

AQA A-Level English Language: Exam breakdown

AO1: Use of appropriate terminology and coherent expression	AO2: Use of theories, concepts and issues.	AO3: Understanding how contextual factors and language features are associated with the construction of meaning.	AO4: Connections across texts.	AO5: Expertise and creativity in the use of English to communicate ideas.
Paper 1 – Language, the individual and society. 40% of the A-Level. 100 marks.			Paper 2 – Language diversity and change. 40% of the A-Level. 100 marks.	
<p>Question 1 – Analyse how Text A uses language to create meanings and representations. (MODERN TEXT)</p> <p>AO1: 10 marks, AO2: 15 marks. Total – 25 marks.</p> <p>Timings: 10 minutes preparing text A, 30 minutes writing an answer.</p>			<p>EITHER Question 1 – Language diversity. Evaluate the idea that... (NO DATA GIVEN)</p> <p>Focus on subjects like gender, occupation, accent, dialect, social groups, etc.</p> <p>AO1: 10 marks, AO2: 20 marks. Total – 30 marks.</p> <p>Timings – 45 minutes writing.</p>	
<p>Question 2 – Analyse how Text B uses language to create meanings and representations. (HISTORICAL TEXT)</p> <p>AO1: 10 marks, AO2: 15 marks. Total – 25 marks.</p> <p>Timings: 10 minutes preparing text B, 30 minutes writing an answer.</p>			<p>OR Question 2 – Language change. Evaluate the idea that... (NO DATA GIVEN)</p> <p>AO1: 10 marks, AO2: 20 marks. Total – 30 marks.</p> <p>Timings – 45 minutes writing.</p>	
<p>Question 3 - Explore the similarities and differences in the ways that Text A and Text B use language.</p> <p>AO4: 20 marks (informed by AO1 and AO3, but no explicit marks).</p> <p>Timings – 20 minutes writing</p>			<p>Question 3 - Analyse how language is used in Text A and Text B to present views about...</p> <p>AO1: 10 marks, AO3: 15 marks, AO4: 15 marks. Total – 40 marks.</p> <p>Timings – 15 minutes preparing the texts, 45 minutes writing an answer</p>	
<p>Question 4 or 5 – Child Language Acquisition.</p> <p>A discursive essay on children’s language development, with a choice of two questions where the data provided will focus on spoken, written or multimodal language.</p> <p>AO1: 15 marks, AO2: 15 marks. Total – 30 marks.</p> <p>Timings – 10 minutes preparing the data, 40 minutes writing an answer.</p>			<p>Question 4 - Write an opinion article in which you assess the ideas and issues raised in Text A and Text B and argue your own views.</p> <p>AO2: 20 marks, AO5: 10 marks. Total – 30 marks.</p> <p>Timings – 45 minutes writing.</p>	

