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Reference is made to the SEC English Literature specimen paper and rating scales for Sections B and C. There are no changes to the SEC English Literature syllabus. Candidates are expected to write an essay in Section B and an essay in Section C. These two sections in the Paper II specimen examination have been revised to better reflect the focus; in fact, the two guided questions have now been replaced by (i) and (ii) instead of the bulleted points. This ensures that the candidate's essay in each section is guided by both parts of the question. The rating scale reflects this slight modification.

MQF 2 & 3		
Section	Description	Mark
A – Poetry	Part A – Guided critical response on unseen poem	20
	Part B – Guided compare and contrast of unseen and set poem	20
B – Drama	Candidates are required to write an essay in response to guided questions linked to the excerpt of their choice.	30
C – Prose	Candidates are required to write an essay in response to guided questions linked to the excerpt of their choice.	30

*Table 3: Scheme of Assessment, Levels 2 – 3 (school candidates)*

The updated document may be accessed through this link:

<https://www.um.edu.mt/matsec/markingschemesandexemplars/sampleexaminationpapers/>

For further information, kindly refer to the syllabus or contact MATSEC on [matsec@um.edu.mt](mailto:matsec@um.edu.mt)