



Year 10-11

The Exam Explained

Language Exam

- ▶ **Component 1:** 20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing
- ▶ Written Examination: 1 hour 45 minutes
- ▶ 40% of qualification
 - ▶ Section A (20%)- Reading
 - ▶ Understanding of one prose extract (about 60-100 lines) of literature from the 20th century assessed through a range of structured questions
 - ▶ Section B (20%)- Prose Writing
 - ▶ One creative writing task selected from a choice of four titles

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- ▶ **Component 2:** 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing
- ▶ Written Examination: 2 hours
- ▶ 60% of qualification
 - ▶ Section A (30%)- Reading
 - ▶ Understanding of two extracts (about 900-1200 words in total) of high-quality non-fiction writing, one from the 19th century, the other from the 21st century, assessed through a range of structured questions
 - ▶ Section B (30%)- Writing
 - ▶ Two compulsory transactional/persuasive writing tasks

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- ▶ **Component 3:** Spoken Language
- ▶ Non-exam assessment
- ▶ Unweighted
 - ▶ One presentation/speech, including responses to questions and feedback.
 - ▶ Achievement in Spoken Language will be reported as part of the qualification, but it will not form part of the final mark and grade.

Literature Exam

- ▶ **Component 1: Shakespeare and Poetry**
- ▶ Written Examination: 2 hours
- ▶ 40% of qualification
- ▶ Section A (20%)- Shakespeare
 - ▶ One extract question and one essay question based on the reading of a Shakespeare text from the prescribed list.
- ▶ Section B (20%)- Poetry from 1789 to the present day
 - ▶ Two questions based on poems from the WJEC Eduqas Poetry Anthology, one of which involves comparison.

Learners are not permitted to take a copy of the set texts or anthology into the exam.

Literature Exam

- ▶ **Component 2:** Post-1914 Prose/Drama, 19th Century Prose and Unseen Poetry
- ▶ Written Examination: 2 hours and 30 minutes
- ▶ 60% of qualification
 - ▶ Section A (20%)- Post-1914 Prose/Drama
 - ▶ One source-based question on a post 1914 prose/drama text from the prescribed list
 - ▶ Section B (20%)- 19th Century Prose
 - ▶ One source-based question on a 19th century prose text from the prescribed list
 - ▶ Section C (20%)- Unseen poetry from the 20th/21st Century
 - ▶ Two questions on unseen poems, one of which involves comparison.

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Where to find the specimen papers

- ▶ <http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language/gcse/>
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How you can help...

- ▶ Testing knowledge of character, plot of key texts (Lit) Text types and writer intention (Lang)
- ▶ Rereading texts with your child (Shakespeare, poetry, 2 texts).
- ▶ Helping your child to learn quotations for their exam.
- ▶ Revision guides to assist work at home in the lead up to exams:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Eduqas-English-Literature-Skills-Students/dp/147183199X/ref=pd_sim_14_3?ie=UTF8&psc=1&refRID=91RXTV4XXQDNA0HRQCSR

- ▶ Reading and understanding articles quickly.
- ▶ Insisting on written accuracy.