

GCSE Language Paper 1

Past Exam Papers:

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AQA Exam Specification

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Section A: Reading

Language Paper 1, Section A, requires students to answer 4 questions about an extract of fiction. The students are asked the same 4 questions on every exam - however the questions are adapted to suit the given extract. To prepare for this part of the exam, **it is imperative that students are familiar with reading short extracts (around 11/2 pages) regularly**. They could prepare by choosing an extract from their favourite book or from the websites below and then by creating a set of questions from the question stems. **They should then use the approaches they have been taught in class write responses to these questions.**

Find an extract here...	Create your own questions using these question stems	Recommended Revision Websites	Recommended Revision Guides
<p>Children's Fiction Extracts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.worldbookday.com/resources/extracts/ <p>Other Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://readingzone.com/index.php?zone=sz&page=extracts_download <p>AQA recommended extracts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/AQA-87002-RSB.PDF 	<p>Find an extract and then create questions using the following stems</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) In the opening couple of paragraphs, find 4 things about ... 2) How does the writer use language to... 3) How does the writer use structure to... 4) A student having read this extract said '.....' To what extent do you agree? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcb_chv4 ➤ http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/ ➤ https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AQA GCSE (9–1) English Language Exam Practice: Student Book (Collins AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature) Paperback ➤ GCSE English Language AQA Complete Revision & Practice - Grade 9-1 Course (with Online Edition) (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision)

Section B: Writing

Language Paper 1, Section B, requires students to write a narrative or a description using a given stimulus. They have a choice between using a picture or a scenario as a stimulus. To prepare for this part of the exam **it is imperative that students are writing creatively regularly**. They could use any picture or scenario they choose – or even describe what they see outside their window! Alternatively they could use the resources below. **For each answer they should use the seven steps approach they have been taught in school.**

Find writing prompts here...	Create your own questions using these question stems	Recommended Revision Websites	Recommended Revision Guides
<p>Writing prompts for children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://thinkwritten.com/writing-prompts-for-kids/ <p>Other writing prompts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://getfreewrite.com/blogs/writing-success/writing-prompts-60-ideas-you-can-use-today <p>Picture stimulus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.literacyshed.com/the-images-shed.html 	<p>Scenario questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Describe a moment when... ➤ Write a story about a time when you were.... <p>Picture Stimulus Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Beginning with the picture, write a story about... ➤ Beginning with the picture, describe a moment when... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcb_chv4 ➤ http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/ ➤ https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English Language and Literature Writing Skills Revision and Exam Practice: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) ➤ Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for GCSE, Complete Revision & Practice (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision)

GCSE Language Paper 2

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Section A: Reading

Language Paper 2, Section A, requires students to answer 4 questions about an extract of fiction. The students are asked the same 4 questions on every exam - however the questions are adapted to suit the given extract. To prepare for this part of the exam, **it is imperative that students are familiar with reading and comparing two short non-fiction sources (around 11/2 pages) regularly.** They could prepare by choosing an sources on their favourite topic from the websites below and then by creating a set of questions from the question stems. **They should then use the approaches they have been taught in class write responses to these questions.**

Find sources to compare here...	Create your own questions using these question stems	Recommended Revision Websites	Recommended Revision Guides
<p>You could use any reputable news article including the BBC news or: British Library Articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.bl.uk/teaching-resources/19th-century-non-fiction-texts-crime-and-punishment <p>Oxford Press Articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.english.ox.ac.uk/diseases-modern-life-resources <p>AQA Recommended Articles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/english/AQA-87002-RSB.PDF 	<p>Find an extract and then create questions using the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Create a set of true or false questions with 4 correct answers... 2) Summarise how the two writers present ideas about... 3) How does the writer in Source A use language to... 4) Compare how the writers present their feelings about... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4 ➤ http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/ ➤ https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ AQA GCSE (9–1) English Language Exam Practice: Student Book (Collins AQA GCSE English Language and English Literature) Paperback ➤ GCSE English Language AQA Complete Revision & Practice - Grade 9-1 Course (with Online Edition) (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision)

