

GCSE English Literature past papers

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2025

June 2025

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

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2024

June 2024

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

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2023

June 2023

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Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

[Question paper](#) PDF, 652.55 KB

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[Paper 2 \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 590.45 KB

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2022

Adapted exam: in this series the papers were split differently from the exams you will sit. They are still useful for practising questions on your set texts.

June 2022

Paper 1N: The 19th-century novel

[Question paper](#) PDF, 321.66 KB

Paper 1M: Modern prose and drama

[Question paper](#) PDF, 336.81 KB

Paper 1P: Poetry anthology

[Question paper](#) PDF, 223.75 KB

Paper 2: Shakespeare and unseen poetry

[Question paper](#) PDF, 339.6 KB

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[Paper 1N \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 205.47 KB

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[Paper 1M \(A3 36pt\)](#) PDF, 200.5 KB

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[Paper 1P \(A3 36pt\)](#) PDF, 163.02 KB

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2021

Adapted exam: in this series the papers were split differently from the exams you will sit. They are still useful for practising questions on your set texts.

November 2021

Paper 1N: The 19th-century novel

[Question paper](#) PDF, 368.99 KB

Paper 1P: Poetry anthology

[Question paper](#) PDF, 306.14 KB

Paper 1M: Modern prose and drama

[Question paper](#) PDF, 379.74 KB

Paper 2: Shakespeare and unseen poetry

[Question paper](#) PDF, 365.13 KB

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[Paper 1N \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 211.64 KB

[Paper 1M \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 171.26 KB

[Paper 1P \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 182.54 KB

[Paper 2 \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 212.35 KB

[Paper 1N \(A3 36pt\)](#) PDF, 226.15 KB

[Paper 1M \(A3 36pt\)](#) PDF, 180.66 KB

[Paper 1P \(A3 36pt\)](#) PDF, 193.34 KB

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2020

November 2020

Paper 1: Shakespeare and the 19th-century novel

[Question paper](#) PDF, 283.46 KB

Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

[Question paper](#) PDF, 297.94 KB

Modified enlarged versions (4)

[Paper 1 \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 303.08 KB

[Paper 2 \(A4 18pt\)](#) PDF, 228.75 KB

[Paper 1 \(A3 36pt\)](#) PDF, 301.56 KB

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Sample papers

AQA's original sample papers, published in 2014 when this course began.

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Paper 2: Modern texts and poetry

[Question paper](#) PDF, 534 KB
