

Exam board information	
Edexcel	
Structure of exam	
English Language Paper 1: 19th Century Fiction and Creative writing: 1 hour 45 minutes: Section A- reading (4 questions, 24 marks) Section B- writing (1 question, 40 marks)	
English Language Paper 2: Non- fiction and Transactional Writing: 2 hours 15 minutes: Section A- reading (7 questions, 64 marks) Section B- writing (1 question, 40 marks)	
English Literature Paper 1: 1 hour 45 minutes: Section A- Shakespeare (40 marks) Section B- An Inspector Calls (40 marks)	
English Literature Paper 2: 1 Hour 40 minutes-Section A: A Christmas Carol (40 marks) Section B- Conflict Poetry (20 marks) Unseen Poetry (20 marks)	
Exam paper links	Useful website/books/apps
https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/english-language-2015.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/english-literature-2015.coursematerials.html#filterQuery=Pearson-UK:Category%2FExam-materials	Re-read the core texts- Macbeth and An Inspector Calls Use the revision guides you have been given. https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/english
How to revise	Tips to answer common/extended questions
<p>Recap and memorise the layout of the exam papers for language. Ensure you are clear about the skills needed- language and structure, evaluate, compare.</p> <p>List and memorise key sentence stems which link to the skills- for example subject terminology for language and structure questions and evaluate words/phrases for evaluate.</p> <p>Ensure you understand the context of the 4 literature texts. What were the key ideas about society that Shakespeare and Priestley were exploring for their audiences? How do these idea link to the themes presented in the two plays? What are the relevant contexts of the Conflict poems? When were they written and which ideas do they reflect? Does the writer's personal experience/perspective impact on their subject matter?</p> <p>Select passages from Macbeth. If you were presented with this passage in the exam, what points would you make about language, form and structure? Annotate the passage. Memorise key quotations which would fit different themes and list them on index cards/put them around your house.</p>	<p>For the language papers, ensure you are using keywords and phrases which link to the specific skills tested in each question.</p> <p>Ensure you allow time, particularly in Paper 2 language to answer every single question. Leaving out question 7 (compare) will dramatically impact your overall grade.</p> <p>Annotate all extracts before beginning your response, this ensures your answer will have structure.</p> <p>Plan your written responses for Language before writing. Evidence of structure is as important as effective language choices.</p> <p>Ensure you weave in context in the Literature questions, in addition to supporting all ideas with quotation and explaining your ideas in detail.</p> <p>Remember to write about Macbeth and An Inspector Calls as plays, designed to be performed on a stage.</p>