

Topic lists for GCSE English for February Mock Exams in 2022

This list covers most of what you need to know and be able to do in your English Language and Literature exams.

Language Paper 2

Non- Fiction

1hr 45 minutes

Section A Reading 1hr

Q1. Select information from a text

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13450/80839>

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13450/80840>

Q2. Compare the content of two texts. Make inferences.

Pod- <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13450/80841>

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13450/80842>

Q3. Identify key features of language from a text. Comment on their effects

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13450/80843>

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13450/80844>

Q4. Compare how writers convey their points of view, commenting on language.

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13450/80845>

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13449/80838>

GCSE pod - Comparing Texts

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13616/81630>

our Language Paper 2 Section A Knowledge Organiser

[W Knowledge Organiser Paper 2 Language - Reading 1.docx](#)

Section B Writing 45 minutes

Q5. Writing to persuade or explain. Read the question carefully and make a plan.

Pod - article <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/85135>

Pod - letter <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/85136>

Pod - speech <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/85137>

1. Vocabulary – use a range of interesting, ambitious words
2. Purpose – use language techniques to show you can persuade or describe.
3. Paragraphs - make them clear, linked and varied
4. Detail – be precise and write enough
5. Punctuation – make it accurate and varied
6. Sentences - make them clear, lively and varied
7. Spelling – spell as accurately as you can

Literature

For both sections of this paper, you will need to

- Have a sound knowledge of the text, and use it to illustrate ideas
- Plan and structure a personal response to the question
- Analyse a writer's language form and structure
- Link comments on texts to themes and contextual ideas
- Write accurately
- Have a good knowledge of vocabulary and terminology for each text
- be able to answer a question on an unseen poem
- Be able to compare the unseen poem with a second unseen poem
- Contextual ideas not assessed in section C

Unseen Poetry

The pods below are useful in supporting your preparation on the unseen exam. You won't have seen the poems before, so the key things to remember about how to approach the paper are

- Say 3 things about 3 things
- What? How ? Why?

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/63500> (How to tackle an unseen poem)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/63501> (looking for patterns)

Here are the slides for the first two lessons we've worked on in class.

 Unseen Poetry - 1

 Unseen Poetry Lesson 2

An Inspector Calls. (50 Minutes)

Here is a link to all of the CCSE pods on An Inspector Calls. Pick areas where you feel less confident. Pause as you listen and create mind maps and spider diagrams. All the pods are recommended.

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/11764/72565>

Mr Bruff's videos are useful too - here is an example on generations. Search out more on youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XaZSujrmt58> (on generations - Mr Bruff)

This set of slides comes from our most recent revision lesson on An Inspector Calls. There are several practical revision techniques here for you to prepare for the exam.

☐ Lesson 10 AIC Revision Nov/Dec 2021 - Lesson Video link is on slide 1

An Inspector Calls Knowledge Organiser - here

☐ [Template] AIC New Knowledge Organiser 2021

An Inspector Calls key Quotations here

☐ AIC key quotations

ENGLISH – HOW TO PREPARE

There are four exam papers in English this summer – Language papers 1&2.

Literature Paper 1 has the questions on An Inspector Calls and A Christmas Carol.

Literature Paper 2 has questions on Macbeth and Unseen poetry.

FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- Use the Blatch English Department's Knowledge organisers.
- Memorise how much time to spend on each question, what each question will be about and how many marks are available. Memorise the sentence starters too
- revise and learn 'upgrade your sentence' sheets [Sentence upgrade grid](#)
- Get plenty of individual timed practice using past paper resources from the websites below
- Read the news media, especially opinion pieces – annotate and analyse
- Read fiction texts - annotate and analyse
- Create a paper one reading paper using the opening 7 or 8 paragraphs of your favourite novels - use the question structure as a guide. Answer the questions.
- Write a descriptive piece of writing based on an interesting picture from the news media or online
- Revisit and improve past papers used in class or for mock exams

FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE

- Reread key scenes/whole texts
- Get hold of your own copy of the text to annotate
- check the 'useful resources' section of your Google Classroom
- complete unfinished slides/revision exercises on Google Classroom
- Create revision cards writing a character's name or theme on one side, with key quotes and explanations on the other.
- Chart a character's development in a text using a timeline
- Expand the notes in your exercise books/Google Classroom while listening to an appropriate "pod" from the GCSE pod website
- Chart a theme or a character using a mind map – include key quotes and thoughts on their effects
- Practice using papers you can get hold of on websites below, in timed conditions
- Revisit and improve mock exams
- Choose an extract from Macbeth or the 19th Century text, and create your own question
- Learn contents of your knowledge organisers

OVERALL

- Explain to your parents what homework you have - show it to them.
- Revise actively – always read with a highlighter and highlight key points sparingly
- While using the revision guides or online resources above, stop and test yourself. Answer suggested questions and create your own.
- Create a revision timetable so each part of the exam is revisited several times
- Revise effectively – take rest breaks!
- Use the RIC or the OLA to revise and study

RECOMMENDED STUDY GUIDES

The best study guides are your books/folders. These contain all notes made during the course, practice essays and feedback, and mocks and feedback over the two year course. Also, learn from the feedback your teachers have given in Google classroom lessons set since March 2020

CGP provide study guides for all aspects of the exam. These can be purchased from the RIC at the discounted price of £3 for literature guides (£5.95 on the High Street) and £5.50 for the guide for both language papers (normally £10.99) More are on order.

USEFUL WEBSITES TO SUPPORT THE REVISION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

<http://www.sparknotes.com/sparknotes/>

(for literature texts only – doesn't include the poems)

<https://www.gcsepod.com/>

(has everything!)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/examspecs/zcbchv4>

(For AQA Language)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/education/examspecs/zxqncwx>

(For AQA Literature – all texts)

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

(exam board website – select language or literature on the drop down menu)

<https://www.teachit.co.uk/ks4>

(more teacher based, but has past papers and exam style tasks)

Check the homework drive on Google, and/or Google classroom for key resources shared there by your class teacher.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/mrbruff>

You will find a range of videos here on every paper and text of you exams

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iN6IMZFwY50&t=64s>

The animated tale is a good way to revise plot, character and some key quotes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZmOioOyFMRk&t=2913s>

best audiobook of A Christmas Carol.