

A Level English Literature

Paper 1 DRAMA – 30%

Overview of content: one Shakespeare play and one other drama – either tragedy or comedy – and a collection of critical essays related to the Shakespeare text.

Overview of assessment:

- One written examination lasting 2 hours 15 minutes
- Section A – Shakespeare 35 marks. Section B – other drama 25 marks
- A choice of two questions on each text
- Clean copies of texts (apart from the critical essays) may be used in the exam.

Paper 2 PROSE – 20%

Overview of content: two prose texts on a chosen theme. One must be pre-1900

Overview of assessment:

- One written examination lasting 1 hour
- A choice of two questions – answer only one. 40 marks
- Comparative essay
- Clean copies of the texts may be used in the exam

Paper 3 POETRY – 30%

Overview of content:

- Two poetry texts: one modern anthology and one other poet / collection

Overview of assessment:

- One written examination lasting 2 hours 15 minutes
- Section A – modern anthology poem compared with unseen poem - 35 marks. Section B other poet / collection - 25 marks
- A choice of two questions on each text - answer only one
- Clean copies of both texts may be used in the exam

COURSEWORK – 20%

One comparative essay of 2500 - 3000 words based on texts chosen by the teacher in consultation with students. There is a requirement to read a number of texts before titles are set.