

Q1: Finding relevant details

Paper 1, Question 1 is likely to be based on the first 10 or so lines of the text that will be used for all four questions in Paper 1. You will have to **find four things** – perhaps about a person in the text, or about the situation or the setting. You can quote the details or put them into your own words.

There are 4 marks for this question and you will need to complete it in 4 or 5 minutes.

What, exactly, must I do?

There is no need to write at length. All you have to do is list four relevant points. If they are not direct quotations, there must be evidence for them in the text.

1 List four things we learn about Nicole Renard in this extract.

Our teacher swept into the classroom, followed by the most beautiful girl I had ever seen.

Nicole Renard was small and slender, with shining black hair that fell to her shoulders. The pale purity of her face reminded me of the statue of St Therese in St Jude's Church. As she looked modestly down at the floor, our eyes met and a flash of recognition passed between us, as if we had known each other before. Something else flashed in her eyes, too, a hint of mischief as if she were telling me we were going to have good times together.

(Robert Cormier, *Heroes*)

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Read this text.

On the steps of the Great London Road police station in Edinburgh, John Rebus lit his last cigarette of the day before pushing open the imposing door and stepping inside.

The station was old, its floor dark and marbled. It had about it the fading grandeur of a dead aristocracy. It had character.

Rebus waved to the duty sergeant, who was tearing old pictures from the notice-board and pinning up new ones in their place. He climbed the great curving staircase to his office. Campbell was just leaving.

‘Hello, John.’

McGregor Campbell, a Detective Sergeant like Rebus, was donning hat and coat.

Rebus began checking the messages on his desk.

(Ian Rankin, *Knots and Crosses*)

2 List four things we learn about the police station here.

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3 List four things we learn about Rebus.

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