

What are the set text rules for English exams in June 2026?

IAS/IAL English Literature: open book exams (free choice of editions other than for poetry)

From 8 May

English Literature	WET01 01	Unit 1: Post-2000 Poetry and Prose	Friday 08 May	Morning	2h 00m
	WET02 01	Unit 2: Drama	Thursday 14 May	Morning	2h 00m
	WET03 01	Unit 3: Poetry and Prose	Friday 29 May	Morning	2h 00m
	WET04 01	Unit 4: Shakespeare and Pre-1900 Poetry	Friday 05 June	Morning	2h 00m

Text guidance

Students require a clean copy of 'Decade' for WET0 01.

Int GCSE English Literature: open book exams with prescribed editions except for Modern Prose on Paper 1

From 11 May

English Literature (Linear)	4ET1 01	Paper 1: Poetry and Modern Prose	Monday 11 May	Morning	2h 00m
	4ET1 02	Paper 2: Modern Drama and Literary Heritage Texts	Tuesday 19 May	Morning	1h 30m
English Literature (Modular)	4WET1 01	Unit 1: Poetry and Modern Prose	Monday 11 May	Morning	2h 00m
	4WET2 01	Unit 2: Modern Drama and Literary Heritage Texts	Tuesday 19 May	Morning	1h 30m

Prescribed editions guidance

Int GCSE English Language: closed book with anthology texts reproduced in the question papers in a source booklet

From 21 May

English Language A	4EA1 01	Paper 1: Non-fiction Texts and Transactional Writing	Thursday 21 May	Morning	2h 15m
	4EA1 02	Paper 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and Imaginative Writing	Friday 05 June	Morning	1h 30m
English Language A (Modular)	4WEA1 01	Unit 1: Non-fiction Texts and Transactional Writing	Thursday 21 May	Morning	2h 15m
	4WEA2 01	Unit 2: Poetry and Prose Texts and Imaginative Writing	Friday 05 June	Morning	1h 30m

Anthologies are not taken into the exam.

GCSE English literature: closed book exams

From 11 May

English Literature	1ET0 01	Paper 1: Shakespeare and Post-1914 Literature	Monday 11 May	Morning	1h 45m
	1ET0 02	Paper 2: 19th Century Novel & Poetry since 1789	Tuesday 19 May	Morning	2h 15m

AS and A level English Literature: open book exams (free choice of editions other than for poetry)

From 14 May

English Literature	8ET0 01	Paper 1: Poetry & Drama	Thursday 14 May	Morning	2h 00m
	8ET0 02	Paper 2: Prose	Friday 22 May	Morning	1h 15m
	9ET0 01	Paper 1: Drama	Wednesday 13 May	Morning	2h 15m
	9ET0 02	Paper 2: Prose	Monday 01 June	Morning	1h 15m
	9ET0 03	Paper 3: Poetry	Wednesday 10 June	Morning	2h 15m

[Prescribed editions guidance](#)

Shakespeare critical anthologies are not taken into the exam. A copy of 'Decade' is required for 8ET0 01 but not for 9ET0 03 as the poem is reproduced in the question paper.

AS and A level English Language and Literature: open book exams (prescribed editions for drama and poetry) with anthology text reproduced in the question paper

From 11 May

English Language & Literature	8EL0 01	Paper 1: Voices in Speech and Writing	Monday 11 May	Morning	1h 30m
	8EL0 02	Paper 2: Varieties in Language and Literature	Monday 18 May	Morning	1h 30m
	9EL0 01	Paper 1: Voices in Speech and Writing	Monday 11 May	Morning	2h 30m
	9EL0 02	Paper 2: Varieties in Language and Literature	Friday 22 May	Morning	2h 30m

[Prescribed edition guidance in the specification from p. 49](#)

The 'Voices' anthology is not taken into the exam.