

Year 11

Subject:	English Language
Exam Board:	AQA
Papers:	Paper 1 – Explorations in creative reading and writing – 1hr45 (50%) Paper 2 – Writers' viewpoints and perspectives – 1hr45 (50%)

Revision Topics	Revised
Paper 1	
Revise - Language Paper 1 Exam Strategy – how to answer each question:	
Question 1 – 4 marks – 5 minutes – multiple choice	
- Question 2 – 8 marks – 10 minutes – language - The question will always ask 'How has the writer used language to describe the ...?' - Carefully choose 2 methods and juicy quotations - SQUEEZE your quotations – say as much as you can and add layers of inference.	
- Question 3 – 8 marks – 10 minutes – structure - The question will always ask 'How has the writer structured the text to create...?' - Pick at a quotation at the beginning and explain what we are introduced to and what we learn at first - As the text develops look for a change or shift in tension, mood, time, character and explain why the writer has included this change	
- Question 4 – 20 marks – 20 minutes – evaluation - You will be given a statement about the text and asked 'To what extent to you agree?' - Split the statement in 2 – this forms the two halves of your answer - Justify if you agree or disagree, backing up with quotations and methods from the text.	
- Question 5 – 40 marks – 45 minutes - narrative writing - The isolated moment – your story is a short moment in time - Use show don't tell to describe the character and setting - Use sophisticated vocabulary - You will be marked on the accuracy of your writing so take care with your punctuation and spelling - Write 5 paragraphs (3 pages): <u>Paragraph 1</u> – setting show don't tell <u>Paragraph 2</u> – character show don't tell <u>Paragraph 3</u> – memory/ flashback/past moment <u>Paragraph 4</u> – return to the present – move it forward, what happens? <u>Final image</u> – create a cyclical structure	
Practice – Complete an English Language Paper 1 Practice Paper	
- Keep an eye on your timings - Practise completing the Question 5 first – 45 minutes	

• Spend 15 minutes reading the Source and preparing the paper – highlight key words in the questions • Spend 45 minutes answering Question 1-4	
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Revision Topics	Revised
Paper 2	
<u>Revise</u> - Language Paper 2 Exam Strategy – how to answer each question: • Question 1 – 4 marks – 5 minutes – find 4 true statements	
• Question 2 – 8 marks – 10 minutes – summary - o Read the question carefully – keep your summary on the focus of the question - o Include inferences – this is what you get marks for - o No methods needed for this question	
• Question 3 – 12 marks – 15 minutes – language - o The question will always ask ‘How has the writer used language to describe the ...?’ - o Carefully choose 3 methods and juicy quotations - o SQUEEZE your quotations – say as much as you can and add layers of inference.	
• Question 4 – 16 marks – 20 minutes – compare viewpoints - o Consider how the two writers think and feel – what is their perspective? Are criticising or celebrating a topic or issue? - o You can write about similarities or differences between the writers’ views - o Explain what the perspective is, and what quotations and methods the writer uses to show this perspective. - o SQUEEZE your quotations and add layers of inference	
• Question 5 – 40 marks – 45 minutes – viewpoint writing - o You will be asked to write an article, speech or essay - o Consider your opinion of the statement – this is the starting point to craft your writing from - o Use ethos, pathos and logos to persuade your audience – address them directly - o You will be marked on the accuracy of your writing so take care with your punctuation and spelling - o Use the hand plan to structure your writing (aim for 3 pages): ▪ <u>Paragraph 1</u> - Introduction ▪ <u>Paragraph 2</u> - Past ▪ <u>Paragraph 3</u> - Present ▪ <u>Paragraph 4</u> - Counter-argument ▪ <u>Paragraph 5</u> - Future solutions	
<u>Practice</u> – Complete an English Language Paper 2 Practice Paper • Keep an eye on your timings • Practise completing the Question 5 first – 45 minutes • Spend 15 minutes reading the two sources and preparing the paper – highlight key words in the questions • Spend 45 minutes answering Question 1-4	

How should I revise?

- Make flashcards and test yourself

- Use the Cornell note-taking strategy when you watch revision GCSE Pod or YouTube videos, or to rewrite your notes from your exercise books
- Memorise quotations **and** the analysis – link to the writers' intentions