



English Literature A-Level



Advanced Level

Exam Board: AQA

Entry Requirements:

At least Grade B/6 at GCSE

"A student of literature will have an enquiring mind. As well as a love of reading, they should have an interest in humanity, our history and how it is represented in literary texts. They will learn how to read critically as well as how a writer uses the tools of language to construct beautiful, passionate, terrifying or life changing stories. It is through literature that we can learn what it is to live a different life in a different time and place. The study of literature is highly academic and will be excellent preparation for university. More importantly, it will broaden knowledge, insight and understanding of the human condition"

Paper 1: Love through the ages

Study of three texts: one poetry and one prose text of which one must be written pre-1900 and one Shakespeare play examination will include two unseen poems.

Assessed

- Written exam: 3 hours
- Open Book section C only
- 75 marks
- 40% of A Level

Questions

Section A: Shakespeare one passage-based question with linked essay (25 marks)

Section B: Unseen Poetry compulsory essay question on two unseen poems (25 marks)

Section C comparing texts one essay question linking two texts (25 marks)

Paper 2: Texts in shared contexts

Choice of two options

Option 2A: WW1 and its aftermath

Option 2B: Modern times literature from 1945 to present day

Study of three texts, one prose, one poetry and one drama of which one must be written post-2000.

Examination will include unseen extract

Assessed

- Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes
- Open book
- 75 marks
- 40% of A-Level

Questions

Section A set texts: one essay question on set text (25 marks)

Section B Contextual Linking

- One compulsory question on an unseen extract (25 marks)
- One essay question linking two texts (25 marks)

Non exam assessment: Independent Critical Study text across time

Comparative critical study of two texts, at least one of which must have been written pre-1900. One extended essay (2500 words) and a biography.

Assessed

- 50 marks
- Assessed by teachers
- 20% of A-Level
- Moderated by AQA

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