



AQA GCSE English Language and GCSE English Literature

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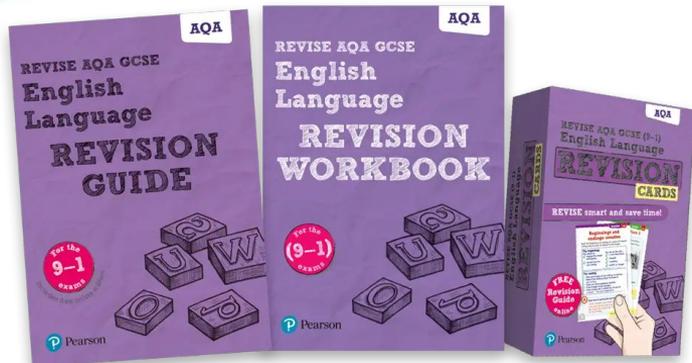
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English Language



GCSE Revision Bundle
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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

English Literature

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

Section A: Shakespeare (**Macbeth**)

Extract and whole play question

Section B: 19th-Century novel (**A Christmas Carol**)

Extract and whole text question

Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes

64 marks

40 % of GCSE

Paper 2: Modern texts and Poetry

Section A: Modern texts (**An Inspector Calls**)

One essay question from a choice of two

Section B: Poetry (**Worlds and Lives Poetry**)

One comparative question on one named poem and one other poem from the chosen anthology cluster

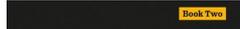
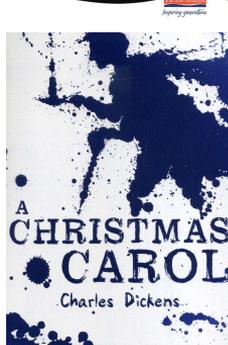
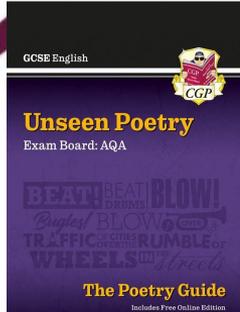
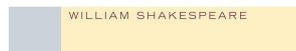
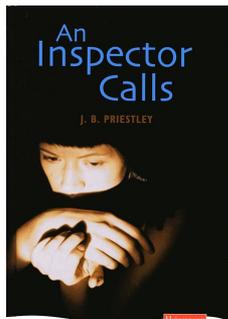
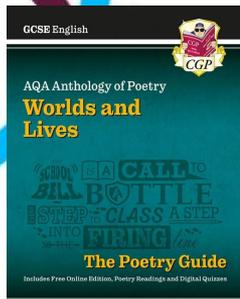
Section C: Unseen poetry

One question on one unseen poem and one question comparing

Written exam: 2 hours 15 minutes

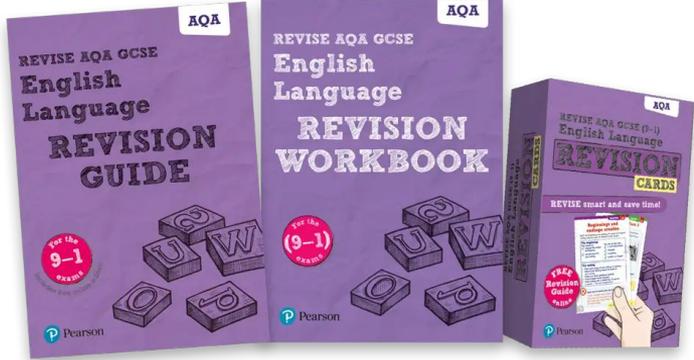
96 marks

60 % of GCSE



Revision Guides

Available through Amazon, these can be brought 'used' to save money. Alternatively, contact footman@astleycooper.herts.sch.uk for further purchase options.



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AQA Anthology of Poetry
Worlds and Lives

The Poetry Guide
Includes Free Online Edition, Poetry Readings and Digital Quizzes

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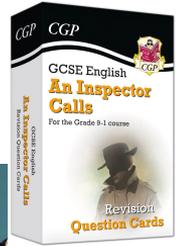
Unseen Poetry
Exam Board: AQA

The Poetry Guide
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Book Two

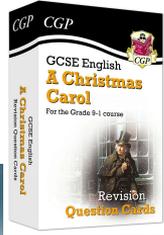
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AN INSPECTOR CALLS
J. B. Priestley



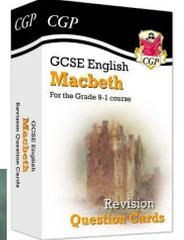
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A CHRISTMAS CAROL
Charles Dickens



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MACBETH
William Shakespeare



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English Language

How can parents help?

- Encourage reading at home. Books are available through the school library. Students should be reading a range of texts from novels, newspaper articles, travel writing, etc. Students may ask their English teacher for different forms of writing for them to read as additional homework.
- Completion of Seneca homework.
- There are various websites to download example, past and teacher-made examination papers and answers. Please ask your child to discuss this with their English teacher.
- Know the subject terminology! (Students are encouraged to create flashcards, mind maps, etc. to help them revise these terms – quiz them on it.)
- Purchase the revision guides to use at home.



English Literature

How can parents help?

- Encourage your children to write out key quotes (in mind maps or flashcards, or whatever works for them), then test them on those quotations.
- Encourage your children to create timelines of the texts – what happens and when?
- Encourage your children to create character profiles.
- Encourage your children to teach you about the text!
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Helpful Revision Resources

How can parents help?

- Mr Bruff YouTube
 - https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=mr+bruff+language+
- BBC BiteSize
 - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4>
- Revision World (Past Papers & Mark Schemes)
 - <https://revisionworld.com/a2-level-level-revision/english-language-gcse-level/english-language-gcse-past-papers/aqa-gcse-english-language-past-papers>
- Seneca work