

How to study for your Preliminary English Yearly Examination

Your Year 11 Yearly Examination is going to consist of one paper, with TWO individual sections. The first section will be a series of short answer questions based on unseen texts on the topic of **Survival**. You will NOT need to review your notes on the prescribed text that you studied in Term One, but you will need to review both the concept of Survival itself, and how it may be represented in different textual forms, (Song, Image, Excerpt etc).

You should PRACTICE composing short answer responses which:

- Answer the Question
- Use Appropriate Techniques and Textual Evidence
- Provide Enough Ideas to Gain EVERY POSSIBLE MARK!

For the second section, you will be asked to complete an essay on Module B. This is your Close Study of poetry if you do Standard, (Dawe or Slessor) or your Comparative Study if you do Advanced, (Othello and O). Smart students will know key ideas, quotes and techniques for all of their texts, and will PRACTICE using a THESIS to guide their ideas. YOU DO NOT NEED A RELATED TEXT FOR THIS SECTION. Students studying poetry should be able to write on 2-3 poems.)

You will have ninety minutes to complete your paper, (you should plan to spend about 45 minutes on each section) as well as ten minutes reading time.

If you ask them VERY nicely, your teachers may be able to provide you with practice questions for each section.

The 3 different kinds of exam takers

