

Paper 1 Overview

Explorations in Creative Reading and Writing

Section A: Reading (Questions 1–4)

Section B: Writing (Question 5)

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Question 1 Checklist

Answer 4 multiple choice comprehension questions (4 marks)

I can...

- ☐ Read the questions carefully
 - ☐ Use the correct part of the extract to retrieve the information
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Question 2 Checklist

Language Analysis (8 marks)

I can...

- ☐ Use PETAL paragraphs
- ☐ identify language techniques
- ☐ zoom in on key words
- ☐ explain connotations
- ☐ analyse imagery and symbolism
- ☐ explore effects on the reader
- ☐ use subject terminology naturally
- ☐ include short embedded quotations

Useful terminology: I know how to identify the following techniques

- ☐ metaphor
- ☐ simile
- ☐ personification
- ☐ semantic field
- ☐ imagery

- ☐ alliteration
 - ☐ oxymoron
 - ☐ sensory language
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Question 3 Checklist

Structure Analysis (8 marks)

I can...

- ☐ Use What-When- Why paragraphs (Point- Evidence- Inference)
- ☐ explain **where** the writer focuses attention
- ☐ track shifts in focus
- ☐ comment on beginnings/endings
- ☐ analyse contrasts
- ☐ explore changes in pace or tension
- ☐ discuss narrative perspective
- ☐ use structural terminology accurately

Structural features to revise

- ☐ shift in focus
 - ☐ cyclical structure
 - ☐ foreshadowing
 - ☐ flashback
 - ☐ zooming in/out
 - ☐ dialogue
 - ☐ repetition
 - ☐ cliffhanger
 - ☐ contrast
 - ☐ chronological structure
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Question 4 Checklist

Evaluation (20 marks)

I can...

- ☐ Use PETAL paragraphs
 - ☐ clearly agree/disagree with the statement
 - ☐ maintain my viewpoint throughout
 - ☐ select strong quotations
 - ☐ analyse language and structure together
 - ☐ evaluate the writer's methods
 - ☐ explain effects on the reader
 - ☐ write detailed paragraphs
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Question 5 Checklist

Creative Writing (40 marks)

Content & Organisation (24 marks)

I can...

- ☐ Use the Drop- Zoom- Shift- Link structure
 - ☐ use ambitious vocabulary
 - ☐ create clear descriptions or narratives
 - ☐ structure my writing effectively
 - ☐ vary sentence lengths
 - ☐ use paragraphs deliberately
 - ☐ craft an engaging opening
 - ☐ create atmosphere and emotion
 - ☐ use sensory details
 - ☐ end effectively
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Technical Accuracy (16 marks)

I can...

- ☐ use accurate punctuation
 - ☐ spell ambitious words correctly
 - ☐ vary sentence forms
 - ☐ use commas accurately
 - ☐ use apostrophes correctly
 - ☐ proofread my work
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Descriptive Writing Features to Revise

- ☐ pathetic fallacy
 - ☐ sensory imagery
 - ☐ metaphor and simile
 - ☐ personification
 - ☐ colour imagery
 - ☐ varied sentence openings
 - ☐ cyclical endings
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☐ **Narrative Writing Features to Revise**

- ☐ dialogue
- ☐ tension building
- ☐ flashbacks
- ☐ foreshadowing
- ☐ character thoughts/feelings
- ☐ shifts in pace
- ☐ effective climax

Literature Paper 1 Overview

Section A: Macbeth

Section B: A Christmas Carol

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

Recommended Timing

Section	Suggested Time
Macbeth	50 mins
A Christmas Carol	50 mins
Checking	5 mins

Essay Structure Checklist

Introduction

- ☐ Use what-How-Why intro
 - ☐ Write 3x PETALs (PETAL 1- Writer establishes/ Petal 2- Writer develops/ PETAL 3- Writer's final impressions)
 - ☐ Conclusion
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PETAL Paragraphs

I can...

- ☐ make a clear point
- ☐ use relevant quotations
- ☐ zoom in on key words
- ☐ analyse methods and effects
- ☐ explain writer's intentions
- ☐ connect to context

- ☐ link back to the question
 - ☐

 - ☐ **Conclusion**
 - ☐ summarise the argument
 - ☐ return to writer's message
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Macbeth Revision Checklist

Character Revision

Macbeth

- ☐ ambition
- ☐ guilt
- ☐ violence
- ☐ corruption
- ☐ tragic hero qualities

Lady Macbeth

- ☐ manipulation
- ☐ power
- ☐ ambition
- ☐ guilt
- ☐ mental decline

The Witches

- ☐ supernatural influence
- ☐ fate vs free will

Banquo

- ☐ morality
- ☐ loyalty
- ☐ contrast to Macbeth

Macduff

- ☐ justice
 - ☐ revenge
 - ☐ heroism
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Macbeth Themes Checklist

- ☐ ambition
 - ☐ power
 - ☐ guilt
 - ☐ kingship
 - ☐ violence
 - ☐ fate vs free will
 - ☐ appearance vs reality
 - ☐ the supernatural
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Macbeth Quotations Checklist

I can revise quotations about...

- ☐ ambition
 - ☐ guilt
 - ☐ masculinity
 - ☐ kingship
 - ☐ fear
 - ☐ violence
 - ☐ supernatural events
 - ☐ where they appear in the play
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Macbeth Context Checklist

I understand...

- ☐ beliefs about witches
 - ☐ the Divine Right of Kings
 - ☐ Jacobean attitudes to kingship
 - ☐ ideas about masculinity
 - ☐ Shakespeare's purpose and audience reactions
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Macbeth Terminology Checklist

- ☐ tragic hero
 - ☐ hamartia
 - ☐ soliloquy
 - ☐ foreshadowing
 - ☐ dramatic irony
 - ☐ motif
 - ☐ symbolism
 - ☐ imagery
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A Christmas Carol Revision Checklist

Character Revision

Scrooge

- ☐ greed
- ☐ isolation
- ☐ transformation
- ☐ redemption
- ☐ generosity

Tiny Tim

- ☐ innocence
- ☐ poverty

- ☐ hope

Fred

- ☐ family
- ☐ joy
- ☐ forgiveness

The Ghosts

- ☐ lessons and warnings
- ☐ supernatural influence
- ☐ change and reflection

The Cratchits

- ☐ poverty
- ☐ family love
- ☐ resilience

A Christmas Carol Themes Checklist

- ☐ redemption
- ☐ poverty and social responsibility
- ☐ family
- ☐ generosity
- ☐ isolation
- ☐ Christmas spirit
- ☐ change and transformation

A Christmas Carol Quotations Checklist

I can revise quotations about...

- ☐ greed
- ☐ loneliness

- ☐ poverty
- ☐ family
- ☐ redemption
- ☐ generosity
- ☐ social responsibility