

My Notes



Section A:
Reading
– One
literature
fiction text

The exam



Reading (40 marks)

- 1 short form question
- 2 longer form questions
- 1 extended question

Writing (40 marks)

1 extended writing question
(24 marks for content, 16 marks for technical accuracy)

Section B:
Writing
–
Descriptive
or
narrative
writing

Summary of questions

Testing your reading skills

- ▶ Q1: 4 things I learn
- ▶ Q2: Identify language features
- ▶ Q3: Analyse the effect of structure
- ▶ Q4: Your evaluation and opinion

Testing your writing skills

- ▶ Q5: Descriptive writing based on a picture or a question

Question 1- What do I have to do?

- The question will ask you to list four things from a specific part of the extract. You must:
- Only list things from that part
- Only list things about the topic you are asked about
- Answer in FULL SENTENCES.



Question 2- What do I have to do?

- Identify language choices
- Analyse effects of language.
- What might language choices mean?



- **P**oint
- **E**vidence
- **E**xplanation x2
- **L**anguage technique
- **E**ffect on the reader
- **R**eady to move on

Alliteration	Simile
Personification	Metaphor
Onomatopoeia	Power of three

Question 3- Structure

What can I look for?

- Whose narrative perspective is it told from? Why?
- Does it use dialogue?
- Does it create tension/ empathy/ foreboding in the reader?
- How does it separate the paragraphs? What is each one about?
- How does it begin?
- How does it end?



Question 4- Opinion/Evaluation

- Question 4 on paper 1 is an evaluation task which means you are asked to give your opinion on how good the writer is at creating a particular effect. The question often comes with a quotation from someone who has read the text and offered their own opinion.

Q5: Descriptive and narrative writing

- Interesting adjectives
- Interesting adverbs
- Interesting verbs
- Colours
- Emotive language
- The 5 senses
- Similes
- Metaphors
- Onomatopoeia
- Repetition
- Alliteration
- Personification
- Lists
- Power of 3/group of 3/triples
- Rhetorical questions
- Variety of sentence length, style and opening- start your sentences with an adjective, verb or adverb instead of using 'I' or 'The' too much.
- Short sharp, blunt sentences, compound sentences and longer, complex sentences.
- One sentence paragraph - easiest to use at the start or the end.
- Use a full range of punctuation . , ? ! ; : - ...
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A typical
question
might be
...

Write a story
suggested by
this picture

Write a story
about someone
who is lonely