

English Literature

Exam Dates

Exam Board: AQA

English Literature Paper 1— Macbeth and A Christmas Carol 1 hour 45mins [40%] **11th May 2026 AM**

English Literature Paper 2—An Inspector Calls, Poetry Comparison and Unseen Comp 2hrs 15 [60%] **19th May 2026 AM**

Additional Notes and Resources Available

Bespoke revision packs with practice questions, quote revision tasks, checklists and writing frames will be given to all students in February.

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

Useful Literature Revision Websites:

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

MACBETH BBC YOUTUBE CLIPS: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6yo9XbFA1zUv=6yo9XbFA1zU&list=PLcvEcRsF_9zIurVvUQFZxC2_OUlu09Un6&index=1

POETRY CLIPS (P&C): <http://conflictandpower.blogspot.co.uk/>



ENGLISH LITERATURE

English Literature Paper 1

Shakespeare and the 19th Century novel

1 hour 45 minutes

40% GCSE

64 Marks

Section A:

Macbeth (50 mins)- 34 marks (4 marks SPG)

- Answer a question about Macbeth where you write in detail about an extract from the play and explore the theme/character in the whole play
- **Structure-** Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Shakespeare Purpose (x3)
- **5 mins-** Check your answer for technical accuracy

In both answers, focus on:

- Language/structural analysis
- Writer's intentions

Section B:

A Christmas Carol (50 mins)- 30 marks

- Answer a question about A Christmas Carol where you write in detail about an extract from the play and explore the theme/character in the whole play
- **Structure-** Point, Evidence, Explain, (Furthermore), Dickens Purpose (x3)

Remember to consider WHEN, WHAT, HOW, WHY!

English Literature Paper 2

Modern texts and poetry

2 hours 15 minutes

60% GCSE

96 Marks

Section A

(45 mins): An Inspector Calls (30 marks & 4 marks SPG)

- Answer one essay question about An Inspector Calls (you have a choice of two questions)
- **Structure-** Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore, Priestley's Purpose

Section B

(45 mins): 15 poems from the Power and Conflict section of the anthology you have studied (30 marks)

- Poetry comparison: you will analyse one named poem which is given to you in the exam, and you have to choose one other poem from the anthology of your choice to also analyse in relation to the theme.
- **Structure-** Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore, Point, Evidence, Explain, Purpose (x3 quotes in total) [Then repeat for chosen poem]

Section C (2 questions)

(35 mins): Unseen poetry (24 marks) Answer a question about an unseen poem.

- **Structure-** Point, Evidence, Explain, Furthermore x2

(10 mins): Unseen comparison (8 marks)

- Finally, there is a question where you have to compare the unseen poem to another unseen poem.
- **Structure-** Point, Evidence, Explain, Link, Point, Evidence, Explain, Compare

English Language

Exam Dates

English Language Paper 1 — Creative Reading and Writing 1 hour 45mins [50%] **Friday 23rd May AM**

English Language Paper 2 — Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives 1 hour 45mins [50%] **Friday 6th June AM**

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Additional Notes and Resources Available

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

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Useful Literature 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]