

English

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- Sometimes just known as English – this is the qualification that most apprentices and colleges will insist on at grade four or above.
- Around three quarters of Latimer students achieve English Language at grade four or above at the first attempt.

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Paper 1 Explorations in creative reading and writing

Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- Source A – provided as a separate insert.

Instructions

- Answer all questions.
- Use black ink or black ball-point pen.
- Fill in the boxes at the top of this page.
- You must answer the questions in the spaces provided.
- Do not write outside the box around each page or on blank pages.
- If you need extra space for your answer(s), use the lined pages at the end of this book. Write the question number against your answer(s).
- Do all rough work in this book. Cross through any work you do not want to be marked.
- You must refer to the insert booklet provided.
- You must not use a dictionary.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 80.
- There are 40 marks for Section A and 40 marks for Section B.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your reading in Section A.
- You will be assessed on the quality of your writing in Section B.

Advice

- You are advised to spend about 15 minutes reading through the source and all five questions you have to answer.
- You are advised to plan your answer to Question 5 before you start to write.
- You should make sure you leave sufficient time to check your answers.



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Paper 2 Writers' viewpoints and perspectives

Friday 8 June 2018 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- Source A and Source B – which are provided as a separate insert.

Instructions

- Answer all questions.
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- The exam board we use are AQA.
- A number of our department are AQA English Language examiners.
- There is no “foundation” or “higher” tier in English – all students can achieve a grade U or a grade 9.
- There are two papers – each one 1h45m.



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- You cannot revise for English Language at home easily.
- There are no quotations to remember as there are no set texts.
- The best thing you can do is read together – it can be long and short stories, news and sport articles – even blog posts.
- Read a variety of views and opinions and discuss what the writer intended afterwards.
- The more you can read, the better your ability to understand and decode texts.

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- If your son or daughter want to practice anything then creative writing is the best thing.
- The more they do, the more they will develop the skills needed to produce a higher level response.
- There are forty marks available for one writing question – it can make a big difference.

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- We have excellent English Literature results year after year.
- We are always well above schools that have a similar cohort to our own.
- On average, around 8 in 10 Latimer students achieve a grade four or above in English Literature.

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Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

Monday 12 May 2025 Morning Time allowed: 1 hour 45 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 8702/1.
- Answer **one** question from **Section A** and **one** question from **Section B**.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 64.
- AO4 will be assessed in **Section A**. There are 4 marks available for AO4 in **Section A** in addition to 30 marks for answering the question. AO4 assesses the following skills: use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.
- There are 30 marks for **Section B**.



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Paper 2 Modern texts and poetry

Tuesday 20 May 2025 Morning Time allowed: 2 hours 15 minutes

Materials

For this paper you must have:

- an AQA 16-page answer book.

Instructions

- Use black ink or black ball-point pen. Do not use pencil.
- Write the information required on the front of your answer book. The **Paper Reference** is 8702/2.
- Answer **one** question from **Section A**, **one** question from **Section B** and **both** questions in **Section C**.
- You must **not** use a dictionary.

Information

- The marks for questions are shown in brackets.
- The maximum mark for this paper is 96.
- AO4 will be assessed in **Section A**. There are 4 marks available for AO4 in **Section A** in addition to 30 marks for answering the question. AO4 assesses the following skills: use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation.
- There are 30 marks for **Section B** and 32 marks for **Section C**.



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- A number of our department are former AQA English Literature examiners.
- Again, there is no “foundation” or “higher” tier in English – all students can achieve a grade U or a grade 9.
- There are two papers – the first is 1h45m, the second is 2h15m.

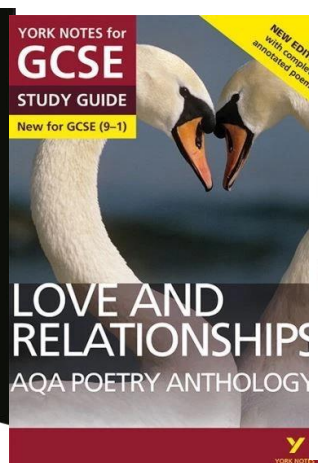
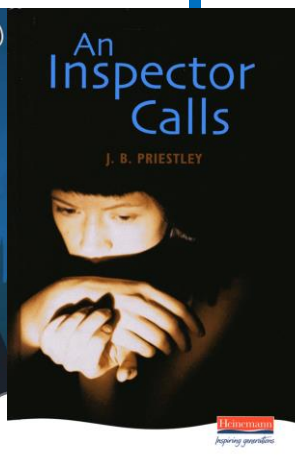
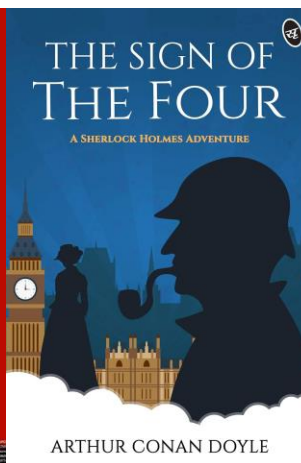
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Paper One – Shakespeare and the 19th Century Novel

Students will study Macbeth by Shakespeare after Christmas in Year 10.

Our 19th Century Novel choice is The Sign of Four by Arthur Conan Doyle which will be studied in September of Year 11.

This paper is worth 64 marks and is 40% of the final Literature grade.



Paper Two – Modern Texts and Poetry



Students will study An Inspector Calls by JB Priestley at the start of Year 10.

We will study the Love and Relationships poetry anthology in two halves in terms two and five

We will study unseen poetry at various points across Year 10 and Year 11.

This paper is worth 96 marks and is 60% of the final Literature grade.

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- Revising plot.
- Revising themes.
- Revising characters.
- Revising quotations.
- Watch, read or listen to the texts together and then talk about what has happened.

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- Use revision resources like GCSE Pod to recap the key moments from the texts.
- Closer to the exams, help to create the right environment at home to practice planning and writing essay responses in exam conditions.

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A Level English



- A grade 6 or above at GCSE will open the possibility of studying English at A Level.

Our A Level results this year included 3 A*s and 3 As, with students heading off to Oxbridge and Russell Group universities.

As an A Level, English creates: independent thinkers, debaters, disciplined writers, thorough analysts – and it feeds into degrees and careers in law, history, journalism, teaching, medicine – the list is endless.

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