

ENGLISH LANGUAGE,

ENGLISH LITERATURE GCSE

Examination Board:

AQA

Assessment:

100% Examination

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GCSE English Language:

Paper 1 = 50% of the overall GCSE -80 marks -1 hour 45 minutes

<u>Section A:</u> Students will answer 4 questions on a Literature Fiction Text. These questions will increase in difficulty and length

<u>Section B:</u> Students will answer one extended writing question in which they will be asked to DESCRIBE or NARRATE. 40% of this mark will be awarded for "technical accuracy".

Paper 2 = 50% of the overall GCSE – 80 marks – 1 hour 45 minutes

<u>Section A:</u> Students will answer 4 questions (increased in difficulty) on a Non-Fiction Text (pre 1900) AND pre-1900 Non-Fiction Text.

<u>Section B:</u> Students will answer one extended writing question in which they will be asked to write PRESENTING A VIEWPOINT. Again 40% of this mark will be awarded for "technical accuracy".

GCSE English Literature:

Paper 1 = 40% of the overall GCSE – 64 marks – 1 hour 45 minutes

<u>Section A:</u> Students will answer a question on <u>Macbeth</u> by William Shakespeare. One part of the question will be from an extract and the other on the play as a whole.

<u>Section B:</u> Students will answer a question on <u>A Christmas Carol</u> by Charles Dickens. One part of the question will be from an extract and the other on the play as a whole.

Paper 2 = 60% of the overall GCSE – 96 marks – 2 hours 15 minutes

<u>Section A:</u> Students will answer one essay question on <u>An Inspector Calls</u> by J.B. Priestley <u>Section B</u> Students will answer a comparative question on one named poem (printed on paper) and one other poem of their choice taken from the <u>Power and Conflict Poetry Anthology</u> (will not be printed.

<u>Section C:</u> Students will answer one question on an <u>Unseen Poem</u> and then one question comparing this poem to a second unseen poem.

What Will You Learn?

English Language and English Literature will provide you with a wide range of experiences to improve your communication skills and your ability to read for meaning. Through the active study and analysis of fiction and non-fiction texts, you will learn how to decode messages from the writer and understand how language influences us as readers. You will study a variety of texts which include a modern play or novel, a wealth of literature from different times and cultures and a range of poems.

The GCSE specifications have changed quite dramatically in English over the last couple of years. Since September 2015, we have followed the new AQA course for both Language and Literature. Both English qualifications are comprised of 100% Examination assessment.

The Value of English Language and English Literature (Career Pathways)

A new grade 5 (old grade B/C) in English is often the minimum requirement for many employers and college courses.





