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Remarques pour la notation
Notas para la corrección

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Of course, some of the points listed below will appear in weaker papers, but are unlikely to be developed.

1. An adequate to good guided literary analysis will:
 - identify the situation and the characters in the passage
 - comment on how tension and suspense are created
 - explore how feeling is portrayed through imagery
 - comment on the structuring of the passage.

A very good to excellent guided literary analysis may also:

- examine more closely the situation and the characters
- comment on how the fragmentary sentence structure mimics the tension of the situation
- discuss the effect of the intermittent indirect free style
- offer a more sophisticated analysis of the imagery.

2. An adequate to good guided literary analysis will:
 - identify the situation and the people involved
 - discern the mood and atmosphere evoked
 - discuss how references to both landscape and people are used
 - comment on some aspects of the stanzaic structure and rhyme.

A very good to excellent guided literary analysis may also:

- explore in more detail the temporal and spatial aspects of the poem
 - explore the connections between the different images presented in the poem
 - show the effect of semantic fields, for example, spectral and meteorological
 - explore and connect the final line more fully to the whole poem
 - discuss the dreamlike or cinematic quality of the poem in more detail.
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