

Structure of Exam

Component 1

20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing

1 hour 45 minutes
(40% of final grade)

19th and 21st Century Non-fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing

2 hours
(60% of final grade)

Exam Paper Links

See the English Firefly pages
(Resources>Subjects>English>GCSE English Language)

Eduqas website: specimen papers
<http://www.eduqas.co.uk/qualifications/english-language/gcse/wjec-eduqas-gcse-english-language-sams-100914.pdf>

Useful Websites / Apps

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BBC Bitesize
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education/subjects/zr9d7ty>

Easter Revision Activities

Complete the 7 Paper 2 writing tasks that have been set by your English Language teacher via Firefly. Remember to spend no more than 30 minutes on each one and a guide is 300-400 words for each piece.

Tips to Answer Common Questions

1. You need to know as much subject vocabulary (metaphor, rhetorical question, polysyndetic co-ordination etc.) as possible but students targeting a 5 or below don't need to go beyond verb, noun, adjective - make sure you can easily spot these.
2. You should *litter* your reading answers with quotations. Avoid overly long 'explanations' - make sure you cover as many different ideas/points as possible in the time you have.
3. 10 mark questions should be answered in about 13 minutes.
4. Prepare for Paper 1 writing (story) by learning a story or character that you can then just adapt in to one of the titles given in the exam.
5. You can't learn a piece of writing for the Paper 2 writing section but you can learn vocabulary and spellings amongst other things (see Firefly for more details).