

# Subject – English Language



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
English Language GCSE	AQA	8700
Examination element	100% Un-tiered	

## Examination Overview

### Paper 1

This will include a series of Reading questions which will all relate to a 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century fiction source that you are given. You will also be asked to write a narrative or descriptive piece based on an image that is given to you.

### Paper 2

This will include a series of Reading questions which will all relate to two non-fiction sources from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. You will also be asked to write an extended piece which presents a strong viewpoint.

## Notes

- This is a time pressured exam, so make sure that you are aware of how long you have to answer each question, and stick to these timings as closely as possible in order to give yourself the best chance of achieving the maximum amount of marks
- In the run up to the exam, you should be working on practice questions at home (and timing yourself!) as well as revising key information such as **language features**
- Read as much modern fiction as you can so that you are familiar with this type of text
- **THE CONTENT FOR THIS EXAM WILL BE TAUGHT IN YEAR 11, AND THE EXAM WILL BE SAT AT THE END OF YEAR 11**

## Exam Strategy

### Paper 1 (1hr 45 minutes)

1. A short form question = 4 marks (List four things...)
2. A longer form question = 8 marks (How does the writer use language to...)
3. A longer form question = 8 marks (How has the writer structured...)
4. An extended question = 20 marks (Express your opinion on someone else's opinion about the text)
5. Writing: write a narrative or descriptive piece based on an image that is given to you = 40 marks

### Paper 2 (1hr 45 minutes)

1. Reading: A short form question (Source A) = 4 marks (multiple choice)
2. Reading: A longer form question (Source A+B) = 8 marks (summary of the differences)
3. Reading: A longer form question (Source B) = 12 marks (language)
4. Reading: An extended question (Source A+ B) = 16 marks (compare attitudes)
5. Writing: An extended piece to present a viewpoint = 40 marks

## Revision Resources

- Class exercise books and purple revision folders, in which you will have completed a series of past exam questions. Reread your answers and attempt them again in order to achieve higher marks
- Bespoke pack of revision materials

## Revision Websites

- BBC Bitesize
- GCSE Pod
- MrBruff.com

## Past Papers

- You will be given the chance to attempt all available specimen papers for this brand new specification. Teachers will also provide exam style extracts and questions for further practice