

PORTION FOR FINAL EXAMINATIONS MAY 2023
ENGLISH LANGUAGE – YEAR 8

Paper 1 – Fiction and Imaginative Writing

Overview of content

- Study selections from a range of prose fiction.
- Develop skills to analyse and evaluate 19th century fiction extracts.
- Develop imaginative writing skills to engage the reader.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

Overview of assessment

- Section A – Reading: questions on an unseen 19th century fiction extract.
- Section B – Writing: a choice of two writing tasks. The tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extract.

The imaginative writing task may include:

- Short story based on a prompt or the images given.
 - Recount writing
 - Personal Narrative
 - Descriptive writing
- The total number of marks available is 64.
 - Assessment duration 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Paper 2 – Non-fiction and Transactional Writing

Overview of content

- Study a range of 20th and 21st century non-fiction texts (including literary non-fiction).
- Develop skills to analyse evaluate and compare non-fiction extracts.
- Develop transactional writing skills for a variety of forms, purposes and audiences.
- Use spelling, punctuation and grammar accurately.

Overview of assessment

- Section A – Reading: questions on two thematically linked, unseen non-fiction extracts.
- Section B – Writing: a choice of two writing tasks. The tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extracts.

The transactional writing tasks may include:

- Newspaper article
- Argumentative writing
- (Multiple) Diary entry
- Biography / Autobiography
- Letter Writing (Formal and Informal)
- Recount writing
- Writing to advise
- Review Writing
- Travel Writing

- The total number of marks available is 96.
- Assessment duration: 2 hours

PATTERN OF THE FIRST TERM EXAMINATION PAPER JANUARY 2023

SUBJECT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE CLASS: YEAR 8

PAPER 1 FICTION AND IMAGINATIVE WRITING

Total Marks 64

Time: 1 hour and 45 minutes.

(Including reading time)

There will be **two** sections in the paper. Students should be advised to spend **1 hour on Section A and 45 minutes on Section B.**

SECTION A : 19th Century Fiction- Unseen Passage (Total marks 24)

The length of the 19th-century fiction extract will be approximately 30 to 35 lines.

- There will be a mixture of short and extended response questions on the extract.

Assessment Objectives covered are AO1, AO2 and AO4

AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas

Select and synthesize evidence from different texts

AO2: Explain, comment on and analyze how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views

AO4: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references

Section B: Imaginative Writing (40 MARKS)

- Writing tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extract. Different aspects of the theme will be reflected in each task.
- One of the writing tasks will provide two images that students can use to help them generate ideas for their writing. Students can write a response that draws on just one or neither of the images.

Assessment Objectives covered are AO5 and AO6.

AO5: Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.

Organize information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts

AO6: Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation

PAPER 2 NON-FICTION AND TRANSACTIONAL WRITING

Total Marks 96

Time: 2 hours

(Including reading time)

There will be **two** sections in the paper. Students should be advised to spend **1 hour 20 minutes on Section A and 45 minutes on Section B**

SECTION A: 20th and 21st Century Non-Fiction- Unseen Passages (Total marks 56)

- **Two unseen non-fiction extracts, from 20th- and 21st-century texts. One of these texts will be literary non-fiction.**
- **The length of the two extracts will be approximately 30-35 lines.**
- **Questions will be on Text 1, followed by Text 2. There will be a mixture of short and extended response questions on the extracts.**
- **Students' ability to synthesize across two texts will be assessed in a separate question.**
- **The final question of this section requires students to compare the writers' ideas and how they are presented in the two texts.**

Assessment Objectives covered are AO1, AO2, AO3 and AO4

AO1: Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas

Select and synthesize evidence from different texts

AO2: Explain, comment on and analyze how writers use language and structure to achieve effects and influence readers, using relevant subject terminology to support their views

AO3: Compare writers' ideas and perspectives, as well as how these are conveyed, across two or more texts

AO4: Evaluate texts critically and support this with appropriate textual references

Section B – Transactional Writing (Total marks 40)

- **Writing tasks are linked by a theme to the reading extracts.**
- **It is possible for the same form (for example a letter, an article) to be present on both tasks in the same paper but with a different focus and/or audience.**

Assessment Objectives covered are AO5 and AO6.

AO5: Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.

Organize information and ideas, using structural and grammatical features to support coherence and cohesion of texts

AO6: Candidates must use a range of vocabulary and sentence structures for clarity, purpose and effect, with accurate spelling and punctuation