English Paper 2 Question 7a

The Source Texts

Text 1 (Extract from previous prompt)

My driver, Jonas, slammed his foot onto the accelerator. The truck roared forward, plunging directly into a wall of blinding, torrential rain that hammered against the windshield like gunfire. Visually, the world vanished. There was only the white sheet of water and the violent, rhythmic slapping of the wipers...

Jonas yelled something over the din, but his words were utterly swallowed by the storm. I checked the radar screen on the dashboard; the bright red hook echo was right on top of us. We were too close. The wind began to claw at the edges of the truck, tilting the multi-ton vehicle sideways. Fear, cold and sharp, spiked through my veins.

Text 2 (A 19th-century historical diary entry)

April 14th, 1882

The morning broke with an unnatural, sickly yellow sky, and by afternoon, a suffocating silence hung over our frontier homestead. My husband, Thomas, ran from the barn shouting for us to take to the storm cellar immediately. Looking out towards the horizon, a monstrous black column of twisting wind was bearing down upon our valley with immense speed.

We scrambled down into the damp darkness of the cellar just as the tempest struck. The noise above our heads was absolutely deafening, resembling the relentless roar of a dozens of steam locomotives passing directly over us. The wooden timber beams groaned under the immense strain, and dust rained down into our eyes as the wind violently ripped at the storm doors. My youngest daughter wept bitterly into my apron, terrified that the roof would collapse upon us. We held onto one another in the pitch black, completely helpless against the fury of nature, praying that our home would still be standing when the vortex passed.

The Exam Question (Edexcel Style)

Question 7b:
Compare how the writers of Text 1 and Text 2 present their ideas and perspectives about the power of the storm.

Support your answer with detailed references to both texts, including a choice of words and phrases. **[14 marks]**