**GCE English Language and Literature Unit 2**

**Introductions**

***Example 1***

In Truman Capote’s ‘In Cold Blood’ family is presented in many ways unfortunately some in bad ways even Capote acts like family with Dick and Perry which is why in the epigraph he talks about mercy as he wants people to give them mercy through the book.

***Example 2***

‘In Cold Blood’ is a true-crime fiction that was published in 1965. The novel is based on the brutal murder of the Clutter family in 1959 by Dick Hickock and Perry Smith. The novel is written in the omniscient narrative style and it is clear that Capote favoured Perry. Throughout the novel, there are three main families that I will look at and these are the Clutters, the Hickocks and the Smiths. There are many choices that Capote made in order to show a different presentation for each family.

***Example 3***

Capote’s non-fiction novel, ‘In Cold Blood’ is a journey through a case involving the murder of an innocent family in Holcomb. As the title suggests, the murderers we follow throughout the novel are indifferent on accounts of their actions yet as the novel continues we are able to observe how family life can affect an individual, from whether they live a carefree life, or one of violence and sin. We follow two individuals, Perry and Dick, fuelled by the greed of mankind and the promise of luxury. The two have extremely different personalities which have been formed due to their family life which we see as ‘In Cold Blood’ continues, and are able to compare this with the almost perfect nuclear family Capote presents with the Clutters.