

# Revision for Eduqas GCSE English Language

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## Introduction

The GCSE English Language examination is unusual in that it does not require any revision of content. Consequently, these 'revision' materials are designed to boost students' abilities in tackling various aspects of the reading and writing sections of both papers.

It is worth bearing in mind the following when using these materials:

- Teachers can take students through the activities sequentially, or in any order they wish. They can also choose to omit certain activities and add in different ones of their own.
- Teachers can use the materials in conjunction with the sample texts and examination papers included, or with alternative texts of their own choice.
- The materials are designed to remind students about key aspects of their exams, but also to help them to engage with those aspects in ways that will improve their general understanding and confidence.
- The materials can be used in classrooms, or photocopied for students to use at home as part of their general revision.
- The materials can be shared across a school or college, with teachers and students, but cannot be disseminated more widely.
- The materials have been designed using sample materials freely available on the Eduqas website as models. They are not in any way endorsed by Eduqas and teachers should use them alongside any guidance available from the official awarding body.

<b>Reading (50%) Read and understand a range of texts to:</b>	
AO1	Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas Select and synthesise evidence from different texts
AO2	Explain, comment on and analyse 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
<b>Writing (50%)</b>	
AO5	Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences Organise 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. (This requirement must constitute 20% of the marks for each specification as a whole.)

*NB: Eduqas split these AOs into sub-categories. You can find these on page 51.*

# SAMPLE PAPERS FOR EDUQAS ENGLISH LANGUAGE GCSE (9-1)

## Component 1: 20th Century Literature Reading and Creative Prose Writing

Time: 1 hour 45 minutes

[NB. These materials have been devised following the model offered by the awarding body in their sample materials. They have not been approved by the awarding body and teachers should use them in conjunction with their own understanding of the AB's assessment criteria.]

### Section A: 40 Marks

[NB. This passage was written in the 21st century. Texts for this part of the final exam will have been written in the 20th century but are likely to be similar in terms of vocabulary and level of familiarity.]

*Read carefully the passage below. Then answer all the questions which follow it.*

*The novel from which this passage is taken is set in Tasmania, Australia. In this part of the story, set in the late 1940s, Dorrigo Evans and his family, trapped in a car, escape from a ferocious forest fire.*

Reasoning that their best chance of survival now lay in heading deeper into the forest that had already partly burnt, rather than heading into the fire that was now sweeping into Hobart, Dorrigo drove on in the direction from which his family had fled. Some houses and forest remained, but where the old woman who had not wanted them had saved her good boys' clothes for someone else, there was now nothing except smoking tin and ash and a naked chimney. Where Mrs McHugh had been chopping down her fence to save her house, it was hard to know in the smoke where either had been. 1 5

They found themselves driving into a strange night. Coming round a corner the black sky gave way to a huge, red wall of fire, perhaps half a mile away, flames rising far above them. This was a new fire, roaring up from a different direction, and it seemed to be joining several smaller fires into a single inferno. The noise of it was overwhelming. For a moment longer they continued staring as they kept driving. Ella broke the spell. 10

It's the fire front, she said. 15

Dorrigo braked, threw the Ford Mercury into a wild reverse swerve, crashed it into first and took off down the road from where they had just come. Past the fallen wires and flaming car wrecks he drove like a man possessed. Within minutes though the fire front had caught up with them, and now he drove between walls of flame on either side, around burning tree limbs falling everywhere, past houses exploding, alternately speeding as fast as he could go when there was a clear stretch of road, and slewing and slowing when he had to. A fireball, the size of a trolley bus and as blue as gas flame, appeared as if by magic on the road and rolled towards them. As the Ford Mercury swerved around it and straightened back up, Dorrigo found he had no choice but to ignore the burning debris that appeared out of the smoke and hurtled at them – sticks, branches, palings – sometimes hitting and bouncing off the car. He grunted as he worked the column shift<sup>1</sup> up and down, spinning the big steering wheel hard left 20 25

## Section B: 40 Marks

In this section you will be assessed for the quality of your **creative prose writing** skills.

