**AO2 Base Test**

A02 tests your ability to find and explain the effect of language and structure within different texts. Below is an extract from the 19th Century novel *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,* followed by a typical exam style question.

Mr. Utterson stepped out and touched him on the shoulder as he passed. "Mr. Hyde, I think?"

Mr. Hyde shrank back with a hissing intake of the breath. But his fear was only momentary; and though he did not look the lawyer in the face, he answered coolly enough: "That is my name. What do you want?"

"I see you are going in," returned the lawyer. "I am an old friend of Dr. Jekyll's—Mr. Utterson of Gaunt Street—you must have heard my name; and meeting you so conveniently, I thought you might admit me."

"You will not find Dr. Jekyll; he is from home," replied Mr. Hyde, blowing in the key. And then suddenly, but still without looking up, "How did you know me?" he asked.

"On your side," said Mr. Utterson, "will you do me a favour?"

"With pleasure," replied the other. "What shall it be?"

"Will you let me see your face?" asked the lawyer.

Mr. Hyde appeared to hesitate, and then, as if upon some sudden reflection, fronted about with an air of defiance; and the pair stared at each other pretty fixedly for a few seconds. "Now I shall know you again," said Mr. Utterson. "It may be useful."

"Yes," returned Mr. Hyde, "it is as well we have, met; and a propos, you should have my address." And he gave a number of a street in Soho.

"Good God!" thought Mr. Utterson, "can he, too, have been thinking of the will?" But he kept his feelings to himself and only grunted in acknowledgment of the address.

"And now," said the other, "how did you know me?"

"By description," was the reply.

"Whose description?"

"We have common friends," said Mr. Utterson.

"Common friends?" echoed Mr. Hyde, a little hoarsely. "Who are they?"

"Jekyll, for instance," said the lawyer.

"He never told you," cried Mr. Hyde, with a flush of anger. "I did not think you would have lied."

"Come," said Mr. Utterson, "that is not fitting language."

The other snarled aloud into a savage laugh; and the next moment, with extraordinary quickness, he had unlocked the door and disappeared into the house.

Starting with this extract, how does Stevenson present Mr Hyde? Write about:

1. how Stevenson presents Mr Hyde in this extract.
2. how Stevenson presents Mr Hyde in the novel as a whole.

**Task 1:** Find 3 examples of adjectives used to describe Mr Hyde

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**Task 2:** Language is used to describe Mr Hyde in different ways. Find one quotation that describes Mr. Hyde as being similar to an animal.

*Example answer: “Mr. Hyde shrank back with a hissing intake of the breath*.”

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It’s important that you are able to clearly explain the effect of language within your answer.

**Task 3:** Now, develop your answer to explain the effect of the above quotation and how it makes the reader feel about Mr. Hyde.

*Example answer:* *Mr. Hyde is presented to be almost like an animal. This is clear when Stevenson writes, “Mr. Hyde shrank back with a hissing intake of the breath”. The quotation makes Mr. Hyde sound like a snake because of the use of the word “hissing”. The reader might think that Mr. Hyde is an evil character because snakes are usually seen as being evil animals.*

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**Task 4:** Now write two PEE paragraphs of your own to answer the question. You should:

* Talk about how Stevenson presents Mr. Hyde in the extract.
* Choose a new quotation that uses an adjective to describe Mr. Hyde.
* Explain what this makes the reader think about Mr. Hyde.

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