

Subject – English Literature



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
English Language GCSE	AQA	8702
Examination element	100% Un-tiered	

Examination Overview

Paper 1

This paper will ask you to respond to an extract from the play, *Macbeth*, and to comment on the play as a whole. You also answer the same style of question about the 19th Century novel, *A Christmas Carol*.

Paper 2

This paper will begin with an essay style question on the modern play, *An Inspector Calls*. You will then compare two poems from the *Power & Conflict* Anthology that you have studied, and finish by analysing an unseen poem.

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 features of language and structure
- Re-read as many of the Literature texts as possible, including your *Power & Conflict* Poetry Anthology!
- **THE CONTENT FOR THIS EXAM WILL BE TAUGHT IN YEAR 10, AND THE EXAM WILL BE SAT IN YEAR 11**

Exam Strategy

Paper 1 (1 hr 45 minutes)

1. *Macbeth*: Read the extract and analyse it, also commenting upon a how particular character or theme is presented throughout the play
(Content = 30 marks, SPAG = 4 marks)
2. *A Christmas Carol*: Read the extract and analyse it, also commenting upon a how particular character or theme is presented throughout the play
(30 marks)

Paper 2 (2 hrs 15 mins)

1. *An Inspector Calls*: Write an exam style essay based on a character or theme from the play
(Content = 30 marks, SPAG = 4 marks)
2. *Power & Conflict* Anthology: Compare two poems from the anthology, one of which will be named and printed, and the other of your own choice
(30 marks)
3. Unseen poetry: Analyse an unseen poem, focussing on language and structure
(24 marks)
4. Unseen poetry: Briefly compare two unseen poems, one of which you will already have written about
(8 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