2.10 Literature: Animal Farm (George Orwell): 10-minute Pack

Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions.

1 Identify two of the original Seven Commandments established after the rebellion that are later altered by the pigs as the novel progresses.

(Total for Question 1 is 4 marks)

2 Explain how Orwell presents Boxer's character in the early part of the novel, before the Battle of the Cowshed.

(Total for Question 2 is 6 marks)

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Question 1

one valid commandment identified as originally agreed (e.g. no animal shall sleep in a bed)	**B1**
an accurate note of how it is later changed (e.g. altered to forbid beds only with sheets, allowing the pigs to keep sleeping in the farmhouse)	**B1**
a second, different valid commandment identified as originally agreed (e.g. no animal shall drink alcohol, or no animal shall kill another animal)	**B1**
an accurate note of how the second commandment is later changed (e.g. drinking to excess is forbidden rather than drinking itself, or killing is forbidden only without cause)	**B1**

Answer: Any two of: the ban on beds is quietly amended to ban only beds with sheets; the ban on alcohol is amended to ban drinking to excess; the ban on killing another animal is amended to ban killing without cause; the commandments are eventually reduced to a single altered rule favouring the pigs.

Question 2

Level 3 Clear, relevant explanation: identifies specific details of Boxer's early presentation (his great physical strength, his personal habit of resolving to work harder, his limited ability to learn the alphabet, his unquestioning trust in the pigs) and explains a clear effect, supported by reference to the text.	**5-6**
Level 2 Some explanation: identifies a relevant detail about Boxer's early character with a generally appropriate comment, with some reference to the text.	**3-4**
Level 1 Simple, limited explanation: makes a simple or general comment about Boxer with little development or textual reference.	**1-2**

Indicative content:

- Boxer is introduced as enormously strong, immediately becoming indispensable to the physical work of running the farm
- his habit of privately resolving to work harder whenever a problem arises presents him as devoted and hardworking, but also as someone who responds to difficulty with effort rather than questioning
- his slow progress with the alphabet, compared with the pigs' quick literacy, marks him out as good hearted but easy to mislead by those who can read and write more fluently
- his instinctive trust in the pigs' leadership, without demanding explanation, foreshadows how easily his loyalty will later be exploited

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