

# English Language

Students have two papers.

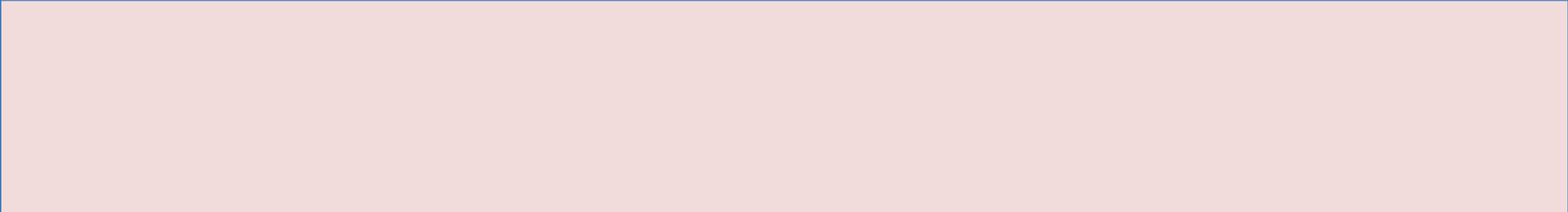
Both have a reading and writing section (equally weighted).

Paper 1 is fiction - one extract of 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fiction. The writing section is 'describe' or 'narrate'.

Paper 2 is non-fiction - two non-fiction articles... one will be from the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. The writing section is writing from a viewpoint.

# The Reading - Tips

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Highlighting with a purpose

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3. Know the question focuses: encourage them to make flashcards with the Assessment Objectives for each question, key words, timings, etc.

# Writing - Tips

1. In any piece of writing, write it like an English examination. Every exam. now has marks available for Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar.
2. FLAP at the writing questions - it needs to be fit the brief.
3. The basics matter. SPG alone is worth 1/3 of the marks for the writing section.
4. Read for writing - opinion pieces in newspapers are particularly helpful.

# Websites - The Guardian

## Comment

17 March 2016



**Millennials in focus** / 🗨️ Millennials, do you prefer a night in over a night out? Share your views  
**Sarah Marsh**

🕒 4:49 PM | 🗨️ 6

🗨️ Tories should respect the House of Lords for their trade union revolt  
**Polly Toynbee**

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**Head to head** / 🗨️ Should schoolchildren be made to run a mile every day?  
**Sarah Phillips and Toby Moses**

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**Notebook** / 🗨️ A cure for my back pain? They'll invent the head transplant first  
**Emma Brockes**

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🗨️ Simon Rattle on Maxwell Davies: 'He was a hero to me'  
**Simon Rattle**



🗨️ George Osborne will soon be forced to show his hand on climate change  
**Michael Jacobs**

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**A moment that changed me** / 🗨️ The birth of my daughter gave me an incentive to beat my aggression  
**Anonymous**

🕒 3:30 PM | 🗨️ 5

**Millennials in focus** / 🗨️ How Harry Potter changed my life  
**Elena Cresci and Guardian readers**

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**Guardian Africa network** / 🗨️ South Africa playing a high-stakes game as president and treasury square off  
**Richard Galland**

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🗨️ I'm 16 and overloaded - longer school hours would just burn us out  
**Orli Vogt-Vincent**

**Loose canon** / 🗨️ Even after escaping Isis, the suffering of the Yazidis persists  
**Giles Fraser**

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**Nellie Bowles**

# Websites - The Daily Mirror

## Thirteen - Episode 3 Review: The Night Manager and this thrilling series worth the BBC licence fee alone

BBC THREE | COMMENTS  
★★★★☆

Another week, another shock ending - where will this Jodie Comer-starring series end?

👉 The Night Manager SEX scene shocks flustered viewers after seeing Tom Hiddleston's "peachy backside"



## Prince William is the jewel in the crown of the Good Ship Monarchy

PRINCE WILLIAM | 4 COMMENTS



The current crop of Royals may not be perfect, but if they're sticking around, we may as well recognise their successes, says Kaye Adams

## Thirteen - Episode 1 Review: Chilling, captivating and brilliant served up on a cold tray of intrigue

BBC THREE | COMMENTS

★★★★★



BBC Three's Thirteen and Jodie Comer's performance will leave you wishing Sundays came more than once a week

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John Prescott



Robbie Savage



Ian Botham



Polly Hudson



Kevin Maguire

# Literature

Two Papers - no texts in the examination.

Paper 1 - 'A Christmas Carol' and 'Romeo and Juliet'. Both will have a short extract printed but students will then have to explore the rest of the play.

Paper 2 - 'An Inspector Calls'; the Anthology Poetry (comparison); Unseen Poetry.

# Literature - Tips

- Students need to know key moments and themes across the whole of the texts - so keep re-reading, watching quality film versions, listen on MP3.
- Make a bank of quotations for each text
- try to find 'Swiss Army Knife' quotations: ones that cover a few themes/characters. Use visual stimuli - colours, pictures...



# Websites

BBC Bitesize