

Edexcel GCSE English Language and Literature 9-1 LUTC

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English Language and English Literature are two separate subjects. The separate components of these exams are listed below:

Language Paper 1 (40%)	Language Paper 2 (60%)
<p>Section A: 1 hour 45 minutes Unseen 19th century fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extract will be approximately 650 words in length. • Shorter response questions will focus on close reading of the text; longer response questions will ask students to show their understanding of the whole text. 	<p>Section A: 2 hours Comparison of two unseen texts from the 20th and 21st century</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One will be non-fiction; the other literary non-fiction. • Extracts will be up to 1000 words in total. • Shorter response questions will focus on the close reading of the individual texts; a longer response question will ask students to compare the writers' use of language.
<p>Section B: Creative writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of two tasks linked to the theme of the 19th century fiction. • One task will include images as an optional stimulus for learners. • Assessing writing for audience and purpose, tone, style and register as well as grammatical and structural features, vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation. 	<p>Section B: Transactional writing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choice of two tasks linked to the theme of the comparison texts. • Newspaper articles, letters etc. • Assessing writing for audience and purpose, tone, style and register as well as grammatical and structural features, vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation.

GCSE English Literature Paper 1 (50%)	GCSE English Literature Paper 1 (50%)
<p>Section A: 1 hour 45 minutes Shakespeare</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two questions – one based on an extract of approximately 30 lines and one on the whole play. 	<p>Section A: 2 hours 15 minutes 19th Century fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two questions – one based on an extract of approximately 400 words (provided for students) and one based on the whole novel.
<p>Section B: Post-1914 British Drama or Fiction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students study EITHER drama or fiction. • Choice of essay questions. • Vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation are assessed. 	<p>Section B: Poetry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One question comparing one named poem from the chosen anthology collection, and another anthology poem of the students' choice from the same collection. • One question asking students to compare two unseen contemporary poems.
<p>Shakespeare: <i>Romeo and Juliet</i>, British fiction or drama: <i>An Inspector Calls</i> OR <i>Blood Brothers</i>, 19th century novel: <i>Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde</i> OR <i>A Christmas Carol</i></p>	