

GCSE English Language

Career Options

Journalism
Publishing
Teaching
Legal work
Advertising



Subject Content

Paper 1:

- In preparation for section A, pupils will read a range of literature fiction texts to consider how writers use narrative and descriptive techniques to capture the interest of readers.
- In section B, pupils will write their own creative text, inspired by the topic that they have responded to in section A to demonstrate their narrative and descriptive skills in response to a stimulus.

Paper 2:

- In preparation for section A, pupils will read linked sources from different time periods and genres and consider how each presents perspectives to influence the reader.
- In preparation for section B, pupils produce written texts to specified audience, purpose and form in which they give their own perspective.

Assessment Information

Paper 1:

Reading (40 marks) (25%) – one single fiction text

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Paper 2:

Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Why Study...?

English language will increase your employability. Through the development of your reading, writing and spoken skills, you will become more creative thinkers and more confident speakers. Being able to express yourself clearly is a fundamental life skill.

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