24 marks are awarded for communication and organisation; 16 marks are awarded for vocabulary, sentence structure, spelling and punctuation.

You should aim to write about 450-600 words.

■ Choose one of the following titles for your writing:

Either, (a) Facing Danger

Or, (b) The Escape.

Or, (c) Write about a time when you helped other people.

Or, (d) Write the opening to a story called 'The Rescue'

[40 marks]

## Recognising What Each Paper Requires

Before starting to revise different aspects of the GCSE English Language papers, it is worth reminding yourself about what you will be examined on.

- In a pair, read the Assessment Objectives against which the papers are designed.
- Highlight any significant key words, such as 'structure'.
- Discuss what each key word means in relation to English study and write down as concise a definition for each one as you can.
- Hold a whole class discussion about the terms in which your teacher will clarify exactly what each one means.

AO1	Identify and interpret explicit and implicit information and ideas.
	Select and synthesise evidence from different texts.
AO2	Explain, comment on and analyse 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.
AO5	Communicate clearly, effectively and imaginatively, selecting and adapting tone, style and register for different forms, purposes and audiences.
	Organise 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.

# A Christmas Carol

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## Teachers' Notes

These revision materials have been designed to use with students sitting the Eduqas GCSE English Literature paper. They have all been written with the assessment objectives that apply to the study of a 19th-century novel in mind. These are as follows:

Assessment Objective	Marks awarded
AO1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Read, understand and respond to texts. Students should be able to:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– maintain a critical style and develop an informed personal response</li><li>– use textual references, including quotations, to support and illustrate interpretations.</li></ul></li></ul>	40 marks in total, equal weighting given to AO1, AO2, AO3
AO2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Analyse the language, form and structure used by a writer to create meanings and effects, using relevant subject terminology where appropriate.</li></ul>	
AO3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Show understanding of the relationships between texts and the contexts in which they were written.</li></ul>	

While we recognise the importance of students understanding the assessment objectives, we also believe that separating them out too systematically into their constituent parts can hinder a proper understanding of the text – and so a coherent response in the final examination. With this in mind, several of the activities encompass all three assessment objectives at once. Consequently, you will find within the material activities that model and encourage the exploration of all of the following in different ways and at different times:

- writing in a critical style
- developing a personal response
- using textual references and quotations
- developing interpretations
- analysing language, form and structure
- using subject terminology
- exploring context

Teachers are free to photocopy and distribute the resources among students within their own institution, or to simply use them in the classroom. In the latter instance, we have designed several of the activities in ways that encourage detailed discussion about the novel. We believe this will help students extend their long-term memory of particular details and ideas, develop their understanding of personal response and recognise different possibilities available to them.

# WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER ABOUT *A CHRISTMAS CAROL?*

## **Total Recall: Factual Questions**

There are lots of ways that you can use the questions on pages 6 and 7 to test your factual knowledge of *A Christmas Carol*. Here are some suggestions:

### **What I know, sort of know and don't know**

1. Read a stave that you need to revise.
2. Read through the questions about this stave.
3. Divide the questions into ones you are sure you know the answer to, ones you sort of know and ones you do not know.
4. Join with a partner and together see if you can work out the answers to all the questions.
5. Finally identify the ones you are still not sure about and ask your teacher for the answer sheet.

### **Testing a partner**

1. In pairs, choose a stave that you want to revise. (You can also do this activity for the whole book all at once.)
2. Look at the questions for your stave, or staves, and, in your head, place them in order of difficulty.
3. Take it in turns to ask your partner what you think is the hardest question available, until you have run out of questions to ask.
4. Keep a score and see who gets the most correct answers.

### **Which facts are most important?**

1. With a partner, work through questions for a stave.
2. When you are confident that you know all of the answers, decide which five facts in that stave are the most significant to remember.

