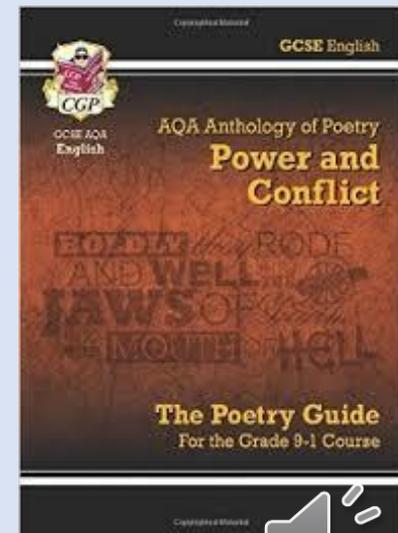
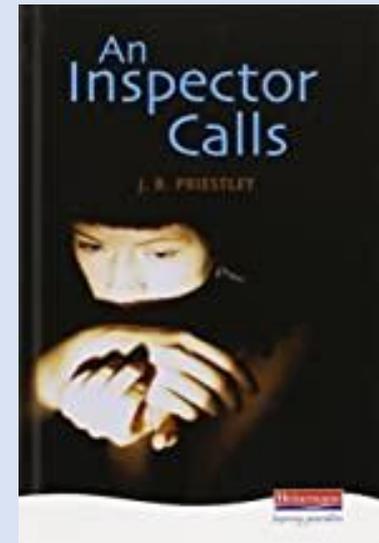
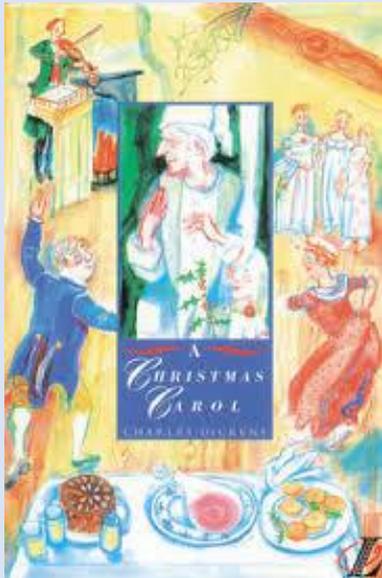




# AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature



The English course is compulsory and provides opportunities to develop skills in speaking, listening, reading and writing in a wide variety of contexts.

Pupils will be engaged in studying for two separate GCSE examinations in this subject: English Language and English Literature.

Exam Board: AQA

Syllabus Numbers:

Language 8700

Literature 8702



# English Language

GCSE  
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# English Language GCSE

## Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

### What's assessed

#### Section A: Reading

- one literature fiction text

#### Section B: Writing

- descriptive or narrative writing

### Assessed

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

### Questions

#### 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)

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## Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

### What's assessed

#### Section A: Reading

- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

#### Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint

### Assessed

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

### Questions

#### 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)

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## Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

### What's assessed

(AO7-AO9)

- presenting
- responding to questions and feedback
- use of standard English

### Assessed

- Teacher set throughout course
- Marked by teacher
- Separate endorsement (0% weighting of GCSE)

All texts in the examination will be unseen

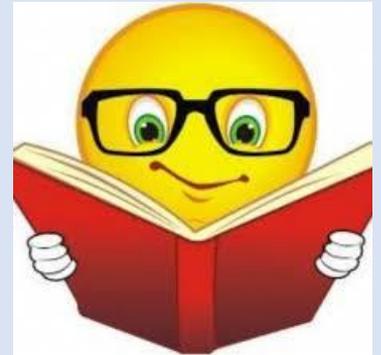


# English Language Paper 1

**1 hour and 45 minutes: includes 15 minutes reading time**

## **Section A:**

- **40 marks for reading (25% of the qualification)**
- **4 reading questions: 4+8+8+20 marks**



## **Section B:**

- **40 marks for writing (25% of the qualification)**
- **1 writing question: 24+16 marks**

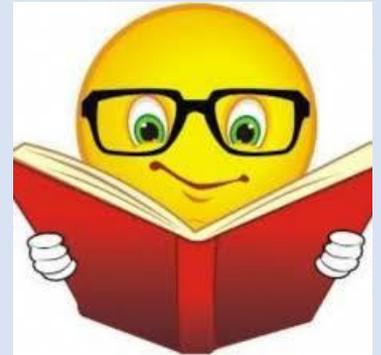


# English Language Paper 2

**1 hour and 45 minutes: includes 15 minutes reading time**

## **Section A:**

- **40 marks for reading (25% of the qualification)**
- **4 reading questions: 4+8+12+16 marks**



## **Section B:**

- **40 marks for writing (25% of the qualification)**
- **1 writing question: 24+16 marks**



# English Language Assessment Objectives

## **AO1:**

- **identify and interpret explicit (obvious) and implicit (hidden) information and ideas**
- **select and synthesise evidence from different texts**

**AO2: Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views**

**AO3: Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts**

**AO4: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references.**



**AO5: Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences. Organise information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts**

**AO6: Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation**

**AO7: Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting**

**AO8: Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including to questions and feedback on presentations**



**AO9: Use spoken Standard English effectively in speeches and presentations.**

# English Literature

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# English Literature Paper 1

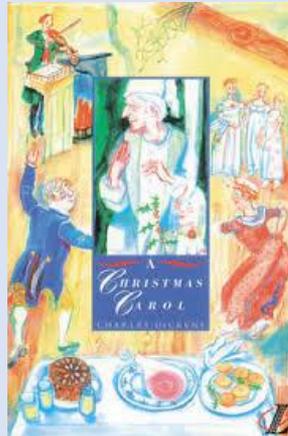
**40% of Literature Grade**  
**64 marks**  
**1 hour 45 minutes**

## Section A: "Macbeth"

- 1 question
- 34 marks (4 for SPaG)
- 1 hour

## Section B: "A Christmas Carol"

- 1 question
- 30 marks
- 45 minutes



# English Literature Paper 2

**60% of Literature Grade**

**96 marks**

**2 hours 15 minutes**

**Section A: “An Inspector Calls”:**

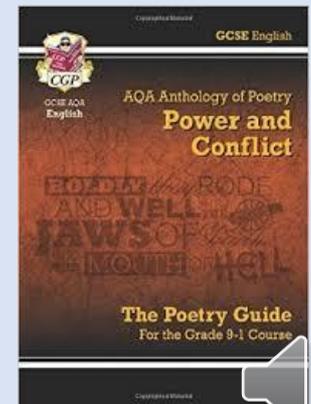
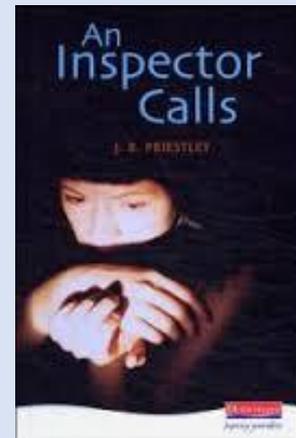
- 2 questions (answer 1 only)
- 34 marks (4 for SPaG)
- 45 minutes

**Section B: Poetry Anthology  
Power and Conflict :**

- 1 comparative question (30 marks)
- 45 minutes

**Section C: Unseen Poetry:**

- 2 questions 32 marks (Q1. 24 marks and Q2. 8 marks)
- 45 minutes



## English Literature Assessment Objectives

**AO1: Read, understand and respond to texts. Students should be able to:**

- **maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response**
- **use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate interpretations.**

**AO2: Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.**

**AO3: Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.**

**AO4: Use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.**



I hope you found this presentation  
informative.

