



West Park School

English Language

GCSE Examination Summer 2026

In readiness for your summer examination in English Language you must **LEARN** and **REVISE** the following content and skills:

PAPER ONE: CREATIVE READING AND WRITING **1 hour and 45 minutes**

Question One – Reading

List four things about a section of the text.

- Question 1 asks you to pick out four pieces of information from the text - **It is worth 4 marks.**
- It will focus on one area of the text – you will be given specific line numbers to focus on.

Question Two – Reading

Analysis of language.

- Question 2 requires you to identify language devices - **It is worth 8 marks.**
- You should explain the *effect* of language devices.
- It will help your answer to consider key words and the impact on the reader.
- It will ask you to look at specific line numbers.
- Use subject terminology.

Question Three – Reading

Analysis of structure.

- Question 3 requires you to write about the structure of a text – **It is worth 8 marks.**
- You should explain the *effect* of structural devices.
- Provide detailed explanations.
- You will be asked to look at the entire source for this response.
- Use subject terminology.

Question Four – Reading

Considering 'to what extent' you agree with a statement...

- **This question is worth 20 marks – this is half of the reading section.**
- You should aim to write between 3 and 5 detailed paragraphs.
- Focus on explaining what methods the writer uses and how these methods are effective in showing why you agree and/or disagree.
- Respond closely to the statement – state if you agree or disagree and why.
- You should plan your response. Identify between 3 and 5 methods that you will write about **before** you start writing.
- Read the question! Make sure you are writing about the correct focus.

Question Five – Writing

Write a description or story inspired by an image or prompt...

- You will be given an image. This will relate to the reading section of the paper.
- This question is worth 40 marks - 24 marks are for content and organisation and 16 marks are for accuracy.
- Plan your answer!
- Include a range of language features and include a range of structural features – think reader effect!
- Include a range of vocabulary and punctuation. (! ? : ; -)
- Open your sentences in creative and engaging ways.

PAPER TWO: VIEWPOINTS AND PERSPECTIVES

1 hour and 45 minutes

Question One – Reading

Identify four true statements.

- Question 1 asks you to identify the four true statements out of eight - **It is worth 4 marks.**
- It will focus on one area of the text – you will be given specific line numbers to focus on.

Question Two – Reading

Write a summary.

- Question 2 asks you to write a summary of the similarities or differences in the text - **It is worth 8 marks.**
- You should include a clear comparison.
- You must include evidence that is relevant.
- You must infer – you should write what you learn about the extract from the quote you have chosen.
- You can use the entirety of both sources.

Question Three – Reading

Analysis of Language.

- Question 3 requires you to identify language devices - **It is worth 12 marks.**
- You should explain the *effect* of language devices.
- It will help your answer to consider key words and the impact on the reader.
- It will ask you to look at specific line numbers.
- Use subject terminology.

Question Four – Reading

Comparing two viewpoints...

- **This question is worth 16 marks – you must ensure you put enough detail into your answer.**
- You should aim to write between 2 and 3 detailed comparisons.
- Focus on explaining what methods the writer uses to present their own specific viewpoint.
- Ensure you link back to the emotions of the writer often.
- Include clear points of comparison.
- Read the question! Make sure you are writing about the correct focus.

Question Five - Writing

Present your viewpoint on a given topic.

- You will be given a statement, and you must present your own viewpoint on the statement.
- This question is worth 40 marks - 24 marks are for content and organisation and 16 marks are for accuracy.
- Plan your answer!
- Include a range of language features and include a range of structural features – think reader effect!
- Include a range of vocabulary and punctuation (! ? : ; -).
- Open your sentences in creative and engaging ways.
- Ensure you use clear connectives.
- Keep your viewpoint consistent throughout the piece of writing.
- Use devices specific to viewpoint writing: anecdote, facts, statistics, etc.

