

GCSE English

Revision Guidance



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English Literature Revision

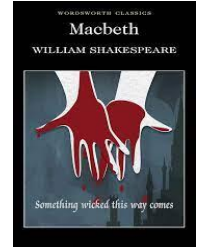
Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

1 hour 30 minutes

External Exam: Worth 40% of the final GCSE English Literature grade

Section A: Shakespeare

- One question on the play studied (Macbeth). Students will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and the play as a whole.
- You can purchase revision guides from the IC if you haven't already done so.
- <http://www.bishopfoxs.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/Macbeth-Revision-Booklet-MLY.pdf>



Section B: 19th Century Novel

- One question on A Christmas Carol. Students will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then the novel as a whole.
- You can purchase revision guides from the IC if you haven't already done so.
- <https://haileyburyturnford.com/app/uploads/2020/03/English-@A-Christmas-Carol-Revision-Booklet-@SPryke2.pdf>



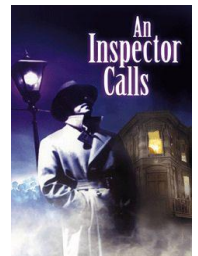
Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

2 hours 15 minutes

External Exam: Worth 60% of the final GCSE English Literature grade

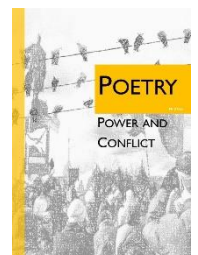
Section A: Modern Texts

- Students will answer one essay question on An Inspector Calls
- You can purchase revision guides from the IC if you haven't already done so.
- <http://www.bromleytrustacademy.org.uk/hayes/images/An-Inspector-Calls-Revision-Guide.pdf>



Section B: Comparative Poetry

- Students will answer one question which asks them to compare two poems. One poem will be printed: the other will not.
- You can purchase revision guides from the IC if you haven't already done so.
- <http://thebicester-school.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/Poetry-Support-Booklet.pdf>



Section C: Unseen Poetry

- Students answer one question on an unseen poem followed by another question asking them to compare this to a second unseen poem.
- You can purchase revision guides from the IC if you haven't already done so.

All English Literature exams are closed text: this means that pupils will not have their copy of their text with them.

English Language Revision

Paper One is entitled Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing and made up of two sections –

Section A: Reading

· In this paper, you will get one fiction source and you must answer four questions.

Read! Read as many extracts from books or papers you can. When you read, ask yourself the following questions:

1. *Who is it about? What's happening? Where is it happening? When is it happening?*
2. *What language devices and word classes has the writer used to convey their ideas?*
3. *How do these features convey meaning?*

· You can purchase revision guides from the English department if you haven't already done so.

Section B: Writing

· You will complete a piece of original writing to describe/narrate.

Duration: 1 hour 45 minutes

50% of GCSE

Paper Two is entitled Writer's Viewpoints and Perspectives and made up of two sections –

Section A: Reading

· In this paper, you will get two literary non-fiction sources and you must answer four questions. One source will be from the 19th century and the other will be from the 20th or 21st century.

· Revise Victorian context to support your understanding of the text from the 19th century:
www.bbc.co.uk/history/british/victorians

Read! Read as many extracts from books or papers you can. When you read, ask yourself the following questions:

1. *Who is it about? What is the subject of the text and what does the writer think about it?*
2. *What language devices and word classes has the writer used to convey their ideas?*
3. *How do these convey a similarity or a difference?*

Section B: Writing

· You will complete a piece of writing to argue/persuade/explain/inform.

1 hour 45 minutes

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