

Mapping the Edexcel Certificate against the New GCSE: English Language

Edexcel Certificate, English Language (January and June entry)	GCSE 2015, English Language (June and November (post-16) entry)
Paper 1, 70%, 2 hours 15 minutes	Component 1, 40%, 1 hour 45 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading an unseen non-fiction text – range of question types • Response to a non-fiction text from the studied Anthology • Two writing tasks: second task specifically to inform, explain, describe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading an unseen 19th century prose text – range of question types • One imaginative writing task – linked to theme of reading text
Paper 2, 20%, 1 hour 30 minutes	Component 2, 60%, 2 hours
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to a fiction text from the studied Anthology • Two writing tasks: explore, imagine, entertain; argue persuade, advise 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to unseen 20th/21st century non-fiction texts, including comparison • One transactional writing task
Paper 3, 10%	Separate endorsement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speaking and Listening • Individual, pair, group • Explain, describe, narrate; discuss, argue, persuade 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoken Language • Individual presentation skills • Explain, describe, narrate; discuss, argue, persuade
Key Similarities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responses to unseen texts • Organisation of a non-fiction and fiction paper • Question styles for unseen texts • Same overall examination time • Anthologies provided (studied for Cert, unseen prep. for GCSE) 	
Key Differences	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grading: A*-G, 9-1 • Studied Anthology in Cert; ‘example’ of 19th century prose and 20th/21st century non-fiction texts Anthology in GCSE • Fewer writing tasks in GCSE 2015; only 15% SPAG in Cert, 20% in GCSE • Requirement for a 19th century text in GCSE • S&L as an endorsement in GCSE 	

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Paper 1, 60%, 1 hour 45 minutes	Component 1, 50%, 1 hour 45 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One essay question on drama One essay question on prose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two part question on Shakespeare: extract and whole play One essay question Post 1914 British play or novel
Paper 2, 40%, 1 hour 30 minutes	Component 2, 50%, 2 hours 15 minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One essay question on unseen poem or prose One essay question on two studied poems from the Anthology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One essay question on 19th century novel extract and whole text One essay question comparing two poems from the Anthology (including Romantic poetry) One essay question comparing two unseen contemporary poems
Texts and SPAG	Texts and SPAG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama: A View from the Bridge, An Inspector Calls, Henry V, Much Ado, Romeo and Juliet, Importance of Being Earnest, Our Town Prose: Pride and Prejudice, TKAM, The English Teacher, OMAM, Roll of Thunder, Nineteenth century short stories. No SPAG 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shakespeare: Macbeth, The Tempest, Romeo and Juliet, Much Ado About Nothing, Twelfth Night, The Merchant of Venice Post 1914 British play/novel: Inspector Calls, Hobson's Choice, Blood Brothers, Journey's End, Animal Farm, Lord of the Flies, Anita and Me, The Woman in Black 19th century novel: Jane Eyre, Great Expectations, Jekyll and Hyde, Christmas Carol, Pride and Prejudice, Silas Marner, Frankenstein. SPAG (AO4) – 5%
Key Similarities	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paper 2 is similar to Section B of GCSE, Comp 2 – although there will be two unseen poems (no prose option) Some of the same texts available: Much Ado About Nothing, Romeo and Juliet, Inspector Calls, Pride and Prejudice. Poetry 	
Key Differences	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grading: A*-G, 9-1 Use of extracts for Shakespeare and 19th Century novel in GCSE Longer total examination time in GCSE Greater prescription of texts in GCSE: Shakespeare; Post 1914 British; 19th century novel and romantic poetry More prescribed texts to study in GCSE – 4 against Cert's 3. Comparison skills assessed in GCSE. SPAG assessed in GCSE. 	