

AQA GCSE English (**Literature** and **Language**)

| Component: | Assessment: | Topic areas: |
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| English Literature PAPER 1: Shakespeare and the 19th century novel | 1 hour 45 minutes 64 marks Monday 11th May (AM) | Section A: <i>Macbeth</i> Write about the extract (printed) and other parts of the play that you choose Section B: <i>Jekyll and Hyde</i> OR <i>A Christmas Carol</i> – select the text you have studied in class! Write about the extract (printed) and other parts of the text that you choose Questions could be on characters, relationships between characters, themes and ideas |
| English Literature PAPER 2: Modern texts and poetry | 2 hours 15 minutes 96 marks Tuesday 19th May (AM) | Section A: <i>An Inspector Calls</i> – choose ONE of the two options (do not answer both!) Section B: <i>Worlds and Lives</i> Poetry anthology – compare two poems (one of which is printed in the exam paper) Section C: Unseen Poetry – a two-part question: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse an unseen poem (worth up to 24 marks) • Compare this poem with one other printed poem (worth up to 8 marks ONLY) |
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| English Language PAPER 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing | 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks Thursday 21st May (AM) | Section A: Reading 4 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Multiple choice (4 marks) • Q2 – How does the writer use language to ..? (8 marks) • Q3 – How does the writer structure the text to ..? (8 marks) • Q4 – To what extent do you agree or disagree with a statement (20 marks) Section B: Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write the start of a story or a piece of description • Up to 24 marks available for Content & Organisation • Up to 16 marks available for Technical Accuracy |
| English Language PAPER 2: Writer's viewpoints and perspectives | 1 hour 45 minutes 80 marks Friday 5th June (AM) | Section A: Reading 4 questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 – Shade in 4 true statements (4 marks) • Q2 – What can you infer about the differences between ..? (8 marks) • Q3 – How does the writer use language to ..? (12 marks) • Q4 – Compare the two writers' attitudes (16 marks) Section B: Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write a letter, article or speech • Up to 24 marks available for Content & Organisation • Up to 16 marks available for Technical Accuracy |

*CAUTION: The questions marked in a separate colour are newly worded questions that will be asked for the first time this summer – therefore these new styles of questions will not be found on previous **Language** exam papers. They are very similar to previous questions but have been tweaked to help students. Also, **Literature** exams for the first few post-Covid years were structured differently so be aware of this.*

Link to AQA GCSE English website past papers:

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