

GCSE English Language & Literature 9-1 – Helpful hints for revision.

Qualification at a glance

The Pearson Edexcel Level 1/Level 2 GCSE (9–1) in English Literature is a linear course. It consists of two externally examined components. Students must complete all assessment in May/June in any single year.

Component 1: Shakespeare and Post-1914 Literature

*Paper code: 1ET0/01

- Externally assessed
- Availability: May/June
- First assessment: 2017

50% of the total GCSE

Overview of content

- Study a **Shakespeare play** and a **post-1914 British play or novel**.
- Develop skills to analyse how the language, form, structure and context of texts can create meanings and effects.
- Develop skills to maintain a critical style and informed personal response.

Overview of assessment

- Section A – Shakespeare: a two-part question, with the first task focused on an extract of approximately 30 lines. The second task is focused on how a theme reflected in the extract is explored elsewhere in the play.
- Section B – Post-1914 British play or novel: ONE essay question.
- The total number of marks available is 80.
- Assessment duration: 1 hour and 45 minutes.
- Closed book (texts are not allowed in the examination).

Component 2: 19th-century Novel and Poetry since 1789 *

Paper code: 1ET0/02

- Externally assessed
- Availability: May/June
- First assessment: 2017

50% of the total GCSE

Overview of content

- Study a **19th-century novel** and a **poetry collection** from the *Pearson Poetry Anthology*.
- Develop skills to analyse how the language, form, structure and context of texts can create meanings and effects.
- Develop skills to maintain a critical style and informed personal response.
- Develop comparison skills.

Overview of assessment

- Section A – 19th-century novel: a two part question, with the first part focussed on an extract of approximately 400 words. The second part is an essay question exploring the whole text.
- Section B – Part 1: ONE question comparing a named poem from the *Pearson Poetry Anthology* collection to another poem from that collection. The named poem will be shown in the question paper. Part 2: ONE question comparing two unseen contemporary poems.
- The total number of marks available is 80.
- Assessment duration: 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- Closed book (texts are not allowed in the examination).

Revision guides:



GP revision guides are fab! You can get a revision guide and a workbook (with lots of good practice questions)