Paper 1 HL examiner's comments coversheet

Subject name: English A: language and literature
Sample name: Example A

Text 1	
Criterion A	Mark: 4/5
Examiner's comments:	
The response demonstrates a thorough understanding of the literal meaning of the text. There is a convincing and insightful interpretation of many implications of the text. References to the text are relevant and support the candidate's ideas.	
Criterion B	Mark: 5/5
Examiner's comments:	
The response demonstrates an insightful and convincing analysis of textual and visual features, including authorial choices. There is a very good evaluation of how such features and choices shape meaning. The interplay of elements within the provided website is effectively and thoroughly analysed in a range of different ways.	
Criterion C	Mark: 5/5
Examiner's comments:	
The presentation of ideas is effectively organized and coherent. The analysis is well focused. That said, the introduction starts out weak but the candidate quickly finds his/her way into the analysis with reference to the suggested point of entry. The focus is sustained throughout the paper, and the conclusion is part of an organic process.	
Criterion D	Mark: 4/5
Examiner's comments:	
Language is clear and carefully chosen, with a good degree of accuracy in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction; register and style are consistently appropriate to the task. While the powers of expression are very good, the candidate is at times not precise enough and paraphrases his/her analysis more than pinpointing his/her findings or finding the right expressions.	
General commentary	
This is a very good paper that shows some of the possibilities that this paper offers. While the student does not go into detail regarding the language of the website, he/she generally has a very good set of tools to analyse the given text form.	

Text 2	
Criterion A	Mark: 4/5
Examiner's comments:	
The response demonstrates a thorough understanding of the literal meaning of the text, here in the combination of textual and visual elements. There is an overall convincing interpretation, for many implications of the text subtleties are recognized and often interpreted effectively. References to the text are relevant and support the ideas. The way the candidate refers to individual panels is effective.	
Criterion B	Mark: 5/5
Examiner's comments:	
The response demonstrates an insightful and convincing analysis of textual features and/or authorial choices. There is a very good evaluation of how such features and/or choices shape meaning. There is a wide range of different textual elements, and the results of the analysis focus on the effect as associated with authorial choice.	
Criterion C	Mark: 5/5
Examiner's comments:	
The presentation of ideas is effectively organized and coherent. The analysis is well focused. There is a clear structure to the argument and the progression of ideas is effective. The analysis always focuses on the guiding question and often circles back to it. That said, the introduction is somewhat weaker than the rest of the analysis as it suggests a slightly different focus with "the moral of the story".	
Criterion D	Mark: 4/5
Examiner's comments:	
Language is clear and carefully chosen, with a good degree of accuracy in grammar, vocabulary and sentence construction; register and style are consistently appropriate to the task. Despite minor lapses, the candidate shows a high command of language and the terms related to the text type presented.	
General commentary	
Overall, a very good response and a good example of what a HL candidate will be able to produce in the exam.	