Grade 12 Literacy Assessment
OVERVIEW OF TASKS
Constructed responses

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Question A-10 (Graphic Organizer) – Overview of Task

Notes:

- This graphic organizer is the standard format which will be used in Part A on each assessment.

- It is designed to help students develop their perspectives and insights in preparation for the multi-paragraph response in Part A.

- Students may respond in point form or in complete sentences.

Suggested time: 10 minutes

Aspects of Critical Thinking

Based on your understanding of the texts, write a statement that identifies your perspective on the potential implications of AI:

> Students synthesize their critical thinking about the key issue as they articulate their own perspective.

Provide evidence from at least one text that **supports** your perspective:

> Evidence used by students to support and challenge their stated perspective may be cited directly or paraphrased.

Provide evidence from at least one text that **challenges** your perspective:

Write at least one question about the potential implications of AI that could deepen your understanding of the topic:

> Students further integrate their understanding of the texts by asking inquiry questions that connect with the key issue.

Responding Critically to Texts

Context for Critical Thinking

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has come a long way since the first computers were developed, and technology has already surpassed human ability in many areas. There are self-driving cars and "smart" homes. AI's algorithms allow it to draw on vast databases of human behaviour so that it can recommend books, music, movies, and apps tailored to specific preferences. AI can even write poems, novels, and symphonies. However, despite these advances, many experts, including Stephen Hawking and Elon Musk, have voiced concerns that missteps with powerful new technologies may have unforeseen consequences.

The Context for Critical Thinking is repeated to remind students of the key issue.

Do the possible benefits of Artificial Intelligence outweigh the potential risks it poses?

After completing the Graphic Organizer, students will be able to approach this Critical Thinking Question from a wide range of perspectives.

- You must respond to this question in a multi-paragraph composition.
- You must communicate an argument that demonstrates your critical thinking skills.
- You must support your argument using evidence from the texts.

Suggested Time: 30 minutes

These writing instructions outline the requirements for this multi-paragraph response.

Essential Question

To what extent does the desire to explore and discover affect humans?
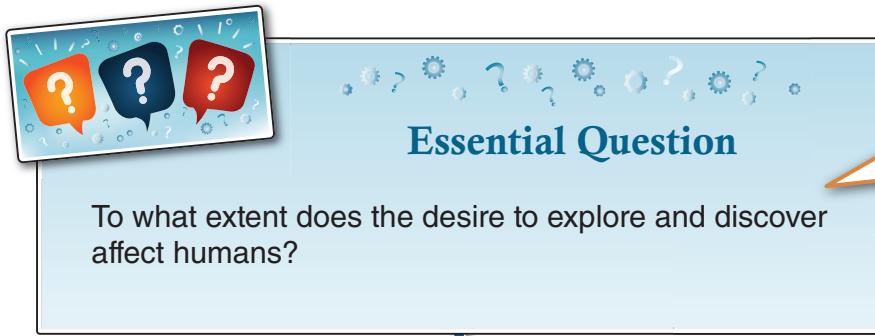
The Essential Question leads to a writing pathway which branches into two writing prompts to encourage deeper student engagement with different aspects of the key issue.

Writing Pathway
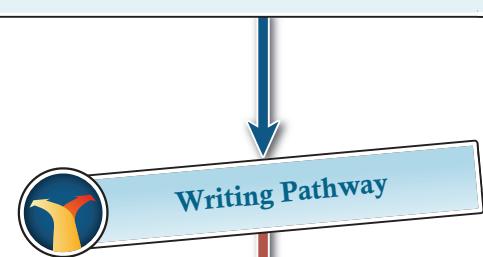
Students select a writing prompt that interests them and allows them to respond personally.

People have responsibilities as they explore and discover.

The urge to explore and discover reveals aspects of human nature.
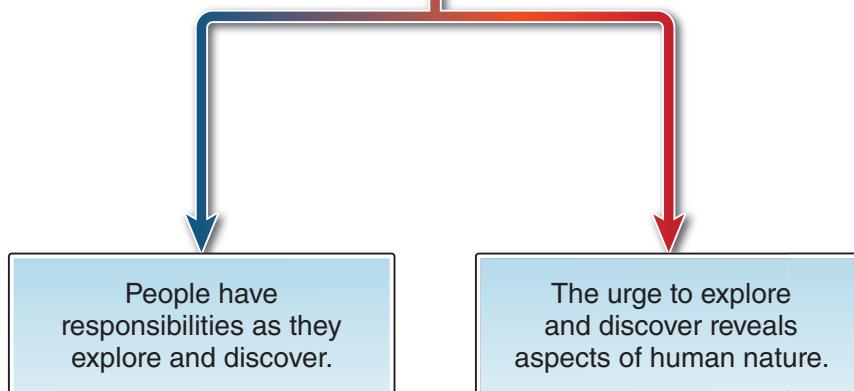
Students choose a format that they feel confident will showcase their literacy skills. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- an editorial or opinion piece
- a formal composition
- an instruction manual or user guide
- a lab report
- a letter
- a monologue
- a news article
- a personal reflection
- a poem
- a script
- a short story
- any other format, or any combination.

- You must express yourself in an extended written format of your choice.
- You must communicate insights that demonstrate your creative, reflective, and/or critical thinking skills.
- You many refer to the texts, but you are not required to do so.

Suggested time: 25 minutes

These writing instructions outline the requirements for this written response.