2018 English Language

Assessment Objectives:

- **AO1:** identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas and select and synthesise evidence from different texts
- **AO2:** Explain, comment on and analyse how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support views
- **AO3:** Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts
- AO4: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references
- **AO5:** Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences and organise information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts
- **AO6:** Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.

All texts in the examination will be unseen.

Paper 1: Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

one literature fiction text

Section B: Writing

 descriptive or narrative writing

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

Questions

Reading (40 marks) (25%)

- one single text
- 1 short form question (1 x 4 marks)
- 2 longer form questions (2 x 8 marks)
- 1 extended question (1 x 20 marks)

Writing (40 marks) (25%)

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

Tuesday 5th June 2018

Paper 2: Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives

What's assessed

Section A: Reading

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

Section B: Writing

 writing to present a viewpoint

Assessed

- written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- 80 marks
- 50 % of GCSE

Questions

Reading (40 marks) (25%)

- 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)

Friday 8th June 2018

Non-examination Assessment: Spoken Language

What's assessed

(AO7-AO9)

- presenting
- responding to questions and feedback
- use of standard English

Assessed

- teacher set throughout course
- marked by teacher
- separate endorsement (0 % weighting of GCSE)

Assessment Objectives

AO7: Demonstrate presentation skills in a formal setting

AO8: Listen and respond appropriately to spoken language, including to questions and feedback on presentations

A09: Use spoken standard English effectively in speeches and presentations