



GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT

SUMMER 2022 ONLY

Component 1: 20th Century Literature Prose
Reading and Creative Prose Writing.
Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes
40% of qualification

Section A (20%) – Reading (40 marks)

This section will test through structured questions the reading of an unseen extract from one 20th century literary prose text (about 60-100 lines). This section assesses AO1, AO2 and AO4.

Section B (20%) – Prose Writing (40 marks)

This section will test creative prose writing through one 40-mark task. Candidates will be offered a choice of four titles giving opportunities for writing to describe and narrate, and imaginative and creative use of language. This response should be a narrative / recount.

Candidates who write purely descriptively, or use a form other than that specified, such as poetry or drama, will not be able to access the full mark range as shown in the assessment criteria. This section assesses AO5 and AO6.

Component 2: 19th and 21st Century Non-Fiction
Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing
Written examination: 2 hours
60% of qualification

Section A (30%) – Reading (40 marks)

This section will test through structured questions the reading of two high-quality unseen non-fiction texts (about 900-1200 words in total), one from the 19th century, the other from the 21st century. Non-fiction texts may include, but will not be limited to: letters, extracts from autobiographies or biographies, diaries, reports, articles and digital and multi-modal texts of various kinds from newspapers and magazines, and the internet. This section assesses AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4.

Section B (30%) – Writing (40 marks)

This section will test transactional, persuasive and/or discursive writing through two equally weighted compulsory tasks (20 marks each). Across the two tasks candidates will be offered opportunities to write for a range of audiences and purposes, adapting style to form and to real-life contexts in, for example, letters, articles, reviews, speeches, etc. This section assesses AO5 and AO6.

Component 3: Spoken Language
Unweighted

Candidates will be required to complete one formal presentation or speech. They will also be assessed on their responses to questions and feedback following the presentation or speech. Standard English should be a feature of all parts of the candidates' work in this component. This component assesses AO7, AO8 and AO9.

Achievement in Spoken Language will be reported as part of the qualification, but it will not form part of the final mark and grade

Summary of changes for 2022

Components 1 + 2:
Written exams (100%)

There are no changes to the assessment of these components.

Component 3
Non exam assessment
Unweighted

- Learners will need to complete the Spoken Language endorsement **but there is no requirement for teachers to record or submit a sample of audio-visual recordings of the Spoken Language assessment for exam board monitoring.**
- The Spoken Language assessment is permitted to take place before a single teacher who can represent an 'audience'.
- The Spoken language assessment may be conducted by the teacher at any time during the course by virtual means where necessary.

Rationale:

The changes will help to ensure flexibility for teachers and free up the time that would normally be spent by teachers recording student presentations. The changes also accommodate potential on-going public health restrictions.

Candidates entering the qualification in 2023 should use the accredited [specification](#).