Textual Analysis – final question

**SQA Updated instructions for the marking of final 10 mark question**

**All Texts: the final question, for 10 marks, should be marked as follows:**

Candidates may choose to answer in bullet points in this final question, or write a number of linked statements.

**Up to 2 marks can be achieved for identifying elements of commonality as identified in the question.**

**A further 2 marks can be achieved for reference to the extract given.**

**6 additional marks can be awarded for discussion of similar references to at least one other part of the text (or to another short story or**

**poem by the writer).**

In practice this means:

**2 marks for Identification of commonality, e.g. theme, characterisation, use of imagery, setting or any other key element . . .**

From the extract:

**2 marks for detailed/insightful comment plus quotation/reference**

**1 mark for more basic comment plus quotation/reference**

**0 marks for quotation/reference alone.**

From at least one **other part of the text** (or one other poem or short story):

**2 marks for detailed/insightful comment plus quotation/reference**

**1 mark for more basic comment plus quotation/reference**

**0 marks for quotation/reference alone.**

Thus, the final 6 marks can be gained by a combination of 3, 2 and 1 marks depending on the level of depth/detail/insight. The aim would be to

encourage quality of comment, rather than quantity of references.

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