



ENGLISH

Year 7

Your exam will consist of two papers.

Paper 1 will consist of a reading comprehension on a non-fiction extract and a poem.

Paper 2 will consist of a choice of writing tasks, which you have to choose one.

Paper 1:

- Able to use the question in your answer. E.g. What time was it when Mum arrived home? The time was _____ when Mum arrived home.
- In the comprehension, make sure you underline the question word and the key/important words in the question.
- Look carefully at the type of question word. Who, what, where, when questions require a fairly straightforward answer, where as why would require a because in your answer and how would require you to explain techniques that the author uses such as adjectives, similes, short sentences etc.
- Make sure you answer the question in full sentences.
- Make sure you write in enough detail. An answer worth 6 marks should be much longer than an answer worth 2 marks. If a question is 2 marks= 1 PEC, 4 marks= 2 PEC, 6 marks= 3 PEC
- Back up your ideas with quotations from the text
- Use Point Evidence Comment (PEC) in every answer.

Paper 2:

For the writing task: Choose only ONE

- Able to use adjectives, adverbs, metaphors, verbs, similes, onomatopoeia, alliteration and personification in your own writing
- Able to use capital letters, commas, full stops, apostrophes, question marks and speech marks accurately and correctly.
- Able to use paragraphs correctly. E.g. ToPTiPS (Topic, person, time, place and speaker)
- Know what words to include in a description (senses, adjectives, adverbs, metaphors, similes, personification and show don't tell)
- Know what narrative structure is (Exposition, complication, climax, resolution/no resolution) and use in your own writing when writing a story.
- Know how to write an interesting beginning and ending of a story.
- In the writing, choose your question carefully.
- Spend 5 mins writing a plan, 20 mins writing and 5 mins checking your work through for spelling, punctuation and paragraphing.

Year 8

Your exam will consist of two papers.

Paper 1 will consist of a reading comprehension on a non-fiction extract and a poem.

Paper 2 will consist of an essay style question on either “Private Peaceful”, “Holes” or a book of your choice, worth 25 marks and a choice of writing tasks, which you have to choose one.

Paper 1:

- Able to use the question in your answer. E.g. What time was it when Mum arrived home? The time was _____ when Mum arrived home.
- In the comprehension, make sure you underline the question word and the key/important words in the question.
- Look carefully at the type of question word. Who, what, where, when questions require a fairly straightforward answer, where as why would require a because in your answer and how would require you to explain techniques that the author uses such as adjectives, similes, short sentences etc.
- Make sure you answer the question in full sentences.
- Make sure you write in enough detail. An answer worth 6 marks should be much longer than an answer worth 2 marks. If a question is 2 marks= 1 PEC, 4 marks= 2 PEC, 6 marks= 3 PEC
- Back up your ideas with quotations from the text
- Use Point Evidence Comment (PEC) in every answer.

Paper 2:

For the writing task: Choose only ONE

- Able to use adjectives, adverbs, metaphors, verbs, similes, onomatopoeia, alliteration and personification in your own writing
- Able to use capital letters, commas, full stops, apostrophes, question marks and speech marks accurately and correctly.
- Able to use paragraphs correctly. E.g. ToPTiPS (Topic, person, time, place and speaker)
- Know what words to include in a description (senses, adjectives, adverbs, metaphors, similes, personification and show don't tell)
- Know what narrative structure is (Exposition, complication, climax, resolution/no resolution) and use in your own writing when writing a story.
- Know how to write an interesting beginning and ending of a story.
- In the writing, choose your question carefully.
- Spend 5 mins writing a plan, 20 mins writing and 5 mins checking your work through for spelling, punctuation and paragraphing.

For the Studied Literature Task: Choose only ONE

Example Question: Referring to one or more texts you have studied, show how conflict can put stress and strain on those who are involved in it.

Example Question: ‘Conflict can sometimes bring out the best in people’ Referring to a novel that you have read. Do you agree or disagree with this?

- Revise and practise writing a book review for your book
- Revise for this by brainstorming the different forms of conflict in the novel.
- Choose your question carefully, underlining the key/important words.
- This will be connected to the theme of conflict in some way
- Spend 5 mins planning your answer. This should include about 12-13 ideas.
- Refer to the novel and particular events, characters, settings and techniques used by the author.
- Use quotes if you can, or describe the scene in detail.
- Spend 5 mins checking your work through. Have you answered the question?