

What are the English Papers?

- There are 2 GCSEs Language and Literature
- There are two Language papers
- There are two Literature papers

Our exam board is AQA



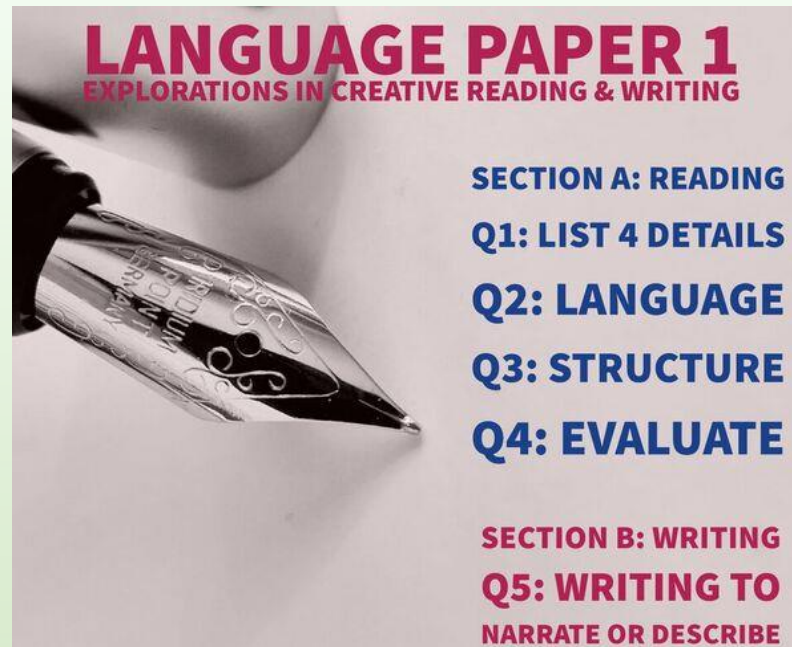
English Language Paper 1

English Language Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Date tbc 1 hour and 45 minutes (80 marks 50% of total grade)

Section A: Reading comprehension of one literature text 40 marks

Section B: One writing task: descriptive or narrative 40 marks (24 content, 16 SPaG)



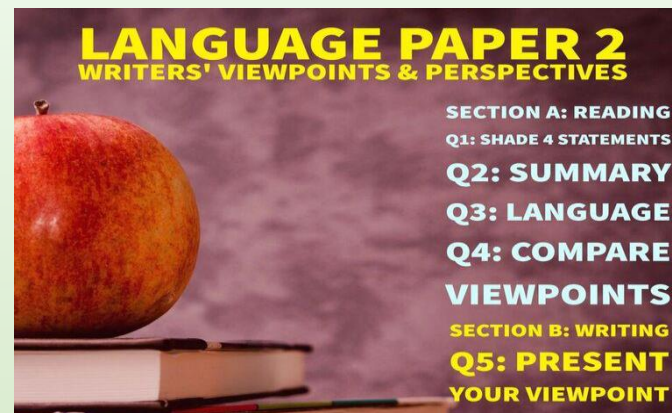
English Language Paper 2

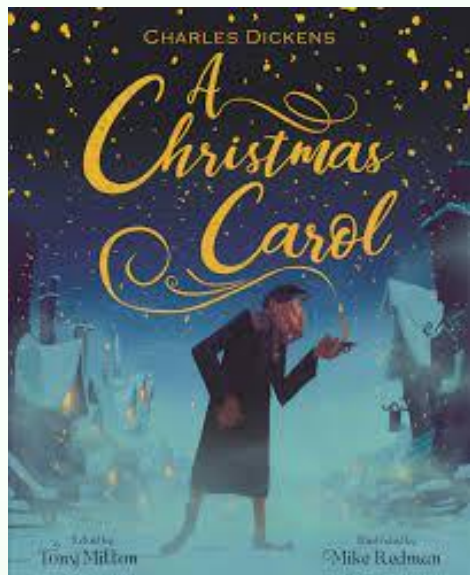
Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Date tbc 1 hours and 45 mins (80 Marks 50 % of total grade)

**Section A: Reading comprehension and comparison of two literary non-fiction texts.
40 marks**

Section B: One writing task: present a viewpoint in whatever form you are asked (essay, letter, article, leaflet, speech) 40 marks (24 content, 16 SPaG)





