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English Exam Board: Edexcel A-level English Language

Subject Overview

In the June mock exam series, students will be assessed on all units covered throughout Year 12. For Component 1, they will be assessed on Individual Variation in which they will compare two unseen 21st-century linked texts/data; for Variation Over Time, they will compare two thematically linked unseen texts/data from two different periods. For Component 2, they will be assessed on their knowledge and understanding of Child language Acquisition and answer one question based on a set of unseen data – either spoken or written. Timings for each assessment are as follows:

- Component 1 Language Variation – 2 hours 15 minutes
- Component 2 Child Language Acquisition – 1 hour 15 minutes

Examination Y12 Summer 2021 Key Topics

Component 1 Language Variation:

- Accurate use of subject terminology
- Application of linguistic frameworks to analysis
- Analysis of linguistic methods
- Application of linguistic concepts and theories
- Understanding of how contextual factors influence the production of a text
- Making connections and comparison across and between texts/data

Component 2 Child Language Acquisition:

- Accurate use of subject terminology
- Application of linguistic frameworks to analysis
- Analysis of linguistic methods
- Application of linguistic concepts and theories
- Understanding of how contextual factors influence the production of a text

Useful websites

- genius.com
- senecalearning.com
- qualifications.pearson.com
- www.bl.uk/learning/langlit/evolvingenglish
- Rainford Connect – English area

Useful resources

- English Language text books (available upon request from class teachers)
- Past papers (available upon request from class teachers)

- ‘The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language’ by David Crystal (available upon request from class teachers)
- English Department instructional videos

Useful revision tips

Component 1 Section A – Individual Variation:

- Create a glossary of linguistic terminology
- Read non-fiction texts and create a list of questions to explore them
- Create flashcards to help with revision and self-testing of terminology
- Create flashcards to help with revision and self-testing of theories and concepts
- Complete as many past papers as you can

Component 1 Section B – Variation Over Time:

- Create a glossary of linguistic terminology
- Create flashcards to help with revision and self-testing of terminology
- Create flashcards to help with revision and self-testing of theories and concepts
- Create timelines to record major events that have influenced the evolution of the English from 1500 to the present day
- Watch ‘The Adventure of English’ documentary series on YouTube
- Read ‘The Cambridge Encyclopaedia of the English Language’ by David Crystal (available upon request from class teacher)
- Find texts to compare from different centuries using the British Library resource
- Complete as many past papers as you can

Component 2 – Child Language Acquisition:

- Create a glossary of linguistic terminology
- Create flashcards to help with revision and self-testing of terminology
- Create flashcards to help with revision and self-testing of theories and concepts
- Create timelines to record the stages of child language development
- Record, transcribe and analyse a child’s speech (sibling or cousin)
- Complete as many past papers as you can