# Generating Knowledge

## Discussing *A Christmas Carol*

These questions have been designed for you to discuss in a number of different ways. It is important that you compare your ideas with others in order to generate as much knowledge as possible around each one.

Make sure that your teacher sometimes joins in too as they will have a particular expertise in studying literature that will add to the knowledge and understanding in the room.

■ Here are some of the ways you might use these questions:

- Have a go at answering all of the questions, focus on a few that you select yourself, or answer ones set by your teacher.
- Try to think of 3-5 things to say in response to each question that you tackle.
- In a small group, take a question each and take it in turns to try to talk non-stop about it for one minute.
- Take the same question as other members of your group and spend a few minutes writing a response. Read your different responses to each other and see how you have each approached it differently or in similar ways.
- In small groups, pick a question at random. See who can be the first to come up with five things to say about it.

### Stave One

1. What do you notice about the narrative voice in the first few pages? You might like to comment on how it is established – tone, variation, and so on.
2. What examples of repetition can you find in the first few pages? Why do you think Dickens uses so much repetition here? What is its effect?
3. What do you notice about the way that the weather is described in this stave? What effect do these descriptions have on the reader?
4. What different ideas about Christmas do Scrooge and his nephew have? What is the effect of placing these side-by-side at the start of the novel?
5. The first stave establishes this as a ghost story. But is it scary? If so, how? If not, why not? And what kind of story is it exactly?
6. Why do you think Dickens chooses to have ‘two portly gentlemen’ come to Scrooge to ask him to contribute to charity? What is their effect on the reader?
7. How is Marley’s ghost presented? What emotions might readers feel about this ghost?
8. What does this first stave have to say about human nature?
9. How does Dickens show his skill as a storyteller in this opening stave, particularly in terms of building expectations?

### Stave Two

1. What does the Ghost of Christmas Past look like? How does it match with your idea about what a ghost should look like?
2. Come up with ideas about why this stave might be criticised as being too sentimental.
3. How is young Scrooge presented? What emotions might readers feel about him?
4. How are the Fezziwigs portrayed and what is their significance in the novel?

# KEY ASPECTS OF A *CHRISTMAS CAROL*

## Character: Scrooge

‘Oh! But he was a tight-fisted hand at the grindstone, Scrooge!’

This quotation comes from a long, descriptive passage at the start of the novel that leaves the reader in no doubt about Scrooge’s mean character. Most of the rest of the novel, however is about his *redemption*: how he comes to be saved from his own miserly and miserable life.

There are two lists on page 11, one giving examples of Scrooge’s miserliness and how he was perceived at that time in his life, the other showing moments on his path to redemption.

- Choose three from each list that make you feel sympathy for Scrooge.
- Choose three from the first list that you think make him sound the meanest.
- Choose three from the second list that you think most make him sound like a reformed character.
- Choose points from both lists that make him sound like a man psychologically scarred by various events in his life.
- Choose points from both lists that make his portrayal seem like a caricature rather than realistic.
- Choose what you consider to be the five most important points from each list.

# Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde

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# WHAT CAN YOU REMEMBER ABOUT *STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL & MR HYDE?*

## **Total Recall**

There are lots of ways that you can use the questions on pages 6-7 to test your factual knowledge of *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*. Here are some suggestions.

### **What I know, sort of know and don't know**

1. Read the questions before re-reading the book, or individual chapters, and identify gaps in your knowledge.
2. Read a chapter, or cluster of chapters where you have gaps in your knowledge.
3. Re-read the questions about the chapter, or chapters.
4. Divide the questions into ones you are sure you know the answer to, ones you sort of know and ones you do not know.
5. Join with a partner and together see if you can work out the answers to all the questions.
6. Finally identify the ones you are still not sure about and ask your teacher for the answers (available on pages 40-41).

### **Testing a partner**

1. In pairs, choose a chapter or cluster of chapters that you want to revise. (You can also do this activity for the whole book all at once.)
2. Look at the questions for your chapter, or chapters, and, in your head, place them in order of difficulty.
3. Take it in turns to ask your partner what you think is the hardest question available, until you have run out of questions to ask.
4. Keep a score and see who gets the most correct answers.

