

GCSE English Language

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All pupils are assessed through the examination using the following assessment objectives:

Assessment objectives (AOs) are set by Ofqual and are the same across all GCSE English Language specifications and all exam boards.

The exams and Spoken Language endorsement will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE READING:

AO1: identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas
select and synthesise evidence from different texts

AO2: Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views

AO3: Compare writers’ ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts

AO4: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references

ENGLISH LANGUAGE WRITING:

AO5: Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences. Organise information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts

AO6: Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation. (This requirement must constitute 20% of the marks for each specification as a whole.)

SPOKEN LANGUAGE:

AO7: Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting

AO8: Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including to questions and feedback on presentations

AO9: Use spoken Standard English effectively in speeches and presentations.

EXAM STRUCTURE ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

	READING Question 1	READING Question 2	READING Question 3	READING Question 4	WRITING Question 5
English Language Paper 1	AO1 4 marks List four things from this part of the text about _____ _____.	AO2 8 marks How does the writer use language here to _____?	AO2 8 marks How has the writer structured the text to interest you as a reader?	AO4 20 marks You're given a statement and then you're asked: To what extent do you agree?	AO5 and AO6 40 marks Write a description based on an image. OR Write a story .
English Language Paper 2	AO1 4 marks Choose four statements below which are TRUE.	AO1 8 marks Use details from both sources. Write a summary of _____	AO2 12 marks How does the writer use language?	AO3 16 marks Compare how the two writers convey their different attitudes to/perspectives about	AO5 and AO6 40 marks Write a persuasive/ argumentative text E.g., letter, blog, speech, article
Non-examined assessment – Spoken Language	AO7, AO8 and AO9 All pupils will present a speech to their class on a topic of their choice. They will respond to questions from the audience. All performances will be recorded and sent to the exam board for moderation. A teacher will assess the presentations and the exam board will confirm the grade.				

GCSE English Literature

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The exams will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives.

AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts. Students should be able to:
maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response
use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate
interpretations.

AO2: Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings
and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.

AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in
which they were written.

AO4: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

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EXAM STRUCTURE ENGLISH LITERATURE

	Section A	Section B		
English Literature Paper 1	AO1, AO2 , AO3 and AO4 34 marks Macbeth	AO1, AO2 and AO3 30 marks A Christmas Carol		
	Section A	Section B	Section C (i)	Section C (ii)
English Literature Paper 2	AO1, AO2 , AO3 and AO4 34 marks An Inspector Calls	AO1, AO2 and AO3 30 marks Anthology Poetry Power and Conflict	AO1, AO2 24 marks Unseen Poetry Essay	AO2 8 marks Comparing 2 unseen poems

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