

GCE O-LEVEL ENGLISH · COMPREHENSION

Tone & Mood Lexicon

Name tone and mood precisely (no repeats from the core sheet)

● Critical tones

caustic, derisive, cynical, reproachful,
indignant

● Positive tones

optimistic, reverent, affectionate, exuberant,
assured

● Reflective tones

wistful, contemplative, nostalgic, resigned,
pensive

● Urgent / tense tones

alarmed, frantic, ominous, insistent, fraught

● Detached tones

clinical, impartial, aloof, matter-of-fact

● Mood of a passage

foreboding, serene, melancholic, triumphant,
unsettling

● Sentence stems

The tone is best described as..., The mood
shifts from ... to ...

● Evidence words

Back it up: the diction, the imagery, the
punctuation, the rhythm