



English

English exams overview

Language Paper 1

- Section A: 20th century prose (unseen text) with 4 questions.
- Question 1 = AO1 4 marks, Question 2 = AO2 8 marks, Question 3 = AO2 8 marks,
 Question 4 AO4 20 marks (TOTAL 40 MARKS)
- Section B: Descriptive or narrative writing. AO5 = 24 marks, A06 = 16 marks (TOTAL 40 MARKS)

Language Paper 2

- Section A: Non-fiction text and literary non-fiction text (one 21st century, one 19st century) with 4 questions
- Question 1 = AO1 4 marks, Question 2 = AO2 8 marks, Question 3 = AO2 12 marks,
 Question 4 = AO3 16 marks (TOTAL 40 MARKS)
- Section B: Writing to present a viewpoint (essentially always discursive in nature) AO5 = 24 marks, A06 = 16 marks (TOTAL 40 MARKS)

Literature paper 1

- Macbeth extract and whole play(30 marks plus 4 for SPG)
- A Christmas Carol and whole play (30 marks)

Literature Paper 2

- Whole text question on An Inspector Calls- one from choice of 2 (30 marks plus 4 for SPG)
- One question compare two power and conflict poems (one is named/printed) (30 marks)
- Unseen poem A question (24 marks)
- Unseen poem B question comparing A and B (8 marks)

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

AO1

- Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas
- Synthesise information
- Perceptive, judicious, discriminating

AO2

- Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language/devices and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views
- Perceptive, analytical, judicious focus on writers' choices and effects
- Sophisticated and accurate use of subject terminology

AO3

- Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two
 or more texts.
- Perceptive
- Linking methods to ideas/perspective





AO4

Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references

AO5

- Imaginative, clear writing adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences
- Use structural and grammatical features for cohesion
- Ambitious vocabulary
- Compelling, inventive, complex
- Fluently linked paragraphs
- Conscious crafting through words and linguistic devices

AO6

- Range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect
- Accuracy in spelling and punctuation
- Extensive vocabulary

ENGLISH LITERATURE ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

A01

- Maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response
- Use ref/quotation for support
- Weighing up alternate interpretations/different perspectives
- Embedding quotes
- Apt references/discriminating quotes

AO₂

- Analyse writer's use of language, form and structure for meaning and effect
- Use key subject terminology

AO₃

 Show understanding of the relationship between texts and contexts in which they were written

AO4

- Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect
- Accuracy on SPG

SPOKEN LANGUAGE STUDY ASSESSMENT OBJECTIVES

AO7 – Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting

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

AO9 – Use spoken Standard English effectively in speeches and presentations

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What we want from year 11 students



(a) **Choose appropriate information** (references and quotes) to support points being made. Quotes will be apt, chosen judiciously to perfectly support points. Quotes will be short, and fluently embedded into answers and arguments. There will be an ability to connect quotes from different parts of texts (through semantic fields, aesthetic value, style, tone, etc)

- (b) Understand the writer's methods: language. There will be an understanding of why writers choose words for meaning and for effect. There will be an ability to looking at subtleties and nuances in language and evaluate the effectiveness of the writer's choices. There will be an ability where appropriate to use subject terminology when discussing words (and it will be integrated fluently into the answer/argument). Pupils will be able to see the crossover relationship between language, form and structure.
- (c) Understand the writer's methods: form. Students will understand a range of different forms of writing and the characteristics and techniques associated with those forms. Students will understand choice of narrative voice as a deliberate choice for deliberate effects and will be able to analyse and evaluate this. There will be an understanding of why writers choose particular forms and particular devices associated with those forms (for meaning and for effect). There will be an ability to evaluate the effectiveness of the writer's choices. There will be an ability where appropriate to use subject terminology when discussing form (and it will be integrated fluently into the answer/argument). Pupils will be able to see the crossover relationship between language, form and structure.
- (d) Understand the writer's methods: structure. There will be an understanding of why writers make structural choices (about order, turning points, changes, etc) and sentence/punctuation choices. There will be an ability to looking at subtleties and nuances in structural devices and evaluate the effectiveness of the writer's choices. There will be an ability where appropriate to use subject terminology when discussing sentence types and punctuation (and it will be integrated fluently into the answer/argument). Pupils will be able to see the crossover relationship between language, form and structure.
- **(e) Audience and purpose**. Pupils can recognise that pieces of writing have an audience and purpose. They will be able to connect the writer's methods to audience and purpose. They will be able to evaluate the effectiveness of the writer in relation to audience and purpose.
- (f) Ideas and perspectives. Pupils will be able to identify and explore explicit and implicit ideas within texts. They will be able to identify and explore nuanced bias, points of view, perspectives and how writers' choices can be open to suggesting varying perspectives. There will be an ability to evaluate the writer's perspective, uncovering inconsistencies where appropriate. Pupils will be able to debate/weigh up different interpretations.
- (g) Context. Pupils will understand not only the social and historical times in which texts were written but also how those times influenced the writing. Students will be able to explore how writers sought to change society/the world at the time of writing. Students will also understand

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literary movements (and their characteristics) and literary contexts and how these influenced the writer/text being discussed. Contexts will be integrated fluently into essays and answers.

