

## **AQA English Language (8700)**

### **GCSE English Language: Subject Content**

AQA Language:

- 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing
- 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives
- 3 Non-exam assessment

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading  
one literature fiction text

Section B: Writing  
descriptive or narrative writing

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Section A: Reading  
one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

Section B: Writing  
writing to present a viewpoint

### **GCSE English Language: How it's assessed**

Paper 1:  
written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  
80 marks  
50% of GCSE

Reading (40 marks) (25%)– one single text  
1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)  
2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)  
1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)  
1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Paper 2:  
written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes  
80 marks  
50% of GCSE

Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts

- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

## **AQA English Literature (8702)**

### **GCSE English Literature: Subject Content**

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

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.

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.

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

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.

Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

### **GCSE English Literature: How it's assessed**

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel:

- Shakespeare
- The 19th-century novel

How it's assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry:

- Modern texts
- Poetry
- Unseen poetry

How it's assessed

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

## **Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language**

What's assessed:

presenting  
responding to questions and feedback  
use of Standard English

Assessed:

teacher set throughout course  
marked by teacher  
separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)