

GCSE English Language - Summary of assessment.

From summer 2017, GCSEs in English Language and English Literature will be assessed entirely by examination and will be awarded for the first time in summer 2017.

Component	Section A	Section B
Component 1: 20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing. Written examination: 1 hour 45 minutes. 40% of qualification.	Section A (20%) – Reading Understanding of one prose extract (about 60 – 100 lines) of literature from the 20 th century assessed through a range of structured questions.	Section B (20%) – Prose Writing One creative writing task selected from a choice of four titles.
Component 2: 19th Century and 21st Century Non-Fiction Reading and Transactional/Persuasive Writing Written examination 2 hours. 60% of qualification.	Section A (30%) – Reading Understanding of two extract (about 900 – 1200 words in total) of high-quality non-fiction writing one from the 19 th century, the other from the 21 st century, assessed through a range of structured questions.	Section B (30%) – Writing Two compulsory transactional/persuasive writing tasks.
Component 3: Spoken Language Non-exam assessment. Unweighted.	One presentation/speech, including responses to questions and feedback. Achievement in Spoken Language will be reported as part of the qualification, but it will not form part of the final mark and grade.	