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**Levels Descriptors for 9765/04: Personal Investigation  
Total Mark – 25**

**Assessment objectives 1, 2, 3b and 4 are addressed in the Personal Investigation.**

**Level 1 0–1 marks**

**Some response to the question and the investigation topic**

- some response to texts and topic with some limited textual support; argument may be begun but undeveloped, may not be sustained; expression will convey some basic ideas but may be incoherent at times;
- little or no evidence of understanding of the roles of form, structure and language in shaping meaning;
- little or no evidence of comparisons and connections being drawn between the texts chosen for personal investigation, and only occasional relation of the part to the whole where appropriate; little or no evidence of connections made between different interpretations of texts or use of academic research on the chosen topic;
- little or no evidence of awareness of the significance of literary/social/cultural context.

**Level 2 2–5 marks**

**A basic, mostly relevant response to the question and the investigation topic**

- advances an appropriate, if occasionally limited, response to texts and topic making reference to the texts to support key points; generally clear written expression employing some critical terminology, conveying ideas within some structure;
- comments appropriately on elements of the roles of form, structure and language in shaping meaning;
- able to give some consideration, which may be narrowly conceived, to the presence of connections between the texts chosen for personal investigation; able to relate part of text to whole where appropriate; occasional evidence of connections made between different interpretations of texts or use of academic research on the chosen topic;
- some consideration of literary/social/cultural context which may be simplistic at times.

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### Level 3 6–10 marks

#### A competent, relevant response to the question and the investigation topic

- advances an appropriate response to texts and topic making reference to the text to support key points; clear written expression employing some critical terminology, conveying ideas within a structured argument;
- critical discussion of the roles of form, structure and language in shaping meaning;
- discusses connections between the texts chosen for personal investigation; relates part of text to whole where appropriate; appropriate reference made to connections between different interpretations of texts or use of academic research on the chosen topic;
- some relevant consideration of literary/social/cultural context.

### Level 4 11–15 marks

#### A proficient response to the question and the investigation topic

- thoughtful, personal response to texts and topic with textual support, both general and detailed; clear expression and appropriate use of critical terminology, conveying some complex ideas with effective organisation;
- confident critical discussion of the roles of form, structure and language in shaping meaning;
- draws relevant comparisons/connections between the texts chosen for personal investigation; relates part of text to whole in a coherent argument, where appropriate; critical comment, where appropriate, on different interpretations of texts and ways of reading texts or use of academic research on the chosen topic;
- some apt consideration of literary/social/cultural context.

### Level 5 16–20 marks

#### A very good, focused response to the question and the investigation topic

- thoughtful, personal response to texts and topic with textual support, both general and detailed and possibly some original ideas; fluent concise expression, competent use of critical terminology, conveying complex ideas, well organised;
- assured critical analysis of the roles of form, structure and language in shaping meaning;
- makes insightful connections between the texts chosen for personal investigation; relates part of text to whole in fluid manner, where appropriate; discussion, where appropriate, of different interpretations of texts and ways of reading texts or use of academic research on the chosen topic;
- consideration of literary/social/cultural context integrated into the argument.

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**Level 6 21–25 marks****A sophisticated response to the question and the investigation topic**

- exceptionally insightful, personal, original, point of view presented in an argument seamlessly interwoven with textual support; eloquent expression, employing critical terminology with skill, complex ideas succinctly organised;
- perceptive and subtle exploration of the roles of form, structure and language in shaping meaning, elucidating debates with tightly analysed evidence;
- makes illuminating comparisons between the texts chosen for personal investigation; relates part to whole in a seamless manner, where appropriate; sharply focused analysis and discussion of different interpretations of texts/academic research/relevant critical debate where appropriate;
- well-informed discussion of the significance of literary/social/cultural context.