

Sample 2 Comments

Criterion	Mark	General Comment
A: Fulfilling the requirements of the RS	1/3	The Reflective Statement shows rather superficial development in his/her understanding of cultural and contextual elements. There is some reference to the oral, but fundamentally too many (rather thin) comments about the work itself instead of the contextual elements that surround it.
B: Knowledge and Understanding	3/6	There are some good things in this essay; its focus is an appropriate one, and there are plenty of relevant ideas being explored. Text reference is reasonable, although without as much analysis or breadth as it might have. The absence of a clear, overarching argument is a problem, as is the tendency to paraphrase or re-tell in place of close analysis.
C: Appreciation of Writer's Choices	2/6	The focus of this essay suggests that some interesting literary detail could have been extracted but the candidate fails to engage with very much at all. Reference to aspects of literary craft is reduced to some comment on word choice and the mention of repetition, but little else.
D: Organization and Development	3/5	The term 'adequate' best describes the organization of the essay. It is shaped into coherent paragraphs, which identify single main topics, but there are elements of repetition and the assignment fails to develop a sense of a thesis or logical argument.
E: Language	4/5	The language of the essay is mostly accurate, clear and carefully chosen.
Total Marks	13/25	