



AQA GCSE English Language

Assessment Overview

- You will be assessed by two externally examined papers: Paper 1 and Paper 2.
- Both papers are 1 hour and 45 minutes long, 80 marks and worth 50% of the qualification.
- Both papers are divided into two sections: Section A – 40 marks, Section B – 40 marks

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading – one literature fiction text

- 1 short form question (4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

Section B: Writing

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

Section A: Reading – two linked texts

(One non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text)

- 1 short form question (4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

Section B: Writing to present a viewpoint

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Assessment Objectives

AO1: • identify and interpret explicit and implicit 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.

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Area for Revision	Resources	Strategy
<p>Paper 1 Section A Reading Q1-4</p>	<p>Question 1: https://youtu.be/Ch-XgnluOf4 Question 2: https://youtu.be/h0gDzLhfxRI Writing a summary: https://youtu.be/HjwX7nw6Py0 Question 3: https://youtu.be/TsNblIz2zgg STRUCTURE: https://youtu.be/D_ykK8WVZX0 Question 4: https://youtu.be/GeLS4hgflzY Question 4 - 20 marks means 20 minutes: https://youtu.be/9Yg13GDnpMY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the videos and then practise your answers. • Use the mark schemes on AQA to help you to review your work against the exemplar material.
<p>Paper 1 Section B Creative Writing – Narrative and To Describe Using structure Using language Technical Accuracy Use of punctuation</p>	<p>Revision and Overview: https://youtu.be/y26D_eBSuzU Approaching the picture and gaining the marks: https://youtu.be/u5loSHRzfU0 Including structural and language features: https://youtu.be/oFwxrPAbqyo Examples of Work: https://youtu.be/YrytyXVRCrs Exam Style Questions: https://youtu.be/5vKpY4fNT7w</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise writing answers and ask your teacher for feedback. • Revise punctuation. • Use a thesaurus to develop your vocabulary for key senses, colours, movements and sounds.
<p>For Both Sections</p>	<p>Past papers and mark schemes: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4 Mock Exam: https://youtu.be/M6exYY21XGw Seneca Learning: https://www.senecalearning.com/ 5 things to learn from Nov 2019: https://youtu.be/2UPd0rVyRQ8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise answers for each question and review your answers against the mark schemes and exemplar material from the exam board. • Use BBC Bitesize and Seneca Learning to revise and test core skills.

Area for Revision	Resources	Strategy
<p>Paper 2 Section A</p>	<p>Question 1: https://youtu.be/wtgpdXbSUPQ Question 2: https://youtu.be/08DWu5qfhSs Question 3: https://youtu.be/bLKDSbEihmU Get the marks Q3: https://youtu.be/w0jinzmXh8c Question 4: https://youtu.be/GeLS4hgflzY Approaching Q4: https://youtu.be/qdgjgDcmOJM Q4 – Grade 9 https://youtu.be/Q7e6m56liJl</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watch the videos and then practise your answers. • Use the mark schemes on AQA to help you to review your work against the exemplar material.
<p>Paper 2 Section B</p> <p>Writing to Persuade Writing to Argue Writing to Inform Writing to Explain</p> <p>Article Newspaper – Broadsheet Letter Speech</p>	<p>Approaching the paper: https://youtu.be/8bhpgRzrs64 What to expect: https://youtu.be/iCWb71Srbks Reviewing examples and approach: https://youtu.be/UEBXRNnTCFs Let Eminem help: https://youtu.be/ZgWRnjq9kLo What makes a good article: https://youtu.be/kVJrorBZlao Reviewing a higher response example: https://youtu.be/1cEn-q9uSM0 Crafting a response: https://youtu.be/n-4cXvVO1Zs Writing a Broadsheet News Article: https://youtu.be/jurpjpWmJ4</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise writing answers and ask your teacher for feedback. • Revise punctuation. • Make cue cards for each writing purpose. Use the videos here to help, as well as BBC Bitesize.
<p>For Both Sections</p>	<p>Past papers and mark schemes: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/assessment-resources BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zcbchv4 Seneca Learning: https://www.senecalearning.com/ Section A and Section B: https://youtu.be/77CW4j4A58</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practise answers for each question and review your answers against the mark schemes and exemplar material from the exam board. • Use BBC Bitesize and Seneca Learning to revise and test core skills.