

## IGCSE English Language (A)

### Understanding the changes to the new specifications

The table below outlines the changes from the current IGCSE specification (first examination June 2011) to the new IGCSE specification (first examination June 2012). The changes are very small and are highlighted in **RED**. If you have any questions or queries regarding the amended specifications, please read the FAQs on the website or contact the subject advisor team on 0844 372 2188 or at [EnglishSubjectAdvisor@edexcelexperts.co.uk](mailto:EnglishSubjectAdvisor@edexcelexperts.co.uk).

Current IGCSE English Language (A) Specification	Amended IGCSE English Language (A) Specification
<p><b>Paper 1</b> 70% externally assessed paper 2 hour and 15 minute paper Single Tier of Entry 60 marks</p> <p>Section A: Reading unseen passage and section A of the anthology Section B: Writing</p>	<p><b>Paper 1</b> 70% externally assessed paper 2 hour and 15 minute paper Single Tier of Entry 60 marks</p> <p>Section A: Reading unseen passage and section A of the anthology Section B: Writing <b>New improved mark schemes</b> <b>Digital text now included in the Anthology (PDF of a webpage)</b></p>
<p><b>Paper 2 (Optional)</b> 30% externally assessed paper 1 hour and 30 minute paper Single Tier of Entry 30 marks</p> <p>Section A: Reading - Section B of the anthology Section B: Writing</p>	<p><b>Paper 2 (Optional)</b> 30% externally assessed paper 1 hour and 30 minute paper Single Tier of Entry 30 marks</p> <p>Section A: Reading - Section B of the anthology Section B: Writing <b>New improved mark schemes</b></p>
<p><b>Paper 3 (Optional taken with paper 4)</b> 20% internally assessed paper 2 pieces of coursework covering reading and writing 80 marks (40 for each assignment)</p> <p>Assignment 1: Reading - Section B of the anthology Assignment 2: Writing</p>	<p><b>Paper 3 (Optional taken with paper 4)</b> 20% internally assessed paper 2 pieces of coursework covering reading and writing 80 marks (40 for each assignment)</p> <p>Assignment 1: Reading - Section B of the anthology Assignment 2: Writing</p>
<p><b>Paper 4 (Optional taken with paper 3)</b> Speaking and Listening 10% internally assessed paper 2 assignments: Individual Group work 80 marks (40 for each assignment)</p>	<p><b>Paper 4 (Optional taken with paper 3)</b> Speaking and Listening 10% internally assessed paper <b>3 assignments:</b> <b>Individual</b> <b>Pair work</b> <b>Group work</b> <b>120 marks (40 for each assignment)</b></p>

