**Written Task 2**

**Texts: *Wuthering Heights, Hamlet, No Country For Old Men, East of Eden, Atonement,* and *The Visit***

For Written Task 2 at higher level you have to write a critical response of 800-1000 words about any of the texts studied in either Parts 3 or 4 of the course. Your response must answer **one** of six prescribed questions outlined below. Please note that they are general in nature and relate to three areas of study.

* **In the first area of study (reader, culture and text) you explore the contexts in which your text was written and read:**
1. How could the text be read and interpreted differently by two different readers?
2. If the text had been written in a different time or place or language or for a different audience, how and why might it differ?
* **In the second area of study (power and priviledge) you examine the representation of social groups, genders and/or minorities in particular texts:**
1. How and why is a social group represented in a particular way?
2. Which social groups are marginalised, excluded or silenced within the text?
* **In the third area of study (text and genre) you write about the significance of form, structure or genre to a particular text:**
1. How does the text conform to, or deviate from, the conventions of a particular genre, and for what purpose?
2. How has the text borrowed from other texts, and with what effects?

Your critical response should be in the style of an academic essay with well developed arguments, and introduction and a conclusion. You also have to fill in a form that outlines your critical response, including the prescribed question, the title of the text or texts that you have analysed and a few key points that state the focus of your response. this outline will be part of the assessment.

**Scoring**

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|  | **Written Task 2 (HL)** | **Marks Available** |
| **Criterion A** | ***Outline*****For maximum marks, your outline offers a clear overview of your response** | **2** |
| **Criterion B** | ***Response to Question*****For maximum marks, your analysis of your text, or texts, is insightful and very relevant to the prescribed question. You illustrate your arguments with relevant examples.** | **8** |
| **Criterion C** | ***Organization and Argument*****For maximum marks, you develop your ideas effectively with coherent structure.** | **5** |

**\*\*The written tasks that you send for external assessment will account for 20% of your final grade.**

**Due Dates:  Final copy due Feb. 24**