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INTERNATIONAL SECONDARY CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
MAY 2025

ENGLISH PRIMARY LANGUAGE: PAPER II

EXAMINATION NUMBER

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Time: 3 hours

100 marks

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

1. This question paper consists of 28 pages. Please check that your question paper is complete.
2. Answer on the question paper. Please make sure that you write your examination number in the blocks above.
3. Utilise your reading time carefully, ensuring that the selections made showcase your ability to share your response to the texts.
4. Questions 1 and 6 are **compulsory** and then answer **ONE** question on the selected novel (either Question 2 or Question 3, or Question 4 or Question 5).
5. **No word count is required for ANY QUESTION.**
6. You are encouraged to give your own judgements. Attempt to create space in which your **own voice** can be evident. The examiners will judge your answers on your understanding of, and insight into given texts, and will also assess the competence with which your answers are expressed.
7. Read the instructions to each question carefully.
8. It is in your own interest to write legibly and to present your work neatly.
9. Two blank pages (pages 27 and 28) are included at the end of the paper. If you run out of space for a question, use these pages. Clearly indicate the number of the question you are answering should you use this additional space.

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Question	1	and	2	or	3	or	4	or	5	and	6	Total
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NOVELS***THE HANDMAID'S TALE* BY MARGARET ATWOOD OR *THE THEORY OF FLIGHT* BY SIPHIWE GLORIA NDLOVU**

Answer **ONE** question on your selected novel.

Answer **EITHER**

Question 2 (*The Handmaid's Tale*)

OR

Question 3 (*The Handmaid's Tale*)

OR

Question 4 (*The Theory of Flight*)

OR

Question 5 (*The Theory of Flight*)

Please note:

- Your response must be in the form of a well-structured literary essay.
- Your ability to select detail from the novel to develop a **succinct argument**, which is clearly focused and perceptive, **will be assessed**.
- Your essay should be **approximately 600 words** in length.
- **Close** and **relevant** reference to the text in the question is **essential**.
- Do **NOT** provide a word count at the end of your essay.

EITHER

QUESTION 2

THE HANDMAID'S TALE: MARGARET ATWOOD

Read the following:

'There is more than one kind of freedom ... Freedom to and freedom from. In the days of anarchy, it was freedom to. Now you are being given freedom from. Don't underrate it.'

– Aunt Lydia

[Source: <<https://genius.com/Margaret-atwood-the-handmaids-tale-chapter-5-annotated>>]

- 1. Anarchy: chaos or disorder and confusion

Critically discuss to what extent Atwood, in *The Handmaids Tale*, opens a discussion about gender and individual free choice to be **a freedom to and a freedom from** in the context of **gender roles and individual autonomy**.

Your response should refer to a minimum of **TWO** characters in relation to the topic.
