

Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1)

English Literature Paper 1:

SHAKESPEARE AND POST-1914 LITERATURE

TIME: 1 HOUR 45 MINUTES

TOTAL MARKS – 80

50% OF GCSE

Paper 1 Section A

Shakespeare

- ▶ You should spend about **55 minutes** on this section
- ▶ Answer the questions on '**A Merchant of Venice**'
- ▶ Each question is divided into 2 parts –
 - *the first part of the question asks you to read and comment on an extract from the play*
 - *the second part is an essay question about the whole play*
- ▶ You should divide your time equally between parts (a) and (b) of the question – (*spend approx. 25 minutes for each part*)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A - **40 MARKS**

Paper 1 - Section B

Post-1914 Literature – British Play

- ▶ Each set text will have two questions...
- ▶ Answer **ONE** question from this section - on the British play **'An Inspector Calls'**
- ▶ You should spend about **50 minutes** on this section
- ▶ The total for this question is 40 marks
- ▶ *(NB – this includes 8 marks for the range of appropriate vocabulary and sentence structures, and accurate use of spelling and punctuation)*

TOTAL FOR SECTION B - **40 MARKS**

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English Literature Paper 2:

19TH-CENTURY NOVEL AND POETRY SINCE 1789

TIME: 2 HOUR 15 MINUTES

TOTAL MARKS – 80

50% OF GCSE

Paper 2 Section A

19th-century Novel

- ▶ You should spend about **55** minutes on this section
- ▶ Answer the questions on '**Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde**' by R L Stevenson
- ▶ Each question is divided into 2 parts –
 - *the first part of the question asks you to read and comment on an extract from the novel*
 - *the second part is an essay question about the whole novel*
- ▶ You should divide your time equally between parts (a) and (b) of the question – (*approx. 25 minutes for each part*)

TOTAL FOR SECTION A - **40 MARKS**

Paper 2 Section B – Part 1

Poetry Anthology

- ▶ Answer ONE question in Section B, Part 1 from the collection you have studied in class – ‘**Conflict**’
- ▶ You will be given **One** of the poems from the Conflict section of the Anthology and asked to choose a **second poem**
- ▶ You will then be asked to answer an essay question which you answer with reference to **both poems**
- ▶ You should spend only **35** minutes on this section

TOTAL FOR SECTION B (Part 1) - **20 MARKS**

Paper 2 Section B – Part 2

Unseen Poetry

- ▶ You will be given **Two** poems to read that you have never seen before
- ▶ You should read them both carefully several times
- ▶ You will then be asked to answer an essay question which you answer with reference to **both poems**
- ▶ You should spend **45** minutes on this section

TOTAL FOR SECTION B (Part 2) - **20 MARKS**