

AQA GCSE English Literature - Expert Exam Prep

Mother, Any Distance

Read **Mother, Any Distance** by Simon Armitage, in AQA's Love and Relationships cluster, then answer the following questions.

One sentence answers:

1. How would you describe the speaker of the poem? **AO1**
2. Identify words belonging to the semantic fields of space and distance. **AO1**
3. What is an extended metaphor? **AO2**

Three sentence answers:

4. What is happening in this poem? Briefly explain the events. **AO1**
5. How is the speaker's new home presented? **AO1, AO2**
6. Identify three words or phrases which convey how the speaker is feeling. **AO1**

Paragraph answers:

7. Explain how the words or phrases you picked in the last question are effective. **AO2**
8. How does the poem's form and structure enhance its meaning? **AO2**
9. How might an understanding of context affect your interpretation of the poem? **AO3**

Mini-essay answer:

10. Compare how poets represent family bonds in **Mother, Any Distance** and one other poem from the Love and Relationships cluster. **AO1, AO2, AO3**

Remember!

When answering the Paper 2 poetry question, you will be tested on the following Assessment Objectives:

AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts. Students should be able to:

- maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response
- use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate interpretations.

AO2: Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.

AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.

