

ENGLISH LANGUAGE

AQA A-level English Language (7702)

COURSE OVERVIEW

CORE CONTENT:

Textual variations and representations
 Children’s language development
 Language diversity and change
 Language discourses

Writing Skills
 Language Investigation
 Original Writing

| | Paper 1 | Paper 2 | NEA |
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| Length | 2 hours | 2 hours 30mins | - |
| Weighting | 40% | 40% | 20% |

HOW WILL I BE ASSESSED?

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| Paper 1 | <p>Paper 1: Language, the Individual and Society Textual variations and representations; Children’s language development (0-11 years); Methods of language analysis are integrated into the activities. Written exam: 2 hours 30 mins (40% of A level)</p> <p><i>Section A—Textual Variations and Representations</i> Two texts (one contemporary and one older text) linked by topic or theme. A question requiring analysis of one text (25 marks); A question requiring analysis of a second text (25 marks); A question requiring comparison of the two texts (20 marks)</p> <p><i>Section B—Children’s Language Development</i> A discursive essay on children’s language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language (30 marks)</p> |
| Paper 2 | <p>Paper 2: Language Diversity and Change Language diversity and change: Language discourses; Writing skills, language analysis into tasks. Written exam: 2 hours 30 mins (40% of A level)</p> <p><i>Section A—Diversity and Change</i> One question from a choice of two: Either an evaluative essay on language diversity (30 marks) or an evaluative essay on language change (30 marks)</p> <p><i>Section B—Language Disclosures</i> Two texts about a topic linked to a study of diversity and change. A question requiring analysis of how texts use language to present ideas, attitudes, opinions (40 marks) A directed writing task linked to the same topic and the ideas in the texts (30 marks)</p> |
| NEA | <p>Non-exam assessment: Language Investigation A language investigation (2,000 words excluding data) and a piece of original writing and commentary (1,500 words total) assessed by teachers; moderated by AQA 100 marks (20% of A-level)</p> |

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

GCSE English Language Grade 6 is recommended.



WHY STUDY THIS SUBJECT?

As is the case with other arts subjects, the possibilities are extremely wide. English Language can be taken as a degree in its own right. The skills developed by English Language A-level are highly valued in the legal sector, advertising, media and public relations. English Language goes well with any subject. The course improves awareness of language and develops effective communication, so the study of English Language enhances performance in any other subject.

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