examination time will be 2 hours 50 minutes. There will be separate sittings for Papers 1 and 2.

Paper 1: NE Set Text and Unseen/ [50%] Text: *Macbeth* – Time: 1 hour 30 minutes

Section A: [25%] Candidates will answer 1 passage-based question **or** 1 essay question on the set text. For each text, there will be a choice of 1 passage-based question and 2 essay questions.

Section B: [25%] Candidates will answer one question on an unseen text (either prose or poetry). For each year, a prose based and a poetry-based question will be set.

Paper 2: Set Text: Open Selection/ [50%] Text: *The Joy Luck Club* – Time: 1 hour 20 minutes

[2 x 25%]

Candidates will answer two questions on the set text: one passage-based question and one essay question. For each text, there will be one passage-based question and a choice of two essay questions.

Students should note that the text selected in Paper 1 must be of a different genre from the text selected in Paper 2.

Please refer to the SEAB website for more information regarding this course.
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