KS4 English Language: Year 10 and Year 11

Exam Board: AQA
Specification:
www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/english/gcse/english-language-8700/specification-at-a-glance

Topics Covered:

Non-Fiction extracts from 19th, 20th 21st centuries
Fiction extracts from 20th , 21st centuries

Analysis of the effects of language
Information retrieval
Identification of facts and opinions
Analysis of the effects of structure in crafted writing

Writing to describe
Writing for a viewpoint and purpose eg. to argue and persuade

Links to helpful web-based resources:

BBC Bitesize
Seneca Learning

Suggested reading/ revision guides

Collins Snap Revision Guides
CPG Revision Guides

How is the course assessed?

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing
1hr 45 mins. 80 marks 50% of GCSE
Section A: Reading
- one literature fiction text

Reading (40 marks) (25%)– one single text
- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

Section B: Writing
descriptive or narrative writing
Writing (40 marks) (25%)
- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Paper 2: Writer's viewpoints and Perspectives
1hr 45 min. 80 marks 50 of GCSE
Section A: Reading
- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

Reading (40 marks) (25%) – two linked texts
- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (1 x 8, 1 x 12 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 16 marks)

Section B: Writing
writing to present a viewpoint
1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

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