

Subject: English Language

Dates of exam:

Paper 1 – Tuesday 2nd June 2020 (am)

Paper 2 – Friday 5th June 2020 (am)

Other deadlines

Spoken Language (Non-exam assessment presentation) - 20th December

The English Language Exams (AQA)			
Paper	Topics	Length	%
Paper 1	Section A: Reading one literature fiction text	1 hour 45 minutes	80 marks
Explorations in creative reading and writing	Section B: Writing descriptive or narrative writing		50%
Paper 2	Section A: Reading one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text	1 hour 45 minutes	80 marks
Writers' viewpoints and perspectives	Section B: Writing writing to present a viewpoint		50%

Exam	
Paper 1	<p>Reading (40 marks) (25%)– read a literature fiction text in order to consider how established writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to capture the interest of readers</p> <p>1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)</p> <p>2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)</p> <p>1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)</p> <p>Writing (40 marks) (25%) Choose one creative writing task, inspired by the topic that they have responded to in section A to demonstrate their narrative and descriptive skills in response to a written prompt, scenario or visual image (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)</p>
Paper 2	<p>Reading (40 marks) (25%) – read two linked sources from different time periods and genres in order to consider how each presents a perspective or viewpoint to influence the reader</p> <p>1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)</p> <p>2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)</p> <p>1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)</p> <p>Writing (40 marks) (25%) – produce a written text to a specified audience, purpose and form in which they give their own perspective on the theme that has been introduced to them in section A (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)</p>

Revision Support

Online

- gcsebitesize.com
- <https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/>
- Mr Bruff (Youtube)
- OALP Knowledge Organisers and revision booklet (download from website)

Use the knowledge organiser:

- Look at the information, cover them over and then test yourself (look, cover, write, check)
- Get someone to test you on your knowledge for each question and skills.

Writing skills:

Read a range of fiction and non-fiction texts so that you can write to create emotional impact, understand how to organise ideas and use a range of punctuation and structural techniques.

For Paper 2 section B, you need to be able to write a response based on a statement linked with section A. You should feel read and practise writing the following genres: report, essay, a piece of travel writing, account, letter, diary entry, autobiography and biographical passages.

Revision Guides

GCSE English Language AQA Complete Revision & Practice - Grade 9-1 Course (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) - £5.50

Top Tips

1. **BUG** all exam questions:
 - a. **Box** command words
 - b. **Underline** keywords
 - c. **Glance** back over your answers to check you have answered the questions
2. **Don't miss questions** – Complete section B first and work backwards through the paper so that you don't run out of time to complete the higher mark questions
3. **'To what extent'** questions need you to give both sides of the argument.

