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GCSE English (Pilot): Unit 6, Prose and Drama (5736)

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Dear Head of Centre

Students who sat GCSE English Pilot Unit 6, Prose and Drama (5736) examination on Tuesday 10th January may have noticed that for the questions on *Of Mice and Men* the extract that was presented in the extract booklet was incorrectly labelled.

We are eager to update you on our plans for ensuring that no student is either advantaged by the actions we are taking or disadvantaged by the incorrectly labelled extract.

The affected question is one of eight that students have to answer. Our examiners have been made aware of the incorrectly labelled extract and the mark scheme has been reviewed to reflect all possible responses.

In addition, we have considered whether this error affected student performance on this and remaining questions in the same paper. Using data from Edexcel's online marking system we will be able to analyse student performance at individual question level. By comparing student performance before and after the questions associated with the incorrectly labelled extract, we will be able to identify:

- whether the question has affected the performance of the whole cohort on this paper;
- whether any student whose performance in their answers, following the question concerned, is out of line with their performance on the questions before it.

We will then be able to compare individual student performance on this unit with other units that they have sat. If necessary, an adjustment will be made to the marks of individual candidates based on their performance in the same paper, and the other units that they have sat.

I hope that this reassures you. We'll continue to keep you fully informed of any action we take and we will be in touch again before results day.

Kind regards



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