

English 3201/3281
The Catcher in the Rye
Alternate Assessment

Complete both sections:

Section A: (writing, reading) (25 marks)

A local school district has declared that The Catcher in the Rye is not suitable for teen readers, and has thereby been struck from the curriculum. In a well-constructed formal style business letter, express either support or displeasure regarding this decision. Your letter should make specific reference to the novel with regards to its characters, literary themes, and its modern cultural significance.

Section B: (viewing) (25 marks)

Research the life of JD Salinger. In a well-developed essay, compare and contrast Salinger's life and character traits to his most famous character, Holden Caulfield. Be sure to include/cite any and all sources of information.

*Suggested viewing: "Salinger" (2013). A documentary by Shane Salerno.