

IGCSE English Literature

Understanding the changes to the new specifications.

The table below outlines the changes from the current IGCSE specification (first examination June 2011) to the new IGCSE specification (first examination June 2012). The changes are highlighted in RED. If you have any questions or queries regarding the amended specifications, please read the FAQs on the website or contact the subject advisor team on 0844 372 2188 or at EnglishSubjectAdvisor@edexcelexperts.co.uk.

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Current IGCSE English Literature	Amended IGCSE English Literature
Specification	Specification
Paper 1: Drama and Prose	Paper 1
70% externally assessed paper	60% externally assessed paper
1 hour and 30 minute paper	1 hour and 45 minute paper
Single Tier of Entry	Single Tier of Entry
60 marks	60 marks
Section A: Drama	Section A: Drama
Section B: Prose	Section B: Prose
Section B. 11030	Section B. 1103c
	Three new set texts added:
	Henry V; Much Ado about Nothing; To Kill
	A Mockingbird
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Paper 2 (Optional)	Paper 2 (Optional)
30% externally assessed paper	40% externally assessed paper
45 minute paper	1 hour and 30 minute paper
Single Tier of Entry	Single Tier of Entry
30 marks	40 marks
Either: unseen poem OR section C of	Section A: Unseen Poem or Prose
Anthology	Section B: Section C of Anthology
	Students must answer one question from
	section A and one question from section B
Paper 3 (Optional)	Paper 3 (Optional)
30% internally assessed paper	40% internally assessed paper
Poetry coursework based on at least 3	Poetry coursework based on at least 3
poems from section C of the anthology with	poems from section C of the anthology with
reference to at least another 3 poems which	reference to at least another 3 poems which
may be drawn from outside section C of the	may be drawn from outside section C of the
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