

GCSE English Literature

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

What's assessed

- [Shakespeare](#)
- [The 19th-century novel](#)

How it's assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 64 marks
- 40% of GCSE

Questions

Section A Shakespeare: students will answer one question on their play of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the play and then to write about the play as a whole.

Section B The 19th-century novel: students will answer one question on their novel of choice. They will be required to write in detail about an extract from the novel and then to write about the novel as a whole.

+ Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

What's assessed

- [Modern texts](#)
- [Poetry](#)
- [Unseen poetry](#)

How it's assessed

- written exam: 2 hour 15 minutes
- 96 marks
- 60% of GCSE

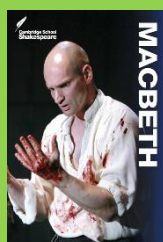
Questions

Section A Modern texts: students will answer one essay question from a choice of two on their studied modern prose or drama text.

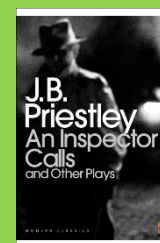
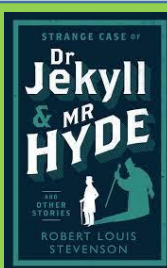
Section B Poetry: students will answer one comparative question on one named poem printed on the paper and one other poem from their chosen anthology cluster.

Section C Unseen poetry: Students will answer one question on one unseen poem and one question comparing this poem with a second unseen poem.

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AO1

Read, understand and respond to texts. Students should be able to: maintain a critical style and develop an informed **personal** response. Use textual references, **including quotations**, to **support** and **illustrate interpretations**.

AO2

Analyse the **language, form and structure** used by a writer to create **meanings and effects**, using relevant subject **terminology** where appropriate.

AO3

Show **understanding** of the **relationships** between texts and the **contexts** in which they were written.

AO4

Use a range of **vocabulary** and **sentence structures** for clarity, purpose and effect, with **accurate spelling and punctuation**.