

# AQA GCSE English Literature and English Language

## GCSE English Literature

### Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century Novel

#### What's Assessed

- Shakespeare- *Macbeth*
- The 19th-century novel- *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*

#### How It's Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

#### Questions

**Section A Shakespeare:** students will answer **one question** on *Macbeth*. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

**Section B The 19th-century Novel:** students will answer **one question** on *The Strange Case of Doctor Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

### Paper 2: Modern Texts and Poetry

#### What's Assessed

- Modern texts- *An Inspector Calls*
- Poetry – Power and Conflict Poetry Cluster
- Unseen poetry

#### How It's Assessed

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

#### Questions

**Section A Modern Texts:** students will answer **one question** from a choice of two on *An Inspector Calls*.

**Section B Poetry:** students will answer **one comparative question** on one named poem (printed in the exam booklet) and one other poem from the **Power and Conflict Poetry cluster**.

**Section C Unseen poetry:** students will answer **one question** on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

## GCSE English Language

### Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

#### What's Assessed

##### Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

##### Section B: Writing

- descriptive or narrative writing

#### How It's Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

#### Questions

**Reading Questions** on one single text (40 marks = 25 %)

- 1 short form question (4 marks): find four statements
- 1 longer form questions (8 marks): language analysis
- 1 longer form questions (8 marks): analysis of structural features
- 1 extended question (20 marks): evaluation

**Descriptive or Narrative Writing (40 marks = 25 %)**

- 1 extended writing question, producing a **piece of descriptive or narrative writing**

24 marks for content and organisation and 16 marks for technical accuracy

### Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

#### What's Assessed

##### Section A: Reading

- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

##### Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

#### How It's Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

#### Questions

**Reading Questions** on two linked texts (40 marks = 25 %)

- 1 short form question (4 marks): true and false statements
- 1 longer form questions (8 marks): summary and synthesis
- 1 longer form question (12 marks): language analysis
- 1 extended question (16 marks): comparison of writers' views

**Viewpoint Writing (40 marks = 25 %)**

- 1 extended writing question, producing a piece of **viewpoint writing**

24 marks for content and organisation and 16 marks for technical accuracy

