PART ONE: INTRODUCTION

How to use these papers

This book contains four York Notes example GCSE English Language practice test papers: there are two Paper 1s (imaginative/creative texts) and two Paper 2s (non-fiction texts). All these York Notes papers have been modelled on the ones that you will sit in your GCSE 9–1 English Language exams, whether you are studying AQA, Edexcel, Eduqas or OCR.*

There are lots of ways these papers can support your study and revision for the GCSE 9–1 English Language exam. There is no 'right' way – choose the one or ones that suits your learning style best.

You could use them:

Alongside York Notes English Language and Literature: Revision and Exam Practice

Do you have the York Notes Revision and Exam Practice guide for GCSE English Language (and Literature)?

The papers in this book will allow you to try out the skills and techniques outlined in Chapters 1 to 6 of the guide. So you could:

- read a section of the guide dealing with one specific question type
- complete this question in one of the practice papers printed here.

As a stand-alone revision programme

Have you already mastered all of the skills needed for your exam?

Then you can keep your skills fresh by answering one or two questions from this book each day or week.

You could make a revision diary and allocate particular questions to particular times.

3 As a form of mock exam

Would you like to work under exam conditions?

You could put aside part of a day to work on a full paper in a quiet room. Set a stopwatch so that you can experience what it will be like in your real exam. If some of your friends have copies of this book then several of you could all do this together and discuss your answers afterwards.

4 As a combination of revision and exam practice

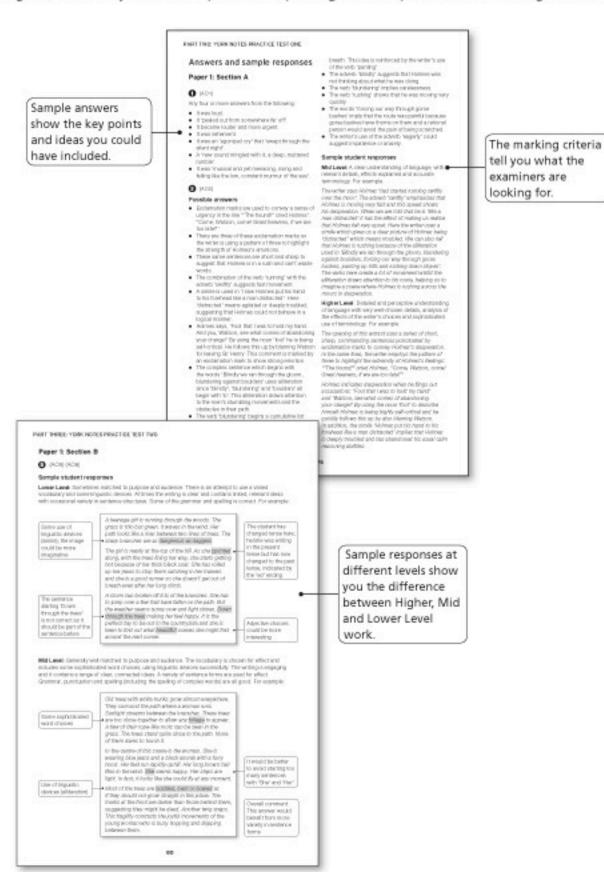
Would you like to do some revision and then try a mock exam?

Perhaps you could work through one set of papers slowly – question by question over a number of days – and then save the other set of papers to use as a mock nearer the exam.

*The paper numbers and content broadly match those of AQA, Edexcel and Eduqas. OCR reverses the order of the components.

How to use the answer sections

This book contains answer sections that will help you to understand what the examiners are looking for, and how your own responses compare against sample answers at a range of levels.



