

GCSE English Language Examination Information

Subject Content:

Component 1: Fiction and Imaginative Writing

Overview

The focus of this component is:

- Section A – Reading: study and analyse selections from a range of prose fiction.
- Section B – Imaginative writing: explore and develop imaginative writing skills

Component 2: Non-fiction and Transactional Writing

Overview

This focus of this component is:

- Section A – Reading: study and analyse selections from a range of non-fiction texts (including literary non-fiction)
- Section B – Transactional writing: explore and develop transactional writing skills, for example letters, articles, reviews.

Spoken Language Endorsement

Overview

The focus of this component is on developing spoken language skills.

Subject	Exam board	Exam Board Specification Title	Link to specification
GCSE English Languages	EDEXCEL	English Language	Specification

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Assessment:

Component 1: Fiction and Imaginative Writing *Paper code: 1EN0/01

Overview of content (40% of total GCSE)

- 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.

How it's assessed

- Section A – Reading: questions on an unseen 19th-century fiction extract.
- Section B – Writing: a choice of two writing tasks. The tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extract.
- The total number of marks available is 64.
- Assessment duration 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Component 2: Non-fiction and Transactional Writing *Paper code: 1EN0/02

Overview of content (60% of total GCSE)

- 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.

How it's assessed

- Section A – Reading: questions on two thematically linked, unseen non-fiction extracts.
- Section B – Writing: a choice of two writing tasks. The tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extracts.

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- The total number of marks available is 96.
- Assessment duration: 2 hours and 5 minutes

Spoken Language Endorsement *Paper code: 1EN0/03

Overview of content (0% of total GCSE)

- Developing spoken language skills.

How it's assessed

- The component is internally assessed under controlled conditions, and externally monitored by Pearson.
- Candidates must undertake a prepared spoken presentation on a specific topic in a formal setting, listen and respond to questions and feedback, and use spoken English effectively.
- There are no marks for the Spoken Language endorsement. Students are awarded a grade (Pass, Merit or Distinction).