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**Pearson Edexcel International GCSE (9–1)**

**Thursday 6 June 2024**

Morning (Time: 1 hour 30 minutes)

Paper  
reference

**4EA1/02R**

**English Language A**

**PAPER 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and  
Imaginative Writing**

**You do not need any other materials.**

Total Marks

### Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Answer **ONE** question from each section.
- Answer the questions in the spaces provided – *there may be more space than you need.*

### Information

- The total mark for this paper is 60.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets – *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on each question.*
- Quality of written communication, including vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar, will be taken into account in your response to Section B.
- Copies of the *Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology* may **not** be brought into the examination.
- Dictionaries may **not** be used in this examination.

### Advice

- Read each question carefully before you start to answer it.
- Check your answers if you have time at the end.
- You are reminded of the importance of clear English and careful presentation in your answers.

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## SECTION A

### Reading

Answer the question in this section.

You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Begin your answer on page 4.

Remind yourself of *Still I Rise*, taken from the *Pearson Edexcel International GCSE English Anthology*.

#### *Still I Rise*

You may write me down in history  
With your bitter, twisted lies,  
You may trod me in the very dirt  
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?  
Why are you beset with gloom?  
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells  
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,  
With the certainty of tides,  
Just like hopes springing high,  
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?  
Bowed head and lowered eyes?  
Shoulders falling down like teardrops,  
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?  
Don't you take it awful hard  
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines  
Diggin' in my own backyard.

You may shoot me with your words,  
You may cut me with your eyes,  
You may kill me with your hatefulness,  
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?  
Does it come as a surprise  
That I dance like I've got diamonds  
At the meeting of my thighs?





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**(Total for Question 1 = 30 marks)**

**TOTAL FOR SECTION A = 30 MARKS**



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**SECTION B**

**Imaginative Writing**

**Answer ONE question from this section.**

**You should spend about 45 minutes on your chosen question.**

**Begin your answer on page 12.**

**EITHER**

- 2** Write about a time when you, or someone you know, achieved an ambition.

Your response could be real or imagined.

*Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

**(Total for Question 2 = 30 marks)**

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**OR**

- 3** Write a story with the title 'The Challenge'.

Your response could be real or imagined.

*Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

**(Total for Question 3 = 30 marks)**

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**OR**

- 4** Look at the images provided.

Write a story that begins 'I had won!'

Your response could be real or imagined. You may wish to base your response on one of the images.

*Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar.*

**(Total for Question 4 = 30 marks)**

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You may choose ONE image to prompt your response to Question 4.



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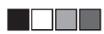


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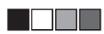
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**TOTAL FOR SECTION B = 30 MARKS**  
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