

Exam Board: AQA

Subject: English Literature

Paper: 1

Marks available: 64

Length of paper: 1 hr 45 minutes

Topics: 'Macbeth' and 'A Christmas Carol'

Exam Information, guidance and hints

Questions: 2 essay questions

Macbeth

A Christmas Carol

Past paper:

[Paper 1 Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel - June 2023](#)

Markscheme:

[mark scheme – gcse english literature – 8702/1 – june 2023](#)

Mock 1

Topic	Key information related to topic	Resources/Information related to topic	How well do you understand this topic? RAG		
			Red	Amber	Green
Macbeth Extract Question					
AO1 (Relevant points and explanation)	Learn the thesis statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Macbeth thesis statement			
	Ensure a clear understanding of the whole plot, themes and characters of the text.	AQA GCSE English Section A: Macbeth - PMT Macbeth - GCSE English Literature - BBC Bitesize key characters. key events. concepts, themes and ideas.			
	Learn relevant quotations from different sections of the text.	Recall and understand the key quotations. explain the key quotations. analyse the key quotations.			

	Use a range of analytical verbs and evaluative vocabulary throughout (<i>clearly, emphasises, suggests, demonstrates, highlights etc.</i>)				
	Include a clear conclusion which links all ideas to the key terms of the question and links directly to the text.	Writing conclusions: Lit Paper 1 Conclusions			
AO2 (Analysis)	Language clearly explained and analysed.	Use of language in Macbeth - Form, structure and language - AQA - GCSE English Literature Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize			
	Structure clearly explained and analysed.	Use of structure in Macbeth - Form, structure and language - AQA - GCSE English Literature Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize			
	Form clearly explained and analysed	Use of form in Macbeth - Form, structure and language - AQA - GCSE English Literature Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize			
	Analysis of context clearly explained and analysed.				
AO3 (Social and Historical Context)	Explanation of social and historical context relevant to the question.	GCSE English Literature- William ...			
	The writer's purpose / message(s) clearly explained and explored throughout (using the writer's surname).	GCSE English Literature Exam Re...			
'A Christmas Carol' extract question					

AO1 (Relevant points and explanation)	Learn the thesis statement	<input type="checkbox"/> ACC Thesis statement			
	Ensure a clear understanding of the whole plot, themes and characters of the text.	AQA GCSE English Section B: A Christmas Carol - PMT			
	Learn relevant quotations from different sections of the text.				
AO2 (Analysis)	Language clearly explained and analysed.	Use of language in A Christmas Carol - Form, structure and language - AQA - GCSE English Literature Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize			
	Structure clearly explained and analysed.	Use of structure in A Christmas Carol - Form, structure and language - AQA - GCSE English Literature Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize			
	Form clearly explained and analysed	Use of form in A Christmas Carol - Form, structure and language - AQA - GCSE English Literature Revision - AQA - BBC Bitesize			
AO3 (Social and Historical Context)	Explanation of social and historical context relevant to the question.	<input type="checkbox"/> 'A Christmas Carol': Context			
	The writer's purpose / message(s) clearly explained and explored throughout (using writer's surname).	<input type="checkbox"/> Charles Dickens' A Christmas Car...			