

TGS English Department
GCSE English Language Paper 2 Overview
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GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2 . Use the following timing advice to help you prepare effectively. . Regular reading of more challenging non-fiction texts will help you prepare - especially of older texts . It is very important that you edit your work carefully. . Look very carefully at what the questions are asking you to do and pace yourself carefully		ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPER 2: WRITERS' VIEWPOINTS & PERSPECTIVES (50%) 1 HOUR 45 MINS (or 2 hrs 11 mins for students with extra time) Sources: an extract from a 19 th century text and a 20 th century text . Wording of the questions is always the same. . Reading time has been incorporated in to the timings for each question
Q1 AO1 4 marks 6 mins	Read information given about the text at the start of the extract Choose four statements which are TRUE – quick comprehension question Identify information/ideas from the opening part of the extract.	
Q2 AO2 8 marks 12 mins	Explore the differences between the two sources looking at a specific focus (eg characters) Summarise the differences and what they INFER about the focus (NO LANGUAGE ANALYSIS) Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information & ideas; select appropriate evidence/quotations from both texts	
Q3 AO2 12 marks 16 mins	Only uses the second source. Language question Explain and analyse how writer uses language to achieve specific effects and influence the reader Use relevant subject terminology and select quotations carefully	
Q4 AO4 16 marks 26 mins	Compare the whole of both sources Compare how the writers convey a particular idea or perspective and how these are conveyed to the reader Select quotations carefully	
Q5 WRITING 40 marks 45 mins AO5 AO6	ONE writing task. No choice of task. Write in a specific form eg broadsheet newspaper article. Discursive writing. Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively your point of view about a given statement . Plan your writing in your answer booklet (5 paragraph plan) - include the SPEARFACTOR elements and other methods you will use . Check the accuracy of your writing 24 marks: content and organisation 16 marks: use of vocabulary, grammar and accuracy of spelling and punctuation 5 mins planning - 35 mins writing - 5 mins checking and editing	