

A Level English Literature Specification B: examinations

Paper 1: Literary genres

Tragedy

Study of three texts: one Shakespeare text; a second drama text and one further text, of which one must be written pre- 1900.

Assessed

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

Closed book

75 marks

40% of A-Level

Questions

Section A: one passage-based question on set Shakespeare text (25 marks)

Section B: one essay question on set Shakespeare text (25 marks)

Section C: one essay question linking two texts (25 marks)

Paper 2: Texts and genres

Political/social protest or crime writing

Study of three texts: one post-2000 prose text; one poetry and one further text, one of which must be written pre-1900. Examination will include an unseen passage.

Assessed

Written exam: 3 hours

Open book

75 marks

40% of A-level

Questions

Section A: one compulsory question on an unseen passage (25 marks)

Section B: one essay question on set text (25 marks)

Section C: one essay question which connects two texts (25 marks)