

English Language

Exam Dates

English Language Paper 1 — Creative Reading and Writing 1 hour 45mins [50%] **21st May 2026 AM**

English Language Paper 2 — Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives 1 hour 45mins [50%] **5th June 2026 AM**

Exam Board: AQA



ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Additional Notes and Resources Available

Bespoke revision packs with practice papers, exemplar paragraphs and mark schemes will be given to all students in February.

Revision sessions for English Language will be communicated ASAP to both students and parents, once finalised.

Useful Revision Websites/Electronic Resources:

SENECA: <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/>

BBC BITESIZE ENGLISH LANG: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>

PRACTICE PAPERS PACK: <https://riddlesdown.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/English-Language-Revision-Pack.pdf>

English Language Paper 1

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

1 hour 45 minutes

50% GCSE

80 Marks

Reading (40 marks)

You will read **one** text – an extract of a piece of **fiction**

- **Question 1 (5 mins)**
List 4 things about a part of the text **(4 marks)**
- **Question 2 (15 mins)**
Analyse the use of the writer's language **(8 marks)**
 - *Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore x2*
- **Question 3 (15 mins)**
Analyse the structure of the text **(8 marks)**
 - *Point, Evidence, Explain, Structural Development x2*
- **Question 4 (25 mins)**
Respond to a statement about the text explaining to what extent you agree with the statement **(20 marks)**
 - *Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore x2*

Writing (40 marks)- 45 mins

- Question 5** – choice of 2 questions: **descriptive** writing based on a picture, or write a story (**narrative** writing).
- **4 Part Structure:** Overview / Zoom-in (groups) / Extreme Close-up / Zoom-out Overview.

English Language Paper 2

Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes

50% GCSE

80 Marks

Reading (40 marks)

You will read **two** texts – both non-fiction. One will be a recent text and one will from the 1800s.

- **Question 1 (5 mins)**
Select 4 statements which are true from a list of 8 **(4 marks)**
- **Question 2 (12 mins)**
Write a summary of the differences between the two texts **(8 marks)**
 - *Point & Evidence (together), Explain, Link, Point & Evidence, Explain, Compare x2*
- **Question 3 (18 mins)**
Analyse the language used in one of the texts **(12 marks)**
 - *Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore x2*
- **Question 4 (25 mins)**
Compare the two texts and the writers' views **(16 marks)**
 - *Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Link, Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Compare x2*

Writing (40 marks)- 45 mins

- Question 5** – Write a piece of extended writing giving your opinion or views on a topic.
[Argue/persuade or explain]