

GCSE English

Paper 1



Question 1 in PAPER 1 is worth 4 marks .

You will be asked to **list four things** from the source
– be careful to quote directly from the source and
only from the lines it states in the question (not the
full source!).

*An easy four marks but easily lost if you misread
the question or quote incorrectly!*

A01

Identify and interpret **explicit** and
implicit information and ideas.

Select and synthesise quotations
from different texts.



Question 2 in PAPER 1 is worth 8 marks .

You will be asked to look in detail at an extract from the source and discuss how language is used to describe.

Talk about the writer's choice of:

- Words and phrases
- Language features and techniques
- Sentence forms

AO2

Explain, comment on and **analyse** how writers use **language** and **structure** to achieve **effects** and influence readers, using **relevant subject terminology** to support their views.



Question 3 in PAPER 1 is worth 8 marks .

You will be asked to analyse the whole source for this question. You will be asked how the writer has structured the text to interest you as a reader.

Talk about how the writer:

- Focuses your attention at the beginning of the source
- How the writer changes this focus throughout the source
- Any structural features



Question 4 in PAPER 1 is worth 20 marks.

In this question you will be asked to focus on **only the lines it states in the question** (make sure you read which lines you should be analysing carefully).

The question will provide a quote about the source and ask “**to what extent do you agree**” with the quote.

A04

Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references. How far do you **agree/disagree?**



Question 5 in PAPER 1 is worth 40 marks

You will be given the choice of two questions. You must answer only one of the two. You will be asked to write **either a narrative (story) or a descriptive piece** based on an image or theme linked to the image.

50%

A05

Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting **tone, style and register** for different **forms, purposes and audiences**. Organise information and ideas carefully, using structure to highlight key ideas.

A06

Candidates must **use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures** for clarity, purpose and effect, with **accurate spelling and punctuation**.

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Paper 2



Question 1 in PAPER 2 is worth 4 marks .

You will be asked to choose four statements from a list that are **true** about the source.

Make sure you read the source carefully and consider only the lines it states in the question (not necessarily the full source!)

An easy four marks but easily lost if you misread the statements.

AO1

Identify and interpret **explicit** and **implicit** information and ideas.

Select and synthesise quotations from different texts.



Question 2 in PAPER 2 is worth 8 marks .

You will be asked to refer to both sources – source A and B for this question.

This is a compare and contrast question.

A01

Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.

Select and synthesise quotations from different texts.



Question 3 in PAPER 2 is worth 12 marks.

You will be asked to analyse the whole of one of the sources for this question.
You will be asked how the writer has used language in this question.

Talk about the writer's use of:

- Words and phrases
- Language features and techniques
- Sentence forms

A02

Explain, comment on and **analyse** how writers use **language** and **structure** to achieve **effects** and influence readers, using **relevant subject terminology** to support their views.



Question 4 in PAPER 2 is worth **16 marks**

You will be asked to refer to **both sources** (source A and source B for this question).

This is a compare and contrast question.

A03

Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts.



Question 5 in PAPER 2 is worth 40 marks

This question is an **extended writing** task.

You will be given a quote that links to the topic in reading section of the paper.

You will be asked to write a formal piece of writing for example; a letter, speech or an article.

50%

A05

Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting **tone, style** and **register** for different **forms, purposes and audiences**. Organise information and ideas carefully, using structure to highlight key ideas.

A06

Candidates must **use a range of vocabulary** and **sentence structures** for clarity, purpose and effect, with **accurate spelling and punctuation**.