ENGLISH Language - GCSE

ENGLISH / GCSE	***AQA English***
	Paper 1 Creative Reading & Writing Read extract from fiction text. 4 reading questions which mainly require extended answers, testing students' ability to comment on writers' use of language & structural devices and to give a personal response to a text. 1 creative writing task – narrative or description. **Paper 2 Writers' Viewpoints & Perspectives** Read 2 non-fiction texts 4 reading questions which mainly require extended answers, testing students' ability to comment on writers' use of language, compare two writers' attitudes towards a topic and write a summary. 1 non-fiction writing task – argumentative writing. In addition, there is also a requirement for students to complete an examined Speaking and Listening assessment which will be awarded a separate grade.

SUCCESS TIPS

How to be an effective writer:

- Writing which shows a good awareness of **audience** and **purpose**
- **Paragraphing** will be used accurately and paragraphs should start with a **connective or adverbial phrase**
- Sentences need to show variety and range. **Most sentences will be complex** and will use a **range of openers** to add impact. Some short, simple sentences will be used deliberately for effect.
- **Punctuation** needs to be used accurately.
- **Vocabulary** needs to appropriate to audience and purpose and students should avoid frequent repetition of the same word.
- **Spelling** needs to be accurate.

How to write an effective reading answer on a text:

- Follow the PEEL structure (Point, Example, Exploration, Link).
- Group like points together.
- Use terminology such as 'focus', 'structure', 'voice', 'simile', 'metaphor', 'negative adjective' …

Useful tips and support:

- Read regularly both fiction and non-fiction texts, making sure you think about what you've read.
- Show curiosity about new words and actively seek out more ambitious vocabulary.
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Recommended study guide:

CGP GCSE AQA English Language – The Revision Guide.

ENGLISH Literature - GCSE

ENGLISH Literature/ GCSE	*AQA English Literature*
	Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel Most students will study 'Macbeth' and 'The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde'. **Paper 2 Modern Texts and Poetry** Most students will study 'An Inspector Calls', a selection of poetry from the AQA anthology and will prepare to tackle the unseen poetry questions.

SUCCESS TIPS

How to write an effective answer on a text:

- Follow the PEEL structure (Point, Example, Exploration, Link).
- Group like points together.
- Use terminology such as 'metaphor', 'symbolic', 'imagery', 'rhyme' …

Useful tips:

- Re-read all set texts at least once.
- Create revision cards/mindmaps for every character and theme.
- Discuss thoughts with other students or adults.
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Recommended study guides:

CGP GCSE English 'An Inspector Calls' – The study guide & 'Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde' – The study guide