

Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

English Language Paper 1:

FICTION AND IMAGINATIVE WRITING

TIME: 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES

TOTAL MARKS – 64

40% OF GCSE

Paper 1 Section A

Reading

- ▶ 19th-century fiction extract (approximately 650 words)
- ▶ You will need to read the text provided and then answer **ALL** questions
- ▶ You should spend about **55 minutes** on this section
- ▶ There will be a mixture of **four** short and extended response questions on the extract for you to answer

TOTAL FOR SECTION A - **24 MARKS**

Paper 1 - Section B

Imaginative Writing

- ▶ You will be given **two** questions – one of which may be linked to visual images
- ▶ Answer only **ONE** question
- ▶ You should spend about **50 minutes** on this section
- ▶ Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar

TOTAL FOR SECTION B - **40 MARKS**

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English Language Paper 2:

NON-FICTION AND TRANSACTIONAL WRITING

TIME: 2 HOURS

TOTAL MARKS – 64

60% OF GCSE

Paper 2 Section A

Reading

- ▶ You should spend about **1 hour 10 minutes** on this section
- ▶ You will be given **TWO** non-fiction extracts to read (linked by a theme)
- ▶ You will need to read the two extracts and answer **ALL** the questions on the paper
- ▶ There will be a mixture of **3** short and extended response questions on each extract for you to answer
- ▶ These **6** questions – **3** on each extract – are awarded **36** marks
- ▶ Question **7** will cover **both** extracts – and is worth **20** marks

TOTAL FOR SECTION A - **56 MARKS**

Paper 2 - Section B

Transactional Writing

- ▶ You will be given **two** transactional writing tasks – asking you to write in a specific form for a specific audience
- ▶ Answer only **ONE** question
- ▶ You should spend about **50 minutes** on this section
- ▶ Your response will be marked for the accurate and appropriate use of vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and grammar

TOTAL FOR SECTION B - **40 MARKS**