

A-Level English Literature specification: WJEC

Unit 1 (AS)

Pre-1900 Prose and Drama

Exam: Closed book: 2 hours

Section A: pre-1900 Prose (1 hour)

***Jane Eyre* (Bronte)**

- Part (i) extract-based question on novel) 20 minutes, /20 marks
- Part (ii) linked essay question on whole text 40 minutes, /40 marks

Section A total: /60

Section B: Drama (1 hour)

***A Streetcar Named Desire* (Williams)**

- One essay question from choice of 2, 60 minutes, /60 marks

Section B total: /60 marks

Unit 1 total: /120

Unit 2 (AS)

Post-1900 Poetry

Exam: Open book (clean copy) 2 hours

Seamus Heaney (Field Work)/Owen Sheers (Skirrid Hill)

Section A (45 minutes)

Detailed critical analysis of a single poem by one of the poets studied

Section A Total /40

Section B (1 ¼ hours)

One essay question – choice of two

Section B Total /80

Unit 2 Total: /120

AS TOTAL: /240, which is converted into a UMS mark of /200

Unit 3 (A2)

Pre-1900 Poetry and Unseen Poetry: Exam: Open book (clean copy) 2 hours

Donne Selected Poems

Section A (1 hour) - Donne

- Part (i) detailed critical analysis of a single poem by studied poet; /15 marks, 20 minutes
- Part (ii) linked essay question on studied poet; /45 marks, 40 minutes

Section A Total: /60

Section B (1 hour) – unseen poetry

One unseen poem given, which candidates have to analyse, along with one unseen linked poem (choice of 3)

Section B Total: /60

Unit 3 Total: /120

Unit 4 (A2)

Shakespeare: Exam: Closed text (2 hours)

Hamlet

Section A

Extract-based question (45 minutes)

Section A total: /45

Section B

Choice out of 2 essay questions (1 ¼ hours)

Section B total: /75

Unit 4 Total: /120

Unit 5 (A2)

Prose Study Coursework: ***The Color Purple* (Alice Walker) *Life of Pi* (Yann Martel)**

- ✚ Based on 2 prose texts: 1 pre- and 1 post-2000.
- ✚ 2,500 – 3,500 words.

Unit 5 total: /120

TOTAL for just A2: /360 which is converted into a UMS score of /300

TOTAL for whole A-Level: /600 which is converted into a UMS score of /500

A2 results in English Literature

Grades	English 2019/20	English 2018/19	English 2017/18	English 2016/17	English 2015/16	English 2014/15
A*	2	0	1	1	1	3
A	2	3	2	7	5	2
B	0	5	5	12	4	12
C	0	6	7	17	6	4
D	0	1	2	5	0	1
E	0	0	0	1	0	0
U	0	0	0	0	0	0

AS results in English Literature

Grades	English 2019/20	English 2018/19	English 2017/18	English 2016/17	English 2015/16	English 2014/15
A	12	1	1	1	4	8
B	12	2	5	3	17	7
C	8	1	4	7	16	7
D	3	0	6	4	6	3
E	0	0	1	3	3	1
U	0	0	0	0	0	0