**National 5 English – Planning time for English Exam**

**Paper 1 – RUAE – 1 hr**

In this exam you must read a non-fiction passage and answer 30 marks worth of questions.

We recommend spending no more than 10 minutes to read the passage, then 50 minutes to answer the questions.

To prepare for this exam you must know how to answer:

* In Your Own Words Questions
* Word Choice Questions
* Imagery Questions
* Sentence Structure Questions
* Tone
* Link Questions
* Effective Introductions / Conclusions
* Context Questions

**Paper 2 – Scottish Set Text & Critical Essay – 1hr 30’**

**Part 1 – Scottish Set Text – Approximately 45’**

We recommend spending no more than 45 minutes on Part 1 – you must be aware of time you have left, no-one will tell you to move on to Part 2!

In this exam one of the 6 poems you have studied in class will appear and you will need to answer 20 marks worth of questions on it.

To prepare for this part of the exam you must know how to answer:

* Word Choice Questions
* Imagery Questions
* Sentence Structure Questions
* Effective Introductions / Conclusions
* 8-Marker

The final question (the 8-Marker) will ask you to compare the exam poem to at least one of the other 5 poems. To help with this you must have memorised *at least* 6 quotes from each of the poems.

**Part 2 – Critical Essay – Approximately 45’**

We recommend spending 45 minutes on Part 2, but if you have finished part 1 quickly it is best to spend spare on part 2.

In this exam, based on a text you have studied in class, you will be asked a question about one of the following: Character, Theme, Key Moment.

You should write an introduction, 3-4 main paragraphs and a conclusion. Paragraphs should include quotations, analysis and consistently address the essay question.

**Higher English – Planning time for English Exam**

**Paper 1 – RUAE – 1 hr 30**

In this exam you must read two non-fiction passages and answer 30 marks worth of questions.

We recommend spending no more than 10 minutes to read passage 1, then 60 minutes to answer the questions on passage 1.

We then recommend spending 5 minutes reading passage 2, then the remaining 15 minutes to answer the final question (the 5-Marker).

To prepare for this exam you must know how to answer:

* In Your Own Words Questions
* Word Choice Questions
* Imagery Questions
* Sentence Structure Questions
* Tone
* Link Questions
* Effective Introductions / Conclusions
* Context Questions
* 5-Marker Comparison Question

**Paper 2 – Scottish Set Text & Critical Essay – 1hr 30’**

**Part 1 – Scottish Set Text – Approximately 45’**

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In this exam one of the 6 poems you have studied in class will appear and you will need to answer 20 marks worth of questions on it.

To prepare for this part of the exam you must know how to answer:

* Word Choice Questions
* Imagery Questions
* Sentence Structure Questions
* Effective Introductions / Conclusions
* 10-Marker

The final question (the 8-Marker) will ask you to compare the exam poem to at least one of the other 5 poems. To help with this you must have memorised *at least* 6 quotes from each of the poems.

**Part 2 – Critical Essay – Approximately 45’**

We recommend spending 45 minutes on Part 2, but if you have finished part 1 quickly it is best to spend spare on part 2.

In this exam, based on a text you have studied in class, you will be asked a question about one of the following: Character, Theme, Key Moment.

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