



**SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION**

**ENGLISH**

**2015**

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Time 1½ hours

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**Name:** .....

**School:** .....

**Instructions:**

Answers to be written on separate sheets provided.  
Please ensure that you put your name and school on each sheet.

Answer **all** questions and leave yourself ten minutes for checking through.  
Poor handwriting and presentation will be penalised.



## Questions.

**Please answer in full sentences and justify fully your answers; exploring and analysing the writers' techniques will be more highly rewarded than simply identifying them.**

1. How does Larkin create a foreboding atmosphere in the first stanza?  
(2 Marks)
  
2. What impression of the miners do you get from reading the first three stanzas?  
(2 Marks)
  
3. As the men go to work, they pass through some gates. Comment on the significance of this moment in the context of the later events of the poem.  
(3 Marks)
  
4. Why might the poet have italicised the words in the sixth stanza? Comment on your ideas of the poets' intentions at this point.  
(3 Marks)
  
5. Choose an image from the poem that particularly stands out to you. Write a concise evaluation of the use and significance of this image in the context of the whole poem.  
(5 Marks)
  
6. How does Larkin express his ideas about life and death in this poem?  
(10 Marks)

**Total 25 Marks**

## **Section B – Writing**

**You will be marked on the quality and accuracy of your writing.**

**Choose from one of the following essay choices:**

- **Describe the contrasting areas of a town or city.**
- **To what extent does the place in which you grow up shape the person you become?**
- **Write a story about the aftermath of a disaster.**

**Total 25 Marks**