- (h) Writing. Pupils will be able to adapt their language, tone, style, form to suit different audiences and different purposes. They will be able to use complex vocabulary and a range of words, sentence structures and punctuation for deliberate effect. Paragraphing will not only create fluency and coherence, but will also be used for deliberate effect. For creative writing, there will be evidence of conscious crafting for effect. Pupils will be able to be subtle, to hint and suggest meaning through symbols, nuanced language and motifs. Pupils will be able to use literary devices inventively and appropriately and avoid clichés. Pupils will be able to use structure to tease and draw the reader in, setting up a clever, surprising ending. For non-fiction writing, students will understand the conventions of various forms and be inventive in adapting these to suit task. They will be able to use rhetorical devices judiciously and appropriately. Pupils will be confident in writing academic essays structured around a line of argument, employing a formal, detached style with an authoritative, judicious tone/style.
- (i) Speaking. Students will be able to structure speeches for deliberate effect. Delivery will be confident, will adapt tone for audience and purpose and will employ non-verbal features for deliberate effect. Students will listen respectfully to other students and be able to respond, build on and debate.
- (j) **Personal**. Our students are confident, well-prepared and eager to do well. They are confident because they have thorough knowledge, they have been reflective and they know their strengths. They are resilient. They know how to approach exams and how to manage time. They are judicious, engage with the subject and have knowledge that is broad and deep.



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| Day 1 Google a plot summary of Macbeth. Read it, and note down key plot moments. Which do you think is the most important moment in each of the play's 5 acts? | Day 2 Write a paragraph about your least favourite An Inspector Calls character. Explain in detail. What is it that you dislike about them? Try to make comparisons to other characters if you can. | Day 3 Revise all of the notes on My Last Duchess. Get a blank copy of the poem and rewrite your notes. | Day 4 Check your understanding of A01 (language). Work out where this is assessed across the two language papers and make notes on what you are required to do for each of these questions. | Day 5 Test yourself on remembering 5 quotes from Macbeth, An Inspector Calls | Day 6 Write out a list of 10 negative and 10 positive bits of vocabulary that will impress your English Language examiner. Make a poster of these words and put them somewhere that you will see them often. | Day 7 Which of the characters in Macbeth is the most powerful? Give reasons for your answer. |
| Day 8 Who is your favourite character in Macbeth? Why? Try to explain your answer in as much detail as possible. | Day 9 Brainstorm the theme of social class in An Inspector Calls. To add challenge, make an essay plan for the question 'How does Priestley explore the theme of social class in An Inspector Calls? | Day 10 Use your notes to make flash cards for the key moments in the literature texts. | Day 11 Test your memory of 4 quotes from 4 different poems. | Day 12 Look at 3 online news stories and write a short summary of what they are about. | Day 13 What are all of the literary devices that you could use in a piece of imaginative writing. Brainstorm, and write examples for each. | Day 14 Make a list of all the plot hooks in Macbeth. |
| Day 15 What is the most interesting thing about the play Macbeth? Explain your answer to someone and then note down the key points. Write down your response in a paragraph if you can. | Day 16 Write an essay plan for the question 'How does the character of Sheila Birling change over the course of the play?'. Ensure that you link your ideas to the context of the play. | Day 17 Revise all of your notes on Extract from The Prelude. Get a blank copy of the poem and rewrite your notes. | Day 18 Remind yourself of the assessment objectives for the Language paper. Test yourself on how well you remember them. | Day 19 Go to google classroom and ask 5 questions about areas of English you find difficult. | Day 20 Go online to do spelling, punctuation and grammar exercises. | Day 21 What are the key themes in Macbeth? List as many as you can and then think about which characters from the novel link to each theme? |

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Day 22 Re-read the Macbeth scenes in which the witches are present. How do we know that they are different to other characters in the play? What contextual points are linked to these three characters?

Day 23 What do you know about the Inspector? Brainsform his character and link all of the points that you make to the context of the play. Write a paragraph which begins 'The inspector is a fascinating character...'

Day 24
Revise all of your notes on Kamikaze. Get a blank copy of the poem and rewrite your notes.

Day 25 When you're writing about structure, there are lots of different devices that you might find in a text. Make a list/brainstorm of these in your exercise book. Look back through your exercise book if you're struggling to think of these.

Day 26
Look at past exam questions and make paragraph plans for answers.

Day 27 Write a detailed description of a beautiful place. Use a range of literary devices and be sure to include some of the high level vocabulary that you have been learning.

Day 28 Which character in Macbeth do you find the most interesting? Write a paragraph in your book. Draw together points from across the play rather than just one particular moment.

Day 29 Focus on the character of Macbeth. Why is he included in the play? What's his role? What themes does he represent? How does he change? What contextual points can you link to his character?

Day 30
YouTube the context of An Inspector
Calls. Watch a video of your choice and make notes as you're watching if you find this to be a useful revision technique.

Day 31
Revise all of
your notes on
War
Photographer.
Get a blank
copy of the
poem and
rewrite your
notes.

Day 32 Day 33 Find a sample Read a couple of exam paper 1 newspaper and complete articles in a section A. real paper or on an application on your phone. Look for the way in which the writer is trying to engage the reader. Make a short list of techniques used by each

writer.

Day 34
Use SSLLS
(short, short, long, long, short
sentence) to describe a picture that you have chosen from the Google images search 'fear'.

Day 35
What are the typical features of the narrative in Macbeth?
Make a list of the methods Shakespeare uses.

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Day 36

Focus on the character of Banquo. Why is he included in the play? What's his role? What themes does he represent? How does he change? What contextual points can you link to his character?

Day 37

Get someone to time you. You have 5 minutes to tell a friend or family member everything that you can about An Inspector Calls. Try to use phrases in your speech that demonstrate that you are interested in the

play

Day 38

Revise all of your notes on Tissue. Get a blank copy of the poem and rewrite your notes.

Day 39

Search poems online, ones that you haven't seen before and see how many notes you can make about language and ideas.

Day 40

Test yourself on how many key moments you can remember from the Literature texts

Day 41

Use SSLLS (short, short, long, long, short) to describe a picture that you have chosen from the google images search 'landscape'

Day 42

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> Why are the 1912 and 1946 dates relevant to An Inspector Calls? How does this help to communicate Priestley's message?