WJEC Eduqas GCE English Literature

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Frequently Asked Questions

Is my centre able to make entries for WJEC Eduqas GCE English Literature?

WJEC Eduqas GCE English Literature is available to:

- all schools and colleges in England
- schools and colleges in independent regions such as Northern Ireland, Isle of Man and the Channel Islands
- independent schools in Wales.

This Eduqas qualification is **not** available for candidates in maintained schools and colleges in Wales.

What are the set texts and do we have to use specific versions?

A full list of set texts can be found here. While the Collins Complete Shakespeare will be used for the extracts in Component 2, centres can choose any published version of the full individual play for teaching.

Will the set texts change?

Yes, some of the set texts will be changed after the first three years of the specification. The board will alert centres to any changes.

Are there prescribed lists for the poetry collections in Component 1?

For Section A of Component 1, there are prescribed lists for the collections by Donne, Keats and Rossetti. These lists can be found in Appendix C on pages 23-24 of the specification. Some of the collections have prescribed lists in Section B of Component 1 and these can be seen in the set texts list.

Is there any non-examination assessment [NEA] in the qualification?

Yes. Component 4 is internally assessed and externally moderated. It requires learners to submit a 2500-3500 word assignment based on the reading of two prose texts by different authors, one published pre-2000 and the other published post-2000. Both texts must be nominated and submitted to WJEC for approval by the end of September in the year prior to submission.

Can any prose text be studied for the NEA?

No. Texts must be substantial and of sufficient literary merit for A level study. Both texts must be nominated and submitted to WJEC for approval by the end of September in the year prior to submission.

Please note:

- For the purposes of this unit, the term 'prose text' will be taken to include the novel, a collection of short stories, autobiography and memoir, travel writing and essays.

How do I nominate NEA texts for approval?

The nominations page appears on Portal. Once you log in,

The deadline for the nomination of texts is **31 November**. After this date, please email gceenglish@wjec.co.uk for further instructions.

Are centres required to have the NEA tasks formally approved by WJEC Eduqas?

No. There is no requirement to submit tasks for approval. If you are uncertain about or need support with any non-exam assessment tasks, please email gceenglish@wjec.co.uk

What if a candidate has failed to keep within the word count for NEA?

There is no fixed penalty as the word count is advisory only. Candidates who offer work that is too short, however, are penalising themselves by not allowing appropriate coverage of the required assessment objectives. Candidates who exceed the advisory word count are penalising themselves through a lack of precision and focus.

How do I administer the NEA?

It is important that non-exam assessment is rigorously monitored by centres to ensure that candidates' work is their own.

Centres should monitor in a number of ways, for example:

- careful record-keeping of the progress of learners' work, particularly the submission of drafts
- careful consideration of whether the work submitted is characteristic of the learner's ability/attainment
- keeping the work that students have submitted secure in a securely locked cabinet or cupboard.

A cover sheet must be completed for all candidates, regardless of whether or not they are included in the sample sent to the moderator. All candidates are required to sign a statement endorsing the originality of their assignment(s) and centres must countersign that they have taken all reasonable steps to validate this.

Centres can include this checklist to ensure that all the administrative elements have been completed.

Do candidates need to reference in their essay and include a bibliography?

Yes. This does not constitute part of the assessment but it is a requirement. References to particular critics' work or other sources must always be clearly acknowledged: by direct reference, if a quotation is used, and by an appended bibliography.

How many drafts are candidates allowed to complete?

Guidance may be given by teachers in the re-drafting of assignments but this must only consist of general observations. Once an assignment is finally submitted and marked the work may not be further revised. In no cases are fair copies of marked work acceptable. Drafts must be included for the external moderator where they are likely to be important for a fair assessment of the final version.

What if I find any evidence of plagiarism?

Centres are required to be vigilant and to refuse to award marks or submit for moderation any work which they consider to be not the candidate's own. Candidates will be penalised for any attempt to plagiarise. General advice and guidance on how to proceed if plagiarism is suspected can be found on the JCQ website.

What should I do if I need to request an extension to the NEA submission deadline?

Where a centre has been affected by circumstances beyond its control, it may, in exceptional cases, be possible to grant a short extension. Please contact the Subject Officer if an extension is required. A request for an extension of over a week must be in the form of a written form, completed by the Head of Centre.

How do I submit the marks for the NEA?

Marks are submitted to WJEC via the Internal Assessment Mark Input System (IAMIS). IAMIS will be open for centre use at least ten days ahead of the deadline for submission (4 May).

The first step in preparing to input marks is to request a portal log-in as a secondary account holder from your Exams Officer. Your candidates' names/ numbers are pre-populated on the system from the entries your centre has made. You can submit marks as soon as the submission window opens. The input and submission of marks **must** be completed by the submission deadlines

For further details, please refer to the guidance on the WJEC Eduqas webpage: Internal Assessment – Submission of Marks.

How do I choose the NEA sample?

Once the marks have been submitted on IAMIS, a sample of candidates will be identified automatically by the system. The automatic sample will be based on the overall rank order for the total entry.

If the sample contains a candidate whose work is incomplete, then subject teachers should indicate on the system the nearest candidate (either higher or lower) with complete work. The incomplete work should not be sent to the moderator.

An explanatory note to the moderator must accompany the folders in such cases where the sample sent by the centre differs from the sample chosen by the system.

How can I access exemplar that demonstrate the marking standards for this qualification?

We keep exemplar responses on our Online Exam Review site. From here, you will be able to download responses annotated by the Principal Examiner and clean versions of the responses to use in the classroom.

Do you offer training for centres?

Yes. Details of our face-to-face training can be found on the WJEC website and we offer a range of support material on the subject page.

What resources are available to help me deliver this course?

There are a number of resources to support you. Some can be found on the 'Related Documents' page for the subject while interactive resources are housed on the Eduqas Digital Resources site.

Are there any re-sit opportunities for GCE English Literature?

This is a linear qualification in which all assessments must be taken at the end of the course. Assessment opportunities will be available in the summer series each year, until the end of the life of this specification.

A qualification may be taken more than once. Candidates must resit all examination components in the same series.

Marks for NEA may be carried forward for the life of the specification. If a candidate resits an NEA component (rather than carrying forward the previous NEA mark), it is the new mark that will count towards the overall grade, even if it is lower than a previous attempt.

Where a candidate has certificated on two or more previous occasions, the most recent NEA mark is carried forward, regardless of whether that mark is higher or lower (unless that mark is absent)

How much of the qualification needs to be taken in the final year of study?

Candidates must sit all components at the end of their period of study. If a candidate is re-sitting, all externally-assessed components must be taken but the mark for the internally-assessed NEA can be carried forward.

Can a candidate enter for GCE English Literature and another GCE English qualification?

There are no restrictions on candidates entering either GCE English Language or GCE English Language and Literature with this specification.

Where can we find Sample Assessment Materials for the specification?

Sample Assessment Materials are available on the subject page of our WJEC Eduqas website. Past papers will be available on the day the results are issued in August on Portal.

What is the course code?

The course code for this specification is A720QS

If I have any more questions who do I contact?

The GCE English Literature team and the wider Eduqas team will be happy to answer any queries you might have.

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