

Edexcel International GCSE (9-1) English Language A

Familiar features

- Coursework option retained
- Mix of short, extended and essay questions
- Favourite anthology texts

For example, 'A Passage to Africa' by George Alagiah and 'Disabled' by Wilfred Owen.

Key updates

- **Simple assessment structure**
Paper 1 is split into just two sections: Reading and Writing.
- **Comparison**
Students compare an anthology text with the unseen text.
- **Texts refreshed**
A number of anthology texts have been updated to refresh the course.
- **Coursework option**
Students respond to two texts and produce a commentary.
- **S&L endorsement**
Speaking and Listening is available to both examined and coursework routes as an endorsement.

Assessment at a glance

Paper 1 Exam 2 hours 15 minutes 95 marks (60%)	Paper 2 Exam 1 hour 30 minutes 60 marks (40%)	Paper 3 Coursework 60 marks (40%)
Section A Non-fiction texts a mixture of short- and extended-response questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • three short-answer questions on one unseen text • one extended-response question on one anthology text • one comparison question on the unseen and anthology texts 	Section A Poetry and Prose <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • essay question on one anthology text • choice of two questions 	Two coursework assignments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • one analytical essay exploring a topic of their choice on two anthology texts • one short commentary. • Task two: students produce a personal and imaginative writing piece.
Section B Transactional Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • transactional writing, e.g. article or speech • choice of two questions 	Section B Imaginative Writing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personal and imaginative writing • choice of three questions 	
Spoken Language endorsement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students present on a topic of their choice, listen to questions and respond using Standard English. • Teacher set and assessed. • Endorsement reported as a separate line on the certificate. 		