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Paper 2 Unseen Poetry

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1 hour 15 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **all** questions.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 30.
- The number of marks for each question or part question is shown in brackets [].

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Question 1

Read carefully the poem in which the poet describes feelings of anger.

Anger

The anger
is like a demon
trying to escape into your spirit,
it claws at your insides
a darkness that relishes
the pain it will cause. 5

If you keep it
in the pit of your stomach
if you hold it inside your ribcage for too long
it will take your tongue prisoner
when you least suspect it
and terrorise everyone you love. 10

This fiend,
this cruel thing
it can be defeated,
it does not own you
it deserves no space
inside your spirit. 15

Instead,
channel it, 20
find a way to let it out
cry, dance, sing, build, create,
do everything you can
to give it a way out.

Take everything that
tries to destroy you
curse you,
and turn it
into something beautiful
by incantation¹. 25 30

¹*incantation*: using words as a spell

- (a) How does the poet vividly portray anger in the first two stanzas? [15]
- (b) How does the poet strikingly present ways of managing strong emotions in the final two stanzas? [15]

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