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**Section A:** Reading 1hr

**Section B:** Writing 45 mins

**Eduqas**

# English Language Component 1

**EXTRA TIME ?** Add 25% to each question:

**Section A:** Reading: 1hr 15mins

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**Component 1 is worth 40% of your English Language GCSE**

## Section A

### Reading: Fiction

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**20% - 40 marks**

## Section B

### Writing

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**Question 1:** 5 marks, 5 minutes

- ☐ Read the contextual information in the box above the extract.
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- ☐ Read the lines. **Highlight** ideas related to the question. Ensure highlighted text is specific.
- ☐ **Paraphrase the evidence** you selected or embed evidence.
- ☐ Inference is *not* required - stick to the facts in the text.
- ☐ Write 5-7 bulleted answers.

**Question 2:** 5 marks, 10 minutes

- ☐ Read Q2.
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  - ☐ Read the relevant lines thoroughly.
  - ☐ Select 3-5 concise quotations that answer the question.
  - ☐ Ensure that quotes are selected **chronologically**.
  - ☐ Write 3-5 Track-Quote-Comment paragraphs.
- Top Tip:** Infer, no language analysis

**Question 3:** 10 marks, 15 minutes

- ☐ Read Q3. Identify and **highlight** the focus.
- ☐ **Rule off** the relevant lines.
- ☐ Read thoroughly: **track text** with a pen and **highlight relevant ideas** related to the focus of the question.
- ☐ Select 7-10 quotations that answer the questions.
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- ☐ Write 7 Track-Quote-Comment paragraphs as a minimum. You're aiming to write 10 of these analytical sentences in total.
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- ☐ Read Q4. **Identify and highlight** the focus in the question.
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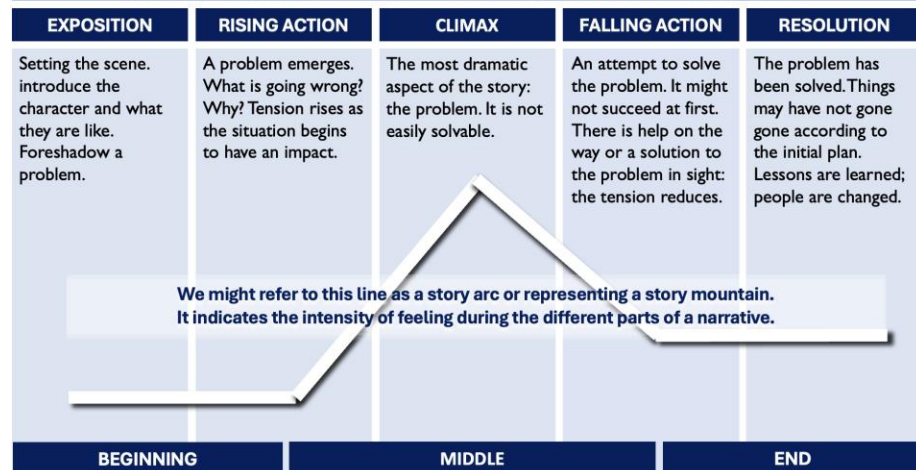
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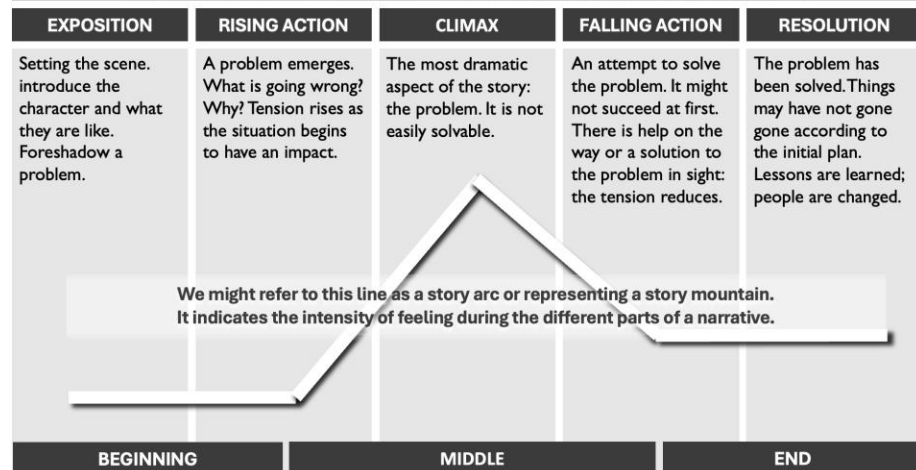
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