

GCSE English Revision List - 2021

This list covers most of what you need to know and be able to do well in your English Language and Literature assessments in March, April and May 2021

Language Paper 1

Fiction

(This will be taken in English Lessons

Bubbles A-F in the week beginning May 10th

Bubbles G-L in the week beginning May 17th)

Q4. Respond to a statement on a text. Explain your answer with reference to language features in the text (30 mins)

Pod - <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/13449/80837>

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

Section B Writing 45 minutes

(This will be taken in the week beginning May 24th)

Q5. Creative writing based on a picture. Read the question carefully and make a plan.

Pod - narrative <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/11410/70324>

Pod - description <https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/11410/70322>

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

English Literature

For Questions on *Macbeth*, *A Christmas Carol* and *An Inspector Calls*, you will need to

- Have a sound knowledge of the text, and use it to illustrate ideas
- Plan and structure a personal response to exam questions
- write a short introduction with your thesis (your opinion on 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

Macbeth (1 hour)

(This will be taken in the week beginning April 19th)

Focus your revision on the character of Macbeth, and themes of heroism, masculinity/gender and ambition.

You will be given a booklet containing key extracts from the play which you should read and annotate carefully. We will begin making annotations in our final revision lessons.

All of the GCSE pods are useful, but the most useful ones are:

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/72452> (on Macbeth)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/72459> (on gender/masculinity)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/72458> (on ambition)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/72460> (on the supernatural)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/11734/72445> (Link to all Macbeth pods)

A Christmas Carol (1 hour)

(This will be taken in the week beginning May 24th)

Focus your revision on the character of Scrooge and the ghosts, and themes of isolation, redemption/change and poverty.

You will be given a booklet containing key extracts from the play which you should read and annotate carefully. We will begin making annotations in our final revision lessons.

Again, all the pods are useful, and you can find them here.

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/10255/62508>

The key ones to focus on are:

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62503> (Scrooge)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62504> (Marley's Ghost and The Ghost of Christmas Past)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62505> (The Ghost of Christmas Present, and The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62527> (sickness and greed)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62511> (setting/context)

An Inspector Calls. (1 hour)

(This will be taken in the week beginning April 19th)

Focus your revision on the characters of Sheila and Mr Birling, and on themes of responsibility and generations.

The key pods to focus on for An Inspector Calls are:

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62797> (on Mr Birling)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62799> (on Sheila)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62799> (on setting)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62805> (on context)

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/chapter/62828> (on responsibility)

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

The others are here - all useful

<https://members.gcsepod.com/shared/podcasts/title/10265/62803>

MORE ON HOW TO PREPARE

FOR ENGLISH LITERATURE (Macbeth, An Inspector Calls, A Christmas Carol)

- Annotate Key Extracts booklets on A Christmas Carol and Macbeth. (Hard copies will be with you soon.)
- Reread key scenes/whole texts
- Read and highlight best bits of model answers in 'Useful Resources' on GC
- Use your knowledge organisers (See 'Useful Resources' on Google Classroom page) to create flashcards for character, theme and/or key quotes.
- Chart a character's development in a text using a timeline
- Make flashcards from GCSE pods, or Mr Bruff videos
- Chart a theme or a character using a mind map – include key quotes and thoughts on their effects
- Practice using answering questions from websites below, or from the questions section of the knowledge organisers. Write short, 3 sentence 'thesis' introductions, individual paragraphs or whole answers.
- Choose an extract from Macbeth or the 19th Century text, and Create your own question for the extracts

FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE

- revise and learn 'upgrade your sentence' sheets from revision lessons
- Get some 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 your own question 4 using the opening 7 or 8 paragraphs of your favourite novels - make sure it has an opinion. Answer the question.
- Write a descriptive piece of writing based on an interesting picture from the news media or online

RECOMMENDED STUDY GUIDES

The best study guides are your books/folders/work done on Google Classroom. Learn from the feedback your teachers have given in Google classroom lessons set since March 2020. CGP provides study guides for all aspects of the exam in 2021.

USEFUL WEBSITES TO SUPPORT THE REVISION OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

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

(for literature texts only)

<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).

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

You will find a range of videos here on every paper and text of you exams - Mr Bruff very useful

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

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qfnUq2_0FOY

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.