



**THE WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL
ACCRA**

**LIST OF PRESCRIBED TEXTS FOR THE WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION
(WASSCE)**

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE I (CORE)
(SCHOOL & PRIVATE 2017 – 2021)**

1. PROSE

One (1) of the following texts shall be studied:

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| (i) | CHARLES DICKENS: | <i>Great Expectations</i> |
| (ii) | AMA ATA AIDOO: | <i>No Sweetness Here</i> |

2. DRAMA

One (1) of the following texts shall be studied:

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| (i) | WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: | <i>The Merchant of Venice</i> |
| (ii) | YAW ASARE: | <i>Ananse in the land of idiots</i> |

3. POETRY

One (1) of the following sets of poems should be selected for detailed study:

(a) NON-AFRICAN POETRY

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| (i) | JAMES STEPHENS: | <i>What Tomas said in a Pub</i> |
| (ii) | SYLVIA PLATH: | <i>Mirror</i> |
| (iii) | PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY: | <i>Ozymandias</i> |
| (iv) | ANDREW MARWELL: | <i>The Definition of Love</i> |
| (v) | ROBERT FROST: | <i>The Road Not Taken</i> |

(b) AFRICAN POETRY

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| (i) | LENRIE PETERS: | <i>Lost friends</i> |
| (ii) | ABENA BUSIA: | <i>Silver Wedding</i> |
| (iii) | KWESI BREW: | <i>Lest we should be the last</i> |
| (iv) | THERESA ANNING: | <i>Makola</i> |
| (v) | KOFI ANYIDHOHO: | <i>They hunt the night</i> |

RECOMMENDED ANTHOLOGIES CONTAINING THE ABOVE SET POEMS

1. K. E. Senanu & T. Vincent (eds): A Selection of African Poetry (Longman) 1996
2. Woelli Dekutsey & John Sackey: An Anthology of Contemporary Ghanaian Poems
3. Wole Soyinka (ed): Poems of Black Africa (HEBM) 1975
4. Maurice Wollman (ed): Ten Twentieth-Century Poets
5. Ruth Miller & Robert A. Greenberg (eds): Poetry: An Introduction (Macmillan) 1986
6. Any other anthology containing the set poems.