**‘Assisi’**

Answer all of the questions.

1. What is the situation in the poem: what is happening (2)
2. In your own words, explain what the beggar described in lines 1 – 4 looks like. (3)
3. With reference to the text, explain how the poet tries to create sympathy in the reader for the beggar in lines 1-4. (4)
4. Looks at lines 7-9. What tone do you detect in these lines? (1)
5. Quote the phrase that shows where the beggar is located, and explain the irony of lines 6-7 (in honour of St Francis, brother of the poor) (2)
6. How do these lines help you to understand the poet’s own feelings in the poem? (1)
7. What impression do we get of the priest in lines 10-17. Justify your response with reference to the text. (2)
8. A rush of tourists, clucking contentedly,

fluttered after him as he scattered

the grain of the Word

Explain fully the comparison, and what impression you think it gives of the tourists. (3)

1. MacCaig, in Assisi, is making a statement about the apathy (uncaring or disinterested nature) of society. Quote the phrase from ll 18-27 which you think best sums up this apathy. (1)
2. Identify one area of contrast within the poem, and explain what point MacCaig is trying to make. (2)

Total marks – 21