**2 Conflict**

**Read the two poems below and then answer both part a) and part b).**

You are advised to spend about 45 minutes on part a) and 30 minutes on part b).

**a)** Compare how these poems present conflict with others, and its result.

You should consider:

* ideas and attitudes in each poem
* tone and atmosphere in each poem
* the effects of the language and structure used.

**[20]**

**AND**

**b)** Explore in detail how one other poem from your anthology presents lives damaged by negative emotions.

**[20]**

***A Poison Tree* by William Blake**

I was angry with my friend;

I told my wrath, my wrath did end.

I was angry with my foe:

I told it not, my wrath did grow.

And I water’d it in fears,

Night & morning with my tears:

And I sunned it with smiles,

And with soft deceitful wiles.

And it grew both day and night.

Till it bore an apple bright.

And my foe beheld it shine,

And he knew that it was mine.

And into my garden stole,

When the night had veil’d the pole;

In the morning glad I see;

My foe outstretched beneath the tree.

***Hate* by Robert William Service**

I had a bitter enemy,

His heart to hate he gave,

And when I died he swore that he

Would dance upon my grave;

That he would leap and laugh because

A livid corpse was I,

And that’s the reason why I was

In no great haste to die.

And then - such is the quirk of fate,

One day with joy I read,

Despite his vitalizing hate

My enemy was dead.

Maybe the poison in his heart

Had helped to haste his doom:

He was not spared till I depart

To spit upon my tomb.

The other day I chanced to go

To where he lies alone.

‘Tis easy to forgive a foe

When he is dead and gone….

Poor devil! Now his day is done,

(Though bright it was and brave,)

Yet I am happy there is none

To dance upon my grave.