

English

INFORMATION

Year 11 GCSE

AQA GCSE English Language (graded 9-1)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700>

✓ Paper 1: Explorations in creative reading and writing

1 hour 45 minutes 50% of overall grade

Students are required to read one creative text

Section A: Reading (Q1-4) Section B: Writing (Q5)

Q1) List 4 things. *Students must demonstrate retrieval and comprehension skills.*

Q2) How does the writer use language? *Students must demonstrate analysis skills.*

Q3) How has the writer structured the text? *Students must demonstrate analysis skills.*

Q4) To what extent do you agree with this statement? *Students must demonstrate evaluation skills.*

Q5) Write to Describe. *Students are given a choice of questions and are assessed for the content and style of their writing as well as their level of literacy.*

✓ Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

1 hour 45 minutes 50% of overall grade

Students are required to read two literary non-fiction texts, one pre-1900

Section A: Reading (Q1-4) Section B: Writing (Q5)

Q1) Choose 4 statements which are true. *Students must demonstrate retrieval and comprehension skills.*

Q2) Write a summary of the differences. *Students must demonstrate inference and comparison skills.*

Q3) How has the writer used language? *Students must demonstrate analysis skills.*

Q4) Compare how the writers have conveyed their different views. *Students must demonstrate analysis and comparison skills.*

Q5) Write to Argue/Persuade. *Students are assessed for the content and style of their writing as well as their level of literacy.*

✓ English Revision Tips

- Read newspapers, magazines, websites and autobiographies
- Create index cards of language techniques (e.g. A FOREST)
- Create index cards of top tips for each question
- Complete practice papers
- Practise writing arguments and persuasive texts
- Revise key vocabulary and spellings
- Use websites such as Seneca and YouTube for short bursts of revision on your phone or device



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