**Pearson Edexcel English Language GCSE**

**English Language Exam Paper 1**

● 40% of the GCSE.

● **Section A** – Reading: questions on an unseen 19th-century fiction extract.

● **Section B** – Imaginative Writing: a choice of two writing tasks. The tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extract.

● **Exam duration 1 hour and 45 minutes.a**

**Overview of content**

● Study selections from a range of prose fiction.

● Develop skills to analyse and evaluate 19th-century fiction extracts.

● Develop imaginative writing skills to engage the reader.

● Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

**English Language Exam Paper 2**

● 60% of the GCSE.

● Section A – Reading: questions on two thematically linked, unseen non-fiction extracts.

● Section B – Transactional Writing: a choice of two writing tasks. The tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extracts.

●**Exam duration: 2 hours 5 minutes.**

**Overview of content**

● Study a range of 20th and 21st-century non-fiction texts (including literary non-fiction).

● Develop skills to analyse, evaluate and compare non-fiction extracts.

● Develop transactional writing skills for a variety of forms, purposes and audiences.

● Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

**Spoken Language Assessment**

This is a compulsory requirement of the GCSE, completed in Year 10. It will appear on your certificates as a separate grade, alongside the overall grade issued.

**Assessment Objectives**

● Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting.

● Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including to questions and feedback to presentations.

● Use spoken Standard English effectively in speeches and presentations.

**The presentation is graded Pass or Merit or Distinction.**

**Pearson Edexcel English Literature GCSE**

**English Literature Exam Paper 1 – ‘Macbeth’ and ‘Journey’s End’**

● 50% of the GCSE.

● Section A – ‘Macbeth’: a two-part question – one close analysis of an extract from the play, one short general essay about the whole play, including context.

● Section B – ‘Journey’s End’: ONE essay question, including context and marked for SPAG.

● **Exam duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes.**

● No books can be taken into the exam.

**Overview of content**

● Study ‘Macbeth’ and ‘Journey’s End’.

● Develop skills to analyse how the language, form, structure and context of texts can create meanings and effects.

● Develop skills to maintain a critical style and informed personal response.

**English Literature Exam Paper 2 – ‘A Christmas Carol’, Anthology Poetry and Unseen Poetry**

● 50% of the GCSE.

● Section A – ‘A Christmas Carol’: one close analysis of a short extract from the novel, one short general essay about the whole text. The extract is approximately 400 words.

● Section B – Poetry.

Part 1: Anthology Poetry. One essay question comparing a named poem from the Anthology to another poem from the anthology. The namedpoem will be shown in the question paper.

Part 2: ONE question comparing twounseen contemporary poems.

● **Exam duration: 2 hours and 15 minutes.**

● No books can be taken into the exam.

**Overview of content**

● Study ‘A Christmas Carol’ and the 15 Conflict poemsfrom the Anthology.

● Develop skills to analyse how the language, form, structure and context of texts can create meanings and effects.

● Develop skills to maintain a critical style and informed personal response.

● Develop comparison skills.