**English exam criteria- Expected Qualities for the Mark Range – Section A (TEXT RESPONSE)**

The extent to which the response:

**9–10** • Demonstrates a close and perceptive reading of the text, exploring complexities of its concepts and construction.

• Demonstrates an understanding of the implications of the topic, using an appropriate strategy for dealing with it, and exploring its complexity from the basis of the text.

• Develops a cogent, controlled and well-substantiated discussion using precise and expressive language.

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**8** • Demonstrates a close reading of the text, exploring its concepts and construction.

• Demonstrates an understanding of the implications of the topic, exploring it from the basis of the text.

• Develops a detailed, substantiated and coherent discussion using language fluently and confidently.

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**7** • Demonstrates a clear knowledge of the text, including some elements of its concepts and construction.

• Understands the topic developing an appropriate and supported response.

• Develops an organised piece of writing using language accurately and appropriately.

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**6** • Demonstrates an adequate knowledge of the text.

• Develops a response to the topic, supported appropriately by elements of the text.

• Presents a generally organised piece of writing using language which is mostly accurate and appropriate.

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**5** • Demonstrates a basic knowledge of the text.

• Presents a response which shows an understanding of the topic, referring to appropriate elements of the text.

• Presents a piece of writing that communicates adequately, displaying some elements of organisation.

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**4** • Demonstrates a familiarity with the text.

• Presents a response which shows some understanding of the topic, using some elements of the text.

• Shows adequate expression and language control.

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**3** • Demonstrates a limited familiarity with the text.

• Presents a response which shows a limited awareness of the topic, using some elements of the text.

• Shows basic expression and language control.

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**1–2** • Demonstrates a very limited familiarity with the text.

• Presents a response which shows a very limited awareness of the topic.

• Shows some expression and language control.

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**0** • Shows no knowledge of the text and/or no attempt to respond to the topic and/or only minimal control of language.