Questions to ask any poem in the conflict anthology...

General Understanding
● What is the subject of the poem?
● Who is speaking in the poem? Is it the poet themselves or a persona?
● What three relevant links can you make to the context of the poem?
● What is the message of the poem?
● What type/s of conflict is presented in the poem?

Quotation Recall
● What three quotations can you remember from the poem?
● Why have you chosen these quotations? What do they help to reveal about the poem?

Exploring language, form and structure
● What form is used in the poem and what effect does it have?
● What tone does the poem have? Does it change at any point? Why? What quotations / evidence do you have to support your ideas?
● What linguistic techniques does the poet use in your three remembered quotations?
● How does the poet use structural techniques in the poem / your remembered quotations to create effects?

Reader Response
● How does the poet want the reader to feel after reading the poem?
● What does the reader learn?
● What can the reader imagine?
● Does the reader feel challenged in any way?
● Does the poem ask the reader to consider something in a different light?

Comparison
● What other poems from the conflict anthology could you compare this poem to?
● Write five ‘Both statements’ for the poems e.g. ‘Both Exposure and The Man He Killed explore the damaging effect of conflict on the individual.’
● Write an exam style question for the two poems
● Write a 5 minute plan for the three points of comparison you would make for your exam style question