

Subject: English Language

Dates of exam:

Paper 1 – Wednesday 13th May 2020 (am)

Paper 2 – Thursday 21st May 2020 (am)

The English Literature Exams (AQA)			
Paper	Topics	Length	%
Paper 1	<p>Section A-Shakespeare: answer one question on Macbeth. Write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.</p> <p>Section B-The 19th-century novel: answer one question on A Christmas Carol. Write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.</p>	1 hour 45 minutes	64 marks 40%
Paper 2	<p>Section A-Modern texts: answer one essay question on An Inspector Calls.</p> <p>Section B-Poetry: answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from the Power and Conflict anthology cluster.</p> <p>Section C-Unseen poetry: answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.</p>	2 hour 15 minutes	96 marks 60%

Skills assessed in both exams

Inference - Understanding a word, phrase or sentence in context; exploring aspects of plot, characterisation, events and settings; distinguishing between what is stated explicitly and what is implied; explaining motivation, sequence of events, and the relationship between actions or events

Critical reading: identifying the theme and distinguishing between themes; supporting a point of view by referring to evidence in the text; recognising the possibility of and evaluating different responses to a text; using understanding of writers' social, historical and cultural contexts to inform evaluation;

Evaluation of a writer's choice of vocabulary, grammatical and structural features: analysing and evaluating how language, structure, form and presentation contribute to quality and impact; using linguistic and literary terminology for such evaluation

Comparing texts: comparing and contrasting texts studied, referring where relevant to theme, characterisation, context (where known), style and literary quality; comparing two texts critically.

Revision Support

Online

- Thestudentroom.co.uk (AQA has shared Top Tips!)
- gcsebitesize.com
- <https://studywise.co.uk/gcse-revision/>
- Mr Bruff (Youtube)
- OALP Knowledge Organisers and revision booklets (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 of characters, plot, themes, context and key quotes throughout a text.

Revision Cards

Create revision cards to test your knowledge of the texts (You can buy readily made revision cards with CGP or download for free with litcharts.com)

Revision Guides (AQA)

The text – read each text at least once at home as well as at school

An Inspector Calls

- NEW! An Inspector Calls: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) 2015 Paperback – 4 Aug 2015 - £4

Macbeth

- NEW! Macbeth: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) 2015 Paperback – 4 Aug 2015 - £4

A Christmas Carol

- NEW! A Christmas Carol: York Notes for GCSE 2015 Paperback – 4 Aug 2015 £4

AQA Power and Conflict Poetry

- NEW GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry Guide: Power and Conflict Anthology - CGP £4 (other guides are available)

Please note – York Notes, CGP and Snap revision and workbooks are all reputable study guides.