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GCSE ENGLISH PAPER ONE QUESTIONS, SKILLS AND STRATEGIES



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PAPER 1

Paper 1 Question 1 assessment objectives

- List 4 things...
- Identify explicit information
- Identify explicit ideas
- (4 marks)

Paper 1 Question 1 skills

- Locate a specific part of the text using the given line numbers
- Read and understand the selected text
- Identify clearly stated information
- Quote or paraphrase your responses

Paper 1 Question 1 strategies to answer the question

- Define the term explicit
- Highlight the selected area of the text given in the question
- Underline the key words or phrases that directly answer the question
- Keep it simple – 4 different points = 4 marks



Paper 1 Question 2 assessment objectives

- How does the writer's use of language...
- Comment on, explain, analyse
- (8 marks)

Paper 1 Question 2 skills

- Identify key words, phrases and sentence forms that are relevant to the question
- Name the language feature, word type or sentence form
- Explain what is the intended effect on the reader of the key words, phrases or sentence forms

Paper 1 Question 2 strategies to answer the question

- Read the text out loud
- Use a highlighter to search and find key words, phrases and sentence forms
- Use your glossary to label the key words, phrases and sentence forms
- Visualise and feel the intention of the word, phrase or sentence form – what does it make you think, how does it make you feel?
- Use the sentence starters to structure your responses
- Use model answers to review and improve your responses

Paper 1 Question 3 assessment objectives

- How has the writer structured the text to interest you as a reader?
- Comment on, explain, analyse
- (8 marks)

Paper 1 Question 3 skills session

- Plot what happens in the beginning, middle and end
- Identify 1st person or 3rd person
- Identify any changes throughout the text in respect of setting, character or tone
- Identify how specific sentences may contribute to the structure as a whole
- Identify other structural features from your glossary
- Explain how these different structural features affect the reader

Paper 1 Question 3 strategies to answer the question

- Read through the text
- Highlight the first and last paragraph
- Plot key events; change in setting, character, and tone
- Highlight and label the structural features
- Visualise and use sentence starters to explain how the structural features affect the reader
- Use model answers

Paper 1 Question 4 assessment objectives

- To what extent do you agree?
- Evaluate texts critically
- (20 marks)

Paper 1 Question 4 skills

- Identify key words, phrase or sentence forms that are relevant to the question and support your views
- Name the word, phrase or sentence form
- Explain what effect / impression the word, phrase, sentence form or structural feature has on you, the reader

Paper 1 Question 4 strategies to answer the question

- Highlight and label key words, phrases, sentence forms and structural features
- Use your language and structure glossaries
- Use the sentence starters
- Use the acronym to structure your response
- Use model answers to review and improve your responses
- Visualise and feel the writers intention in using the word / phrase / sentence form / structural feature. What does it make you think, how does it make you feel?

Paper 1 Question 5 assessment objectives

- Descriptive or narrative writing
- Communicate clearly
- Organise information
- Use a range of vocab and sentences
- Accurate spelling and punctuation
- (40 marks)

Paper 1 Question 5 skills

- Identify the purpose and form of your writing
- Plan your idea
- Use ambitious words, phrases and sentence forms to create impact on the reader
- Write under timed conditions
- Identify errors in your own work

Paper 1 Question 5 strategies to answer the question

- Highlight the purpose and form
- Either annotate the picture or mind map your ideas
- Plan your writing
- Be mindful of the time – you need to write 2 pages of writing
- Proofread your work
- Use model answers