

GCSE Exam Paper

EDUQAS Literature

Component 1 – Shakespeare and Poetry

Time: 2 hours 40% of qualification

Section A – Shakespeare

Time: 1 hour

a) Extract Questions (AO1, AO2)

Extract question from appropriate text (20 minutes).



Example questions:

- Look at how **[character name(s)]** speak and behave here. What does it reveal to the audience about their relationship at this point in the play?
- What does this extract show an audience about **[name of character]**?
- How does **[name of playwright]** create mood and atmosphere for an audience here?

b) Essay Questions (AO1, AO2, AO4)

Essay question from appropriate text (40 minutes).

Example questions:

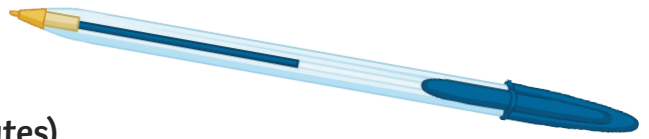
- Write about **[name of character]** and the way he/she is presented in **[name of play]**.
- Write about times in the text when the audience feel sorry for **[name of character]**.
- How does **[name of playwright]** present relationships between....?



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Section B – Poetry (AO1, AO2, AO3)

Time: 1 hour



a) Printed poem from anthology (20 minutes).

Example question:

In this poem, **[poet]** explores ideas about **[theme]**. Write about the way **[poet]** presents **[theme]** in this poem.

b) Comparison of printed poem to any other poem from the anthology from memory (40 minutes).

Example question:

Compare the presentation of **[theme]** in your chosen poem to the presentation of **[theme]** in **[printed poem]**.

You should compare:

- the content and structure of the poems – what they are about and how they are organised;
- how the writers create effects, using appropriate terminology where relevant;
- the contexts of the poems, and how these may have influenced the ideas in them.

