

## A Level English Language specification: examinations

### Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society

Textual variations and representations

Children's language development (0-11 years)

Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

#### **Assessed**

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

40% of A-level

#### **Questions**

##### **Section A - Textual Variations and Representations**

Two texts (one contemporary and one older text) linked by topic or theme.

A question requiring analysis of one text (25 marks)

A question requiring analysis of a second text (25 marks)

A question requiring comparison of the two texts (20 marks)

##### **Section B - Children's Language Development**

A discursive essay on children's language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language (30 marks)

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### Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change

Language diversity and change

Language discourses

Writing skills

Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities

#### **Assessed**

Written exam: 2 hours 30 minutes

100 marks

40% of A-level

## **Questions**

### **Section A - Diversity and Change**

One question from a choice of two:

Either: an evaluative essay on language diversity (30 marks)

Or: an evaluative essay on language change (30 marks)

### **Section B - Language Discourses**

Two texts about a topic linked to the study of diversity and change.

A question requiring analysis of how the texts use language to present ideas, attitudes and opinions (40 marks)

A directed writing task linked to the same topic and the ideas in the texts (30 marks)