

TGS English Department
GCSE English Literature Exams Overview

Monday 12th May 2025

Paper 1 : 1 hour 45 minutes (or 2 hours, 11 minutes for students with extra time) 40%

SECTION A - *Macbeth* (extract) - 30 marks + 4 marks for SPaG - 52 ½ minutes (extra time: 65 minutes)

Timings: 5 minutes planning, 40 minutes writing, 2 ½ minutes editing and checking (extra time: 10 minutes planning, 50 minutes writing, 5 minutes editing & checking)

Structure: Introduction (with thesis statement), then 2-3 PEZZ paragraphs with at least one being on the extract and one on elsewhere in the play.

SECTION B - *Jekyll & Hyde* (extract) - 30 marks - 52 ½ minutes (extra time: 65 minutes)

Timings: 5 minutes planning, 40 minutes writing, 2 ½ minutes editing and checking (extra time: 10 minutes planning, 50 minutes writing, 5 minutes editing & checking)

Structure: Introduction (with thesis statement), then 2-3 PEZZ paragraphs with at least one being on the extract and one on elsewhere in the play.

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Paper 2: 2 hours 15 minutes (extra time: 2 hours 48 minutes) 60%

SECTION A - *An Inspector Calls* - 30 marks + 4 for SPaG - 45 minutes (extra time: 56 minutes)

Timings: 5 minutes planning, 35 minutes writing, 5 minutes editing and checking (extra time: 10 minutes planning, 40 minutes writing, 6 minutes editing & checking)

Structure: Introduction (with thesis statement), then 2-3 PEZZ paragraphs

SECTION B - Poetry Anthology - Power & Conflict (1 poem given in exam) - 30 marks - 45 minutes (extra time: 56 minutes)

Timings: 5 minutes planning, 35 minutes writing, 5 minutes editing and checking (extra time: 10 minutes planning, 40 minutes writing, 6 minutes editing & checking)

Structure: Introduction (with thesis statement), then 2-3 PEZZCPEZZO paragraphs

SECTION C - Unseen poetry 45 mins (extra time: 56 minutes) - 32 marks in total:

Question 1 - 24 marks - 30 minutes (extra time: 37 mins)

Timings: 5 minutes planning, 20 minutes writing, 5 minutes editing and checking (extra time: 7 minutes planning, 25 minutes writing, 5 minutes editing & checking)

Structure: 2-3 PEZZ paragraphs

Question 2 (comparison) - 8 marks - 15 minutes (extra time: 19 minutes)

Timings: 3 minutes planning, 10 minutes writing, 2 minutes checking and editing (extra time: 5 minutes planning, 10 minutes writing, 4 minutes editing & checking)

Structure: 1-2 PEZZCPEZZO paragraphs