Section B: Writing

Language Paper 1, Section B, requires students to write a persuasive or argumentative text on a given topic. They may be asked to write in the form of a letter, speech or another form of non-fiction. To prepare for this part of the exam **it is imperative that students are writing persuasively regularly.** They could use any topic they are passionate about – or even argue about events in the news! Alternatively they could use the resources below. **For each answer they should use the seven steps approach they have been taught in school.**

Find writing prompts here...	Create your own questions using these question stems	Recommended Revision Websites	Recommended Revision Guides
<p>Persuasive writing topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://k12.thoughtfullearning.com/blogpost/15-awesome-persuasive-writing-prompts <p>Journalistic writing prompts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.journalbuddies.com/journal_prompts_journal_topics/persuasive-writing-prompts/ <p>New York Times Prompts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://learning.blogs.nytimes.com/2014/02/04/200-prompts-for-argumentative-writing/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Write a letter to ... in which you argue ... ➤ Write a speech to ... in which you present your ideas about ... ➤ Write a blog for a website which persuades people to... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4 ➤ http://www.englishbiz.co.uk/ ➤ https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English Language and Literature Writing Skills Revision and Exam Practice: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) ➤ Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar for GCSE, Complete Revision & Practice (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision)

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<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/specification-at-a-glance>

Literature Paper 1, requires students to answer 2 essay questions about an extract from Macbeth and then from Jekyll & Hyde. The students may be asked about any part of the plot, about any character or any theme and so need to be prepared for any question. To prepare for this part of the exam, **it is imperative that students are familiar with the plot and the characters but also that they have a range of expert knowledge to impress the examiner with.** They will not be able to take notes into the exam and so they will need to know an awful lot of information from memory. When answering an exam style question, **they should use the approaches they have been taught in class.**

Literature Paper 1: MACBETH

Learn more about the plot and characters

BBC Bitesize

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zgq3dmn>

Course Hero

- <https://www.coursehero.com/lit/Macbeth/>

Sparknotes

- <https://www.sparknotes.com/shakespeare/macbeth/>

Wider reading and expert knowledge

Read the following articles to learn about allusions and create your own expert knowledge

- <http://www.shakespeare-online.com/plays/macbeth/bibimagery.html>
- <https://biblicalallusions.org/category/macbeth/>
- <https://monsterliterature.com/macbeth-a-tale-of-two-theories/>
- <http://www.inquiriesjournal.com/articles/155/corruption-and-theories-of-kingship-in-macbeth>

Recommended Revision Guides

- Grade 9-1 GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide - Macbeth (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision)
- Oxford School Shakespeare: Macbeth Paperback – 5 Mar. 2009
- Macbeth: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) Paperback – 4 Aug. 2015



Literature Paper 1: JEKYLL & HYDE

BBC Bitesize

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z8642p3>

Course Hero

- <https://www.coursehero.com/lit/Dr-Jekyll-and-Mr-Hyde/>

Sparknotes

- <https://www.sparknotes.com/lit/jekyll/>

Read the following articles to learn about allusions and create your own expert knowledge

- <http://www.victorianweb.org/authors/stevenson/allusion1.html>
- <https://biblicalallusions.org/category/the-strange-case-of-dr-jekyll-mr-hyde/>
- <https://www.bl.uk/romantics-and-victorians/articles/duality-in-robert-louis-stevensons-strange-case-of-dr-jekyll-and-mr-hyde>
- <http://www.inquiriesjournal.com/articles/1491/the-anxiety-of-the-unforeseen-in-stevensons-dr-jekyll-and-mr-hyde>

- Gade 9-1 GCSE English Text Guide - Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 11 May 2015
- New Grade 9-1 GCSE English - Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde Workbook (includes Answers) (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 8 Sept. 2017
- Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) Paperback – 4 Aug. 2015



GCSE Literature Paper 2

Past Exam Papers:
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/assessment-resources?f.Sub-category%7CF=Sample+papers+and+mark+schemes&start_rank=11
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<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-literature-8702/specification-at-a-glance>

