

Identified weaknesses and next steps advice

- Check the front cover grid for the overall profile of performance on this piece of work
- Identify your strengths and maintain them
- Use the information given in this supplementary grid to help you focus on specific points or areas which need improvement

<i>For attention</i>	<i>Tick</i>	<i>Suggested action</i>
<p><u>Structure</u></p> <p>a) Opening paragraph makes no direct mention of the demands of the question</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise writing out opening paragraphs from sample questions • The title + the writer + each aspect of the question must be included
<p>b) Argument is weakened by the lack of an obvious paragraph plan</p>		<p>Always spend 3 or 4 minutes before you start the essay on mapping an outline plan in line with your strong opening paragraph</p>
<p>c) There is little or poor linkage between paragraphs creating a disjointed /uncontrolled effect</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work on compiling a list of connectives and practise using them • Be aware of the function of topic sentences
<p><u>Content</u></p> <p>a) A thin grasp of the text has been displayed</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't skimp on your reading – when necessary, re-read the text • Don't suffer puzzlement in silence: ask if you don't get the gist of something
<p>b) Insufficient references or quotation</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare and memorise a short quotation bank (5 items) • Prepare lists of 3 or 5 bullet points on the main character(s) / setting / theme(s) / techniques
<p>c) Too much reliance on narrative account</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discipline yourself to avoid ever retelling in your own words • Use what you know; select • See advice above on structure