### **Which facts are most important?**

1. With a partner, work through questions for a chapter, or cluster of chapters.
2. When you are confident that you know all of the answers, decide which five facts in that chapter, or cluster, are the most significant to remember.

# Generating Knowledge

## Discussing *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*

These questions have been designed for you to discuss in a number of different ways. It is important that you compare your ideas with others, including your teacher, in order to generate as much knowledge as possible around each one.

- Here are some of the ways you might use these questions:
  - Have a go at answering all of the questions, focus on a few that you select yourself, or answer ones set by your teacher.
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  - In a small group, take a question each and take it in turns to try to talk non-stop about it for one minute.
  - Take the same question as other members of your group and spend a few minutes writing a response. Read your different responses to each other and see how you have each approached it differently or in similar ways.
  - In small groups, pick a question at random. See who can be the first to come up with five things to say about it.

### Chapter 1

1. Looking back on this chapter after reading the whole book, what clues does Stevenson include about what is going to happen? How effective is he at grabbing the attention of his readers?
2. How does Stevenson present the relationship between Utterson and Enfield? Is there anything that you think would be surprising about their behaviour for a modern reader? Are there any unanswered questions about their behaviour for readers from any period?
3. How effectively does Stevenson establish the setting in this chapter? You might like to think in particular about his use of contrasts and his description of the house into which Hyde goes.

### Chapter 2

1. In what ways do the first two chapters develop like a detective story? In what ways does it develop differently?
2. Utterson calls on Dr Lanyon unannounced after midnight, yet this is not presented by Stevenson as unusual. Why do you think he has set the opening action at night-time?
3. What impression does Stevenson create of Utterson up to this point? You might, for example, think about why Utterson is so interested in Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde.

### Chapter 3

1. In this short chapter we meet Dr Jekyll for the first time. What impression does Stevenson give of his character? How does his behaviour add to the element of mystery in the story as a whole?

### Chapter 4

1. This chapter pays a lot of attention to the weather and to describing the part of London in which Hyde lives. How are both the weather and setting presented in order to create a Gothic effect?

# KEY ASPECTS OF *STRANGE CASE OF DR JEKYLL AND MR HYDE*

## Characters

### The Victorian gentlemen

As well as the character of Jekyll, several other Victorian 'gentlemen' feature in the novel. Much of it is told from the point of view of Mr. Utterson, including what Mr. Enfield tells him. He also speaks to Dr. Lanyon, who in turn provides the narration for part of the story.

Some readers find these different characters difficult to tell apart. The statements below are designed to help you to think about why this might be and to explore the 'gentlemen' characters in the novel in more detail.

- In a pair, or small group, discuss reasons why you agree or disagree with the statements. Make sure to relate your responses to what happens in the novel.
- Choose a statement that interests you and find a short passage in the novel, about 200-300 words long that exemplifies it.
- Write a paragraph or two analysing closely how your passage exemplifies the statement and read this to the rest of the class.
- Draw on the ideas you have heard to write a full response to this question:

**'How does Stevenson portray the role of the Victorian gentleman in *Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*?'**

Stevenson makes all of the gentlemen in his novel behave in similar ways to suggest the strength of the pressures on them to conform.

The gentlemen in the novel all repress their true emotions and selves: this is why they are so interested in Hyde, because he represents everything they are not allowed to be.

Part of the novel's power comes from what we are *not* told about the lives of the gentlemen. E.g. what does Jekyll do when he acts as 'an ordinary secret sinner'? Why do Utterson and Enfield meet so late at night? And why is Lanyon so against Jekyll's medical experiments?

Stevenson presents the Victorian gentlemen as relatively dull characters in order to make Hyde even more interesting.

Stevenson creates sympathy for the Victorian gentlemen because it is obvious that they lead frustrated lives.