

## NOTICE TO CENTRES

FAO: Exams Officer/Head of English

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Subject: GCSE and GCE English

### CHANGE OF EXAMINATION PAPER FORMAT FROM JANUARY 2013 ALL OCR ENGLISH QUESTION PAPERS

The examination papers for all English examined units will be changing from the January 2013 series. Candidates will be provided with answer booklets that are specific to each unit, rather than generic answer booklets. It is important that the relevant answer booklet is used for each exam. Generic answer booklets from previous exam series should be destroyed.

The new format of each question paper is detailed below.

#### GCSE English Literature

| Unit               | New paper format   |
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| A662/01<br>A662/02 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet. |
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| A664/01<br>A664/02 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet. |

#### GCSE English and English Language

| Unit    | New paper format   |
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| A680/01 | Combined question and answer booklet with answer lines after each question. There will be additional lined pages at the back of the booklet for candidates who require additional space. The question number(s) must be clearly shown if this space is used. The reading source material for Section A will still be provided on a separate insert (the Reading Booklet), so that candidates may refer to it as they write their answers to Section A. |
| A680/02 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet.   |

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### GCE English Language

| Unit    | New paper format   |
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| F651/01 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet.   |
| F653/01 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet.<br>The Reading Booklet will still be provided as a separate insert. |

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| F661/01 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet. |
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### GCE English Language and Literature

| Unit    | New paper format   |
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| F671/01 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet. |
| F673/01 | Question paper insert with unit specific answer booklet. |

The new answer booklets have been designed to provide appropriate space for the completion of the questions. However, if a candidate uses all the space within the answer booklet and therefore needs additional paper, it is acceptable to use supplementary answer sheets. The candidate name, candidate number and centre number should be clearly written on each supplementary sheet, and the sheets securely attached to the candidate's answer booklet.

Revised versions of the January 2012 examination papers and inserts will be made available in the new format on Interchange shortly (OCR's secure website for teachers and exams officers). Teachers may like to show these versions to candidates or use them for mock examinations in order to familiarise candidates with the new format.

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