



GCSE English Language

Revision Success

English Language

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading

·One unseen literature fiction text

Section B: Writing

·Descriptive or narrative writing

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50 % of GCSE

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Section A: Reading

·One unseen non-fiction text and one unseen literary non-fiction text

Section B: Writing

·Writing to present a viewpoint

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

80 marks

50 % of GCSE



Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

Speaking and listening:

- Presenting/persuading an idea and opinion
 - Responding to questions and feedback
 - Use of standard English
- Internally assessed.

Pass/Merit/Distinction

Reading and Discussion

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk>
<https://www.independent.co.uk/>
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news>
<https://www.channel4.com/news/>
<https://www.itv.com/news>
<https://news.sky.com/>



Phone Apps



The screenshot shows the Sky News website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Sky News logo, a weather widget for 19 Jan (6°), and a "Watch Live" button. Below the navigation bar, there are links for Home, UK, Politics, World, US, Money, Science, Climate & Tech, Ents & Arts, Programmes, Puzzles, Videos, and More. The main content area is titled "TOP STORIES" and features a large image of firefighters battling a fire. The headline reads "At least 24 dead as LA fires rage on - with high winds expected to fan flames". Other news items include "Tennis stars send message of support to LA from Melbourne Open" and "Water 'not the problem' for LA firefighters trying to prevent fires returning".

The screenshot shows the BBC News website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the BBC logo, a "Sign in" button, and links for Home, News, Sport, Weather, iPlayer, Sounds, and iPlayer. Below the navigation bar, there is a "Discover your BBC" section with "Sign in" and "Register" buttons. The main content area features several news items, including "UK will be 'world leader in AI' says PM as he prepares to unveil", "Biden and Netanyahu discuss Gaza ceasefire talks as momentum builds", and "The truth behind your £10 dress: Inside the Chinese factories fuelling Shein's success".

Flash Cards

Be the **G.O.A.T**

Question: What is a simile?



Be the **G.O.A.T**

Question: What is a rhetorical question?



Be the **G.O.A.T**

Answer: When the writer makes a comparison between two things using the words 'as' or 'like'



Be the **G.O.A.T**

Answer: When a question is asked but does not require an answer.

The intended effect it to make the audience think.



Practice Papers

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Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing

Monday 5 June 2023 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- **Source A** - provided as a separate insert.

Instructions

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- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- There are 40 marks for **Section A** and 40 marks for **Section B**.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your **reading** in **Section A**.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your **writing** in **Section B**.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the source and all five questions you have to answer.
- You are advised to plan your answer to **Question 5** before you start to write.
- You should make sure you leave sufficient time to check your answers.

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Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

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MR BRUFF - Youtube



Metacognition Madness

Get your child/student to walk you through how they would answer each question.

Then get them to write this a series of steps/instructions towards success.

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Overview

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Assignments

Ask Amelia

1 Key Terms

2 Language Techniques

3 Paper 1: Reading

4 Paper 1: Writing

5 Paper 2: Reading

6 Paper 2: Writing

Authors, References & Resources

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Mental health & wellbeing

English Language: AQA GCSE

Search for notes or a topic



Cram mode

Speed test your knowledge across multiple topics



Mini-mock

Custom exam based on your study history



Ask Amelia

Upload images for instant homework help

Next section

1.1.1 Nouns

Start learning

For you

Top 5

Wrong answers

Smart learning

Key Terms

0 wrong answers

0/0/0

Language Techniques

1 wrong answers

0/0/0

0 wrong answers

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How to be successful...

- Start revising early - months before the exams
- Use a revision timetable to organise when you are going to revise
- Know which topics you need to revise, reflect on your areas of strength and weakness
- Chunk up your revision into 30 minute sessions and then take a 10 minute break
- Set up a study area where you can work
- Remove distractions - when revising, put your phone away and turn the TV off
- Put post-it notes up with key information on around the house
- Complete practice papers in timed conditions
- Don't just read over your notes! Turn your notes into flashcards / mind maps
- Reward yourself - when you have completed a revision session, reward yourself with chocolate, or some time watching your favourite TV show.

Resources:

- Sugar paper
- Pens
- Articles
- Paper 1