



# Immanuel College

**Specimen paper for entry into Year 12**

## English Literature

**Time allowed: 1 hour**

**Total Marks: 30**

**Answer ONE question**

**on lined paper**

## Unseen Poem

Read the poem below and answer the question in essay form on lined paper.

### **Anecdote of the Jar by Wallace Stevens**

I placed a jar in Tennessee,  
And round it was, upon a hill.  
It made the slovenly wilderness  
Surround that hill.

The wilderness rose up to it,  
And sprawled around, no longer wild.  
The jar was round upon the ground  
And tall and of a port in air.

It took dominion everywhere.  
The jar was gray and bare.  
It did not give of bird or bush,  
Like nothing else in Tennessee.

**Q. How does the poet present his ideas in 'Anecdote of the Jar'?**

**(30 Marks)**

*To answer the question effectively, you will need to explore what you think the poem is about and the effect it has on the reader. Consider the way tone, language, imagery, form and structure help shape readers' responses. Your response should be detailed and clearly structured.*