



GCSE ENGLISH LITERATURE



Component	2017	2018	2019
A Christmas Carol	44%	43%	49%
Poetry Anthology	55%	48%	57%

Paper 1 now counts for approximately 46% of the qualification and Paper 2 counts for 54%

Overview of GCSE English Literature exam structure for 2021

Paper 1	Paper 2
Centres enter students with ANY two of the three options below	Compulsory paper
Paper 1A Students answer one question on their poetry anthology cluster of choice. 30 marks (AO1, AO2, AO3) Duration: 50 minutes	Section A: Compulsory Students answer one question on their Shakespeare play of choice. 30 marks (AO1, AO2, AO3) + 4 marks (AO4)
Paper 1B Students answer one question on their 19th century novel of choice. 30 marks (AO1, AO2, AO3) Duration: 50 minutes	Section B: Compulsory Students answer two questions on unseen poetry. Part 1: Students answer one question on one unseen poem. 24 marks (AO1, AO2) + 4 marks (AO4) Part 2: Students answer one question comparing the first unseen poem with a second unseen poem. 8 marks (AO2)
Paper 1C Students answer one question from a choice of two on their modern prose/drama text of choice. 30 marks (AO1, AO2, AO3) Duration: 50 minutes	
Total duration: 2 x 50 minutes Total marks = 60 (46% of qualification)	Total duration: 1 hour 45 minutes Total marks = 70 (54% of qualification)

We will be studying the Poetry Anthology and dropping 'A Christmas Carol'

WHY?

- Historically, pupils have done better with the Poetry Anthology question
- Unseen Poetry is compulsory so we have to teach the skills, these are the same skills in the Anthology
- Unseen Poetry is worth 27% of your grade, and Anthology is worth 23% of your grade – making the whole GCSE 50% on Poetry based on the SAME SKILLS.
- You don't have to deal with learning old Victorian Language
- You don't have to know the plot of entire novella
- You are given a FULL poem (not an extract) to annotate and analyse
- You will find it easier to revise 15 small poems than one big text
- Your paper WILL NOT have the ACC question printed in it.