

Subject:

English Language 1 hour 45 minutes

Exam Board: AQA

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Paper 2: Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Paper 2 Content: Students will read two non-fiction extracts from different periods in time.

Section A: Reading

- one non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction text

Section B: Writing

- writing to present a viewpoint.

Assessed

- Time given: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks in total
- 50% of GCSE

Questions**Reading (40 marks)** – 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)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

- 1 extended writing question (24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Useful revision resources:

- **Online:** Use GCSE Pod, Seneca Learning <https://senecalearning.com/en-GB/> and BBC Bitesize.
- **Language:** Collins GCSE Grade 9-1 Revision - You can't revise for GCSE 9-1 English! Yes you can, and Mark Roberts shows you how. <https://www.amazon.co.uk/cant-revise-English-Roberts-shows/dp/0008392803>
- **AQA Snap revision guides for English Language Reading and English Language Writing**
<https://collins.co.uk/collections/collins-snap-revision>
- **Mr Bruff's revision guides and videos:** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yKZ_Tr2Y-CE
- **CGP AQA English Language revision guides:** <https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english/english-lang>

Revision Tips

- **Create something new:** Just sitting and re-reading your notes isn't revision! Make something new - a knowledge organiser, a concept map, flashcards, a quiz... anything that makes you work with the knowledge actively.
- **Don't forget to practise:** Practising written responses is important to get comfortable with extended pieces of writing. Use the past papers from the exam boards and example questions provided by your class teacher.
- **Not feeling motivated? Revise little and often:** If you struggle to revise for extended periods of time, try to revise for a few minutes each day instead. You could use quotation banks or flashcards to test yourself on key quotes and writing WHAT HOW WHY paragraphs.