
ENGLISH LANGUAGE

You will sit a Paper 1 exam (1h 45m) – *Creative Reading and Writing*.

Topics/skills vary by question. The best revision is knowing what skills are required for each question, and practising them.

Finding information

This is tested in question 1 (4 marks). You need to read part of the source and choose the correct answer in four multiple-choice tasks to show your understanding of what you have read.

Language Analysis

This is tested in questions 2 (8 marks) and 4 (20 marks). You need to be able to pick out language methods (e.g. word choices, metaphor) and explain how the meanings of these choices create effects.

Structure Analysis

This is tested in question 3 (8 marks). You need to be able to pick out the writer's structural choices (e.g. focus at the beginning, shifts within the middle, focus at the end) and explain how these create the effect in the question.

Evaluation

This is tested in question 4 (20 marks). You need to be able to explain in detail how much you agree/disagree with a statement about the source, and support this with a range of quotations. You must also analyse how the writer's methods have shaped the way you think (e.g. by analysing language, like Q2).

Creative Writing

This is tested in question 5 (40 marks). You need to be able to produce an extended description or the opening of a story (6 paragraphs). A range of skills must be shown to earn the marks:

AO5 Skills (24 marks)	AO6 Skills (16 marks)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thoughtfully chosen vocabulary• Use of creative methods (e.g. metaphor, simile)• Showing, not telling• Clear structure, and structural features (e.g. flashback)• Paragraphs• Clear communication of ideas, engaging the reader (e.g. by creating tension)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Range of punctuation ; : ? ... ! –• Range of sentence types, openers and length, including for effect (e.g. short sentence)• Range of vocabulary• Accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation• Use of Standard English