

2024 King's Scholarship minor change of exam paper structure

We are introducing a minor change of structure of the King's Scholarship papers. For 2024 onwards English and Creative Writing are being replaced by English A and English B. A description of the content of the new papers is below. The change represents a reordering of questions rather than any major change of style of questions. Whereas in the past English generally contained 3 sections and Creative Writing contained 1 section, the new papers, which will be equally weighted, will contain 2 sections each. In terms of preparation for these papers, practising past papers of English and Creative Writing should suffice.

English A (50 marks) 80 minutes

Content: This is a **critical analysis** paper comprising two Sections. Section One will provide a challenging poem or prose extract with three shorter evaluative questions; Section Two will offer candidates the opportunity to write a longer critical response to a literary-themed essay question. Both Sections will be equally weighted with 25 marks available for each.

English B (50 marks) 80 minutes

Content: This is a **creative interpretations** paper comprising two Sections. Section One will require candidates to respond to a number of shorter questions on at least one artistic image. Section Two will ask candidates to write a creative response linked to the source(s) provided in Section One. Both Sections will be equally weighted with 25 marks available for each.

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