

Spelling, punctuation and grammar (SPaG) in GCSE English Literature

An additional change to GCSE English Literature is to be implemented from January 2013 onwards. Ofqual has confirmed that additional marks are to be awarded in English Literature for spelling, punctuation and grammar. Therefore 5% of the marks for English Literature will be for SPaG; this will be assessed in Unit A662 Modern Drama only.

Unit A662 – Modern Drama

Foundation Tier

There will be 6 additional marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar, which are indicated with a pencil (✎).

The total number of marks for the foundation tier paper will now be **33**.

Higher Tier

There will be 9 additional marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar, which are indicated with a pencil (✎).

The total number of marks for the higher tier paper will now be **49**.

Assessment Grids

SPaG will be assessed using the following grids:

Foundation tier:

High performance 6 marks
Candidates spell, punctuate and use rules of grammar with consistent accuracy and effective control of meaning in the context of the demands of the question. Where required, they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly and with precision.
Intermediate performance 3-5 marks
Candidates spell, punctuate and use rules of grammar with considerable accuracy and general control of meaning in the context of the demands of the question. Where required, they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.
Threshold performance 1-2 marks
Candidates spell, punctuate and use rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy in the context of the demands of the question. Any errors do not hinder meaning in the response. Where required, they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.

Higher tier:

<i>High performance 7-9 marks</i>
Candidates spell, punctuate and use rules of grammar with consistent accuracy and effective control of meaning in the context of the demands of the question. Where required, they use a wide range of specialist terms adeptly and with precision.
<i>Intermediate performance 4-6 marks</i>
Candidates spell, punctuate and use rules of grammar with considerable accuracy and general control of meaning in the context of the demands of the question. Where required, they use a good range of specialist terms with facility.
<i>Threshold performance 1-3 marks</i>
Candidates spell, punctuate and use rules of grammar with reasonable accuracy in the context of the demands of the question. Any errors do not hinder meaning in the response. Where required, they use a limited range of specialist terms appropriately.

Specimen Materials

For updated A662 specimen question papers and mark schemes please refer to the OCR website:

http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/type/gcse_2012/english/english_lit/documents/

Contact

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