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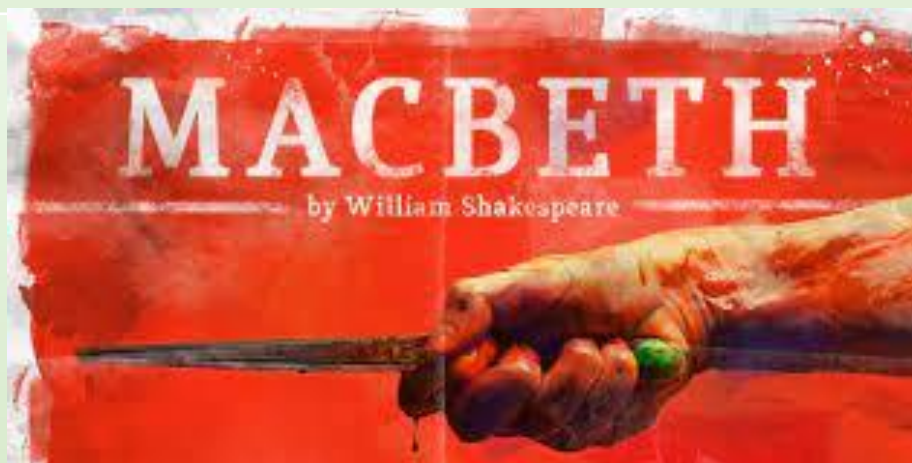
Paper 1: Shakespeare and Nineteenth century Novel

Date tbc 1 hour and 45 minutes (40% of total grade)

Section A: Shakespeare play: Answer one question on the play you have studied. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole

34 marks

Section B: The nineteenth century novel: 'A Christmas Carol' One question which again starts with an extract and asks students to also write about the entire text. 30 marks



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English Literature 2

Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry

Date tbc 2 hours and 15 mins (60 % of total grade)

Section A: Modern novel/drama text: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two

34 marks

Section B: The Poetry Anthology: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster. 30 marks

Section C: Unseen Poetry: two questions. Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

32 marks



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Key Stage 4

Years 10 & 11

What has already been covered?

By the end of Year 10 all the GCSE course apart from Christmas Carol will have been covered

In Year 11 we will cover Christmas Carol and revisit all GCSE content





What will be in the Mock Exam?

English Literature Paper 2

English Language Paper 1

We will narrow the content of the literature paper with possible questions.

Information and revision material will be posted on Year 10 English Google Classroom



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Google Classroom Year 10

Information for Students/Parents/ Guardians

There are 4 GCSE exams in English:

English Language Paper 1 (50% marks in Language) Fiction

English Language Paper 2 (50% marks in Language) Writers' Viewpoints and perspective (Non Fiction)

English Literature Paper 1 (50% of marks in Literature) - Macbeth and Christmas Carol

English Literature Paper 2 (50% of marks in Literature) Animal Farm and Poetry

In the June Mock Exams Students will be taking are English Language Paper 1 and English Literature Paper 2

English Language Paper 1:

Question 1 is comprehension of a short extract. Answers don't need to be explained at all.

Question 2 is analysis of language. Quotations from an extract need to be explained with reference to the word choice and language techniques used by the writer.

Question 3 is analysis of structure. The answer should explain how the text changes from beginning, middle and end and include three short paragraph about the three sections of the text.

Question 4 is evaluation. All this means here is using quotations again, but this time expressing a view on an opinionated statement (e.g. "the writer creates a scary atmosphere").

Question 5 is creative writing. The task is to write a short description of story using a range of language and creating an engaging tone.

A fuller summary with marks and timings is here:

<https://ivcgseenglish.wordpress.com/2017/04/15/explorations-in-creative-writing-summary-and-timings/>



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How can I help my child revise for English?



1. Develop a regular revision routine
2. Ensure your child has all the resources they need ex: revision guides in the different topic areas.
3. Help plan their time by creating a revision timetable.
4. Talk to your child about the texts they are studying.
5. Test them on: quotes, plot characters, theme. Use flash cards, notes or revision guides
6. Encourage practice, practice, practice.
7. Check Year 10 English Google Classroom

