HSC: ENGLISH STUDIES

On the Road: English and the experience of travel

PORTFOLIO TASK
FILM STUDY
QUESTIONS BOOKLET

After viewing the film 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' answer all of the questions in the booklet and submit by the due date.

NAME: ___________________________

DUE DATE: ______________________
Please read through ALL questions BEFORE you attempt them.

Please ensure that you attempt ALL questions and answer questions in FULL SENTENCES.

Ensure your NAME is on the cover and your booklet is presented in a tidy and professional manner for marking.

Ensure your booklet is submitted by the due date.

MARK:

Comments and Feedback:
Question 1: (6 marks)

What images, words, and ideas are used to make audience feel traveling is important for growth and understanding who we are??
(In your response identify at least TWO images and TWO words, and TWO ideas and EXPLAIN each one)
Question One: Cont.

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Question 2: (4 marks)

Why does Walter retreat in his head and why do you think the fantasies are so outrageous?
Question 3: (12 marks)

What is the significance of the following items? Explain each one and draw upon examples from the film to help with your response.

- The backpack

- Travel diary
Question 3: Cont.

- The 'been there/done that' section on the e-harmony profile

- The 'Space Oddity' song reference?
What can we learn from Sean and from Walter’s experiences?

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Question 5: (3 marks)

Why do they focus on the Life Magazine motto? Is this a message for the audience as well as Walter?
Question 6: (2 marks)

Why does Walter travel and what does he gain from it? Use evidence to support your response.
Question 7: (4 marks)

Compare Walter before and after his travels. Use specific scenes, techniques and examples to support your response.

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Question 8: (2 marks)

What is the role of Cheryl?
Question 9: (3 marks)

Identify three of the travel experiences Walter has that you perceive to be amazing, Noteworthy, or that encourage you to travel.
QUESTION 10: EXTENDED RESPONSE (10 marks)

In a mini essay, using evidence from the film, discuss how travel can change a person’s perspective on life, the world and themselves.

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‘Space Oddity (lyrics by David Bowie)

Ground Control to Major Tom
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Take your protein pills and put your helmet on
Ground Control to Major Tom (ten, nine, eight, seven, six)
Commencing countdown, engines on (five, four, three)
Check ignition and may God's love be with you (two, one, lift-off)
This is Ground Control to Major Tom
You’ve really made the grade
And the papers want to know whose shirts you wear
Now it's time to leave the capsule if you dare
"This is Major Tom to Ground Control
I’m stepping through the door
And I'm floating in a most peculiar way
And the stars look very different today
For here
Am I sitting in a tin can
Far above the world
Planet Earth is blue
And there's nothing I can do
Though I'm past one hundred thousand miles
I'm feeling very still
And I think my spaceship knows which way to go
Tell my wife I love her very much she knows
Ground Control to Major Tom
Your circuit's dead, there's something wrong
Can you hear me, Major Tom?
Can you hear me, Major Tom?
Can you hear me, Major Tom?
Can you "Here am I floating 'round my tin can
Far above the moon
Planet Earth is blue
And there's nothing I can do"