Literature Paper 2: An Inspector Calls

Literature Paper 2, requires students to answer 2 essay questions on An Inspector Calls and Power & Conflict Poetry and two essays on Unseen Poetry. The students may be asked about any part of the texts or about any theme and so need to be prepared for any question. To prepare for this part of the exam, it is **imperative that students are familiar with the named texts, they have a range of expert knowledge to impress the examiner with and that they know their best approach for unseen poetry.** They will not be able to take notes into the exam and so they will need to know an awful lot of information from memory. When answering an exam style question, **they should use the approaches they have been taught in class.**

Learn more about the plot and characters

- BBC Bitesize**
➤ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpr639q>
Course Hero
➤ <https://www.coursehero.com/lit/An-Inspector-Calls/>
Sparknotes
➤ <https://www.sparknotes.com/drama/an-inspector-calls/>



Wider reading and expert knowledge

- Read the following articles to learn about allusions and create your own expert knowledge
- <https://www.bl.uk/20th-century-literature/articles/an-introduction-to-an-inspector-calls>
 - <https://literariness.org/2019/05/19/analysis-of-j-b-priestleys-plays/>
 - <https://www.bethinking.org/culture/a-prophetic-inspector-calls>

Recommended Revision Guides

- Grade 9-1 GCSE English Shakespeare Text Guide – An Inspector Calls (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision)
- Oxford School Shakespeare: An Inspector Calls Paperback – 5 Mar. 2009
- An Inspector Calls: York Notes for GCSE (9-1) Paperback – 4 Aug. 2015

Literature Paper 2: Power & Conflict Poetry

- BBC Bitesize**
➤ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4nc87h>
Course Hero
➤ <https://www.coursehero.com/file/33817396/Poetry-all-poems-annotatedpdf/>
Sparknotes
➤ <https://www.sparknotes.com/poetry/>



- There are 15 poems in the Power and Conflict Anthology. Generally, if you do a web search for 'POEM TITLE analysis' you will find a range of articles and videos with different interpretations for each poem. Students will benefit from reading as many different interpretations as possible and make a note of original ideas and expert knowledge. For example there are 3 good websites below for the poem 'London' by William Blake.
- <https://literarydevices.net/london/>
 - <https://poemanalysis.com/william-blake/london/>
 - <https://interestingliterature.com/2016/12/a-short-analysis-of-william-blakes-london/>

- New GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry Guide: Power & Conflict Anthology - for the Grade 9-1 Course (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 17 Aug. 2015
- Grade 9-1 GCSE Poetry Anthology Power and Conflict AQA Revision Guide Format: Paperback Author: Collins GCSE
- New GCSE English Literature AQA Poetry Workbook: Power & Conflict Anthology (includes Answers) (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 30 May 2017

Literature Paper 2: Unseen Poetry

There is no content to learn for Unseen Poetry. Instead, students should choose a poem using the links here and then answer the following questions to help get them used to generating ideas.

- What is the meaning of the title?
- What do we learn from the first and last line?
- Can you find any language features? What is their effect?
- Are there any unusual choices of language?
- Does the poet use an extended metaphor or semantic field?
- What structural features does the poem use? Form? Rhyme scheme? Volta? Stanzas?
- What could the writer's message be? Why?

<https://allpoetry.com/>
<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/>
<https://poetrysociety.org.uk/>



- New Grade 9-1 GCSE English Literature AQA Unseen Poetry Guide - Book 1 (CGP GCSE English 9-1 Revision) Paperback – 27 Aug. 2015
- Unseen Poetry: New GCSE 9-1 English Literature AQA (Collins GCSE 9-1 Snap Revision) Paperback – 30 Nov. 2018
- Unseen Poetry: GCSE Revision Guide and Practice Book for AQA English Literature with free app (GCSE Grades 9-1 Study Guides) Paperback – 3 Oct. 2019 by Richard Durant (Author), Cindy Torn (Author)