

GCSE English Literature P1

Shakespeare (Macbeth) and 19th C Novel (A Christmas Carol)

1 hour 45 mins

55 mins on Macbeth (30 marks + 4 SPaG)

55 mins on A Christmas Carol (30 marks)

How to Answer a Literature Essay

Step 1: Read the question. Do not read the extract

Step 2: Write down everything you know about the question

Step 3: Read and annotate the extract

Step 4: Place your ideas, and the extract, in chronological order

Step 5: Begin writing your essay

Essay Structure

Introduction- outline your argument. Learn the introduction given by your teacher. It gets you started.

Main body- 4-6 paragraphs focusing on how the character/theme develops across the text

Assessment Objectives

AO1- knowledge of the text, references (not just quotations)

AO2- analysis of language and structure

AO3- context (themes, writers' intentions)

GCSE English Literature P2

Modern Play (An Inspector Calls), Poetry (Power and Conflict) and Unseen Poetry

2 hours 15 mins

50 mins AIC (30 marks + 4 SPaG)

50 mins Poetry Comparison (30 marks)

20 mins Unseen essay (24 marks)

15 mins Unseen Comparison (8 marks)

An Inspector Calls

There is no extract only a choice of two questions. You only need to answer one question.

Poetry

Only answer the Power and Conflict poetry question. You will be given one poem and a list of the others. You need to compare the given poem to another of your choice.

Essay Structure

Introduction- outline your argument. Learn the introduction given by your teacher. It gets you started.

Main body- 4-6 paragraphs focusing on how the character/theme develops across the text

Assessment Objectives

AO1- knowledge of the text, references (not just quotations)

AO2- analysis of language and structure

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