

AS English Language

Exam Board- AQA

Course Title: AS English Language

Course Code: 7701

How you will be assessed

AS Level

Paper One – Language and the Individual

- Written Exam- 1 Hour 30 Minutes
- Three questions
- Two texts, linked by topic or theme
- A question requiring analysis of one text (25 Marks)
- A question requiring analysis of a second text (25 Marks)
- A question requiring comparison of the two texts (20 Marks)
- 50% of AS

Paper Two- Language Varieties

- Written Exam- 1 Hour 30 Minutes
- Two Questions
- **Section A**
A discursive essay on language diversity, with a choice of two questions (30 Marks)
- **Section B**
A directed writing task on attitudes to language (40 Marks)
- 50% of AS

A Level

Paper One – Language, the individual and society

- Written Exam- 2 Hours 30 Minutes
- Four Questions
- **Section A- Textual variations and representations**
Two texts linked by theme or topic (One contemporary and one older text)
A question requiring analysis of one text (25 Marks)
A question requiring analysis of a second text (25 Marks)
A question requiring comparison of the two texts (20 Marks)
- **Section B – Children’s language development**
A discursive essay on children’s language development with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language (30 Marks)
- 40 % of A-Level

Paper Two- Language diversity and change

- Written Exam- 2 Hours 30 Minutes
- Three Questions
- **Section A- Diversity and change**
One question from a choice of two about language diversity and language change (30 Marks)
- **Section B- Language Discourses**
Two texts about a topic linked to the study of diversity and change
A question requiring analysis of how the texts use language to present ideas, attitudes and opinions (40 Marks)
A directed writing task linked to the same topic and the ideas in the text (30 Marks)
- 40% of A-Level

Non- exam Assessment- Language in action

Student produce:

- A language investigation (2,000 words excluding data)
- A piece of original writing and commentary (1,500 words in total)
- 20% of A-Level

You Will Need:

- An A4 folder
- A4 lined paper
- Highlighters

Recommended Text Books:

- AQA English Language- Dan Clayton - Oxford University Press
- A/AS Level English Language for AQA Student Book- Cambridge University Press

Transition Work

Task One:

Find a definition for each of the following words:

- Lexis
- Grammar
- Discourse
- Phonology
- Graphology
- Pragmatics

Task Two: Create a mood board of at least 10 different items that you think link to gender. Annotate and label the different items or articles for the terminology that you have researched for task one.

Come prepared to discuss what you have found in the first week.

Task Three: Find and read several opinion articles- Pick one and print it out, annotate for the features that make it an opinion article.

The Guardian have a section dedicated to opinion articles

Task Four:

Write an opinion article in which you discuss the issues surrounding the different language used for different genders.

Please email your opinion article to the following address by Friday 1st September. Bring the rest of the work with you to the first lesson.

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