

GCSE English Literature Specification Addendum

Exceptional Assessment Adaptations (for 2020–2021)

This addendum should be used in conjunction with the current specification

The table below shows the units available for Summer 2021 cash in and details where applicable:

- the unit eligible for omission; and
- any temporary adaptations that have been made due to public health restrictions.

Please note: This applies only to candidates who started their GCSE course in September 2019 and are cashing-in at qualification level in Summer 2021

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
Unit 1: The Study of Prose	External written examination Untiered 1 hour 45 mins Students answer two questions, one from Section A and the set question in Section B. Section A is closed book.	30%	This unit will be eligible for omission for candidates cashing in for the qualification level grade in Summer 2021. This unit will still be available for any candidates wishing to be assessed in all units.

Content	Assessment	Weightings	Assessment Adaptations 2020–2021
Unit 2: The Study of Drama and Poetry	External written examination Untiered 2 hours Students answer two questions, one from Section A and one from Section B. Section A is open book. Section B is open book.	50%	No changes
Unit 3: The Study of Shakespeare	Controlled assessment Untiered 2 hours Students complete one task: an extended writing question based on a theme. For the themes for first teaching in September 2017, see Appendix 3. Teachers mark the tasks, and we moderate the results.	20%	No changes

For those students who started their GCSE course in September 2019 and are due to cash in the full GCSE in Summer 2021 should they choose to sit all units of the GCSE, they will receive the higher of either:

- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the required units specified by CCEA; or
- the grade awarded on the basis of the outcome of the full set of units for that qualification.

In both cases the full specification content should still be delivered.

For candidates commencing their GCSE course in September 2020, it is recommended that, as far as possible, the units are delivered in numerical order in case of any further disruption to the academic year.