

English Literature Specification

Assessments

All assessments are closed book: any stimulus materials required will be provided as part of the assessment.

All assessments are compulsory.

| Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel |
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| What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shakespeare plays (page 11)• The 19th-century novel (page 11) |
| How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes• 64 marks• 40% of GCSE |
| Questions <p>Section A Shakespeare: students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.</p> <p>Section B The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.</p> |

| Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry |
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| What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern prose or drama texts (page 11)• The poetry anthology (page 12)• Unseen poetry (page 13) |
| How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes• 96 marks• 60% of GCSE |
| Questions <p>Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.</p> <p>Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.</p> <p>Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.</p> |

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| Set Texts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shakespeare – Macbeth – Oxford School Shakespeare – ISBN 9780198324003• 19th Century Novel – Dickens – A Christmas Carol – ISBN 979-8358775039• Modern Prose/Drama – Priestley – An Inspector Calls – ISBN 978-0435232825 <p>Please note: All texts need to be purchased for detailed study and annotations.</p> |
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