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PART TWO: YORK NOTES PRACTICE TEST ONE

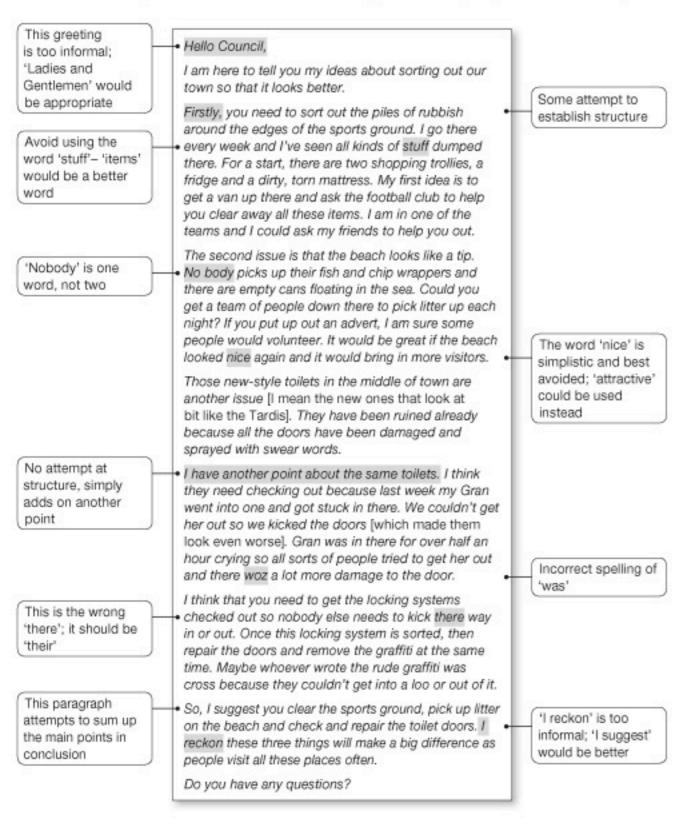
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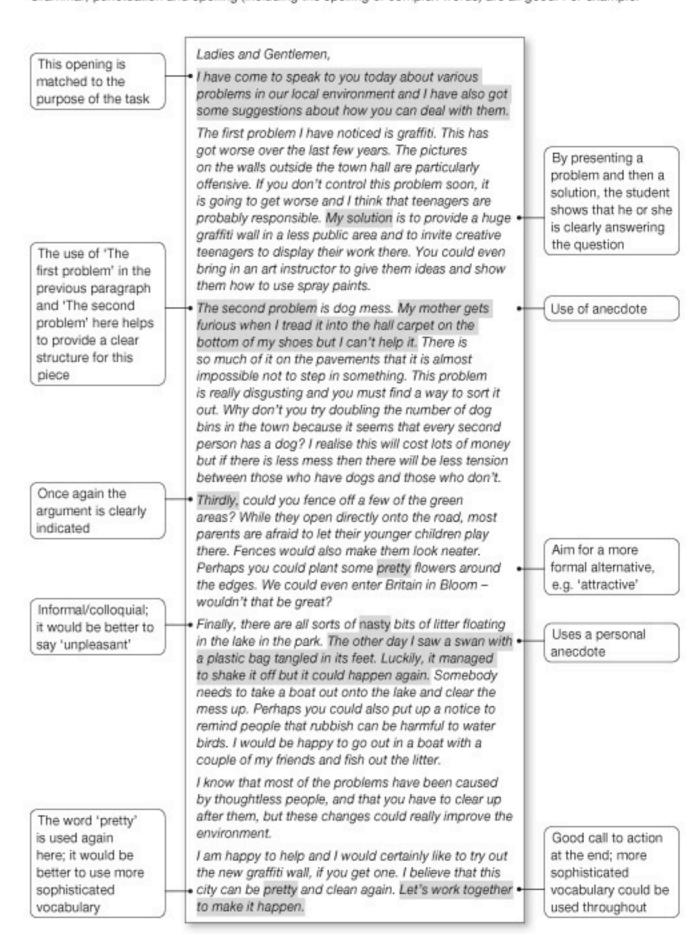
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Sample student responses

Lower Level: Sometimes matched to purpose and audience. There is an attempt to use a varied vocabulary and some linguistic devices. At times the writing is clear and contains linked, relevant ideas with occasional variety in sentence structures. Some of the grammar and spelling is correct. For example:



Mid Level: Generally well matched to purpose and audience. The vocabulary is chosen for effect and includes some sophisticated word choices, using linguistic devices successfully. The writing is engaging and it contains a range of clear, connected ideas. A variety of sentence forms are used for effect. Grammar, punctuation and spelling (including the spelling of complex words) are all good. For example:



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