

GCSE English Language 5-9 Performance Profile

Grade	Descriptors
9	To achieve grade 9, students' evidence will show that they have securely met all the statements within the grade 8 descriptor, with stronger performance in most or all aspects of the grade 8 statements.
8	<p>Critical reading and comprehension</p> <p>In relation to a range of texts, to achieve grade 8, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> summarise and critically evaluate with detailed and perceptive understanding understand and respond with insight to explicit and implicit meanings and viewpoints analyse and critically evaluate, with insight, detailed aspects of language, grammar and structure substantiate their understanding and opinions with illuminating references to texts and contexts make convincing and apt links and comparisons within and between texts. <p>Writing</p> <p>To achieve grade 8, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate with impact and influence produce ambitious, accomplished and effectively-structured texts use a wide range of well-selected sentence types and structures and precise vocabulary to enhance impact spell, punctuate and use grammar accurately so that writing is virtually error-free.
7	To achieve grade 7, students' evidence will show that they have securely met all the statements within the grade 6 descriptor, with stronger performance in most or all aspects of the grade 6 statements. However, their evidence does not meet the minimum requirements of most of the grade 8 statements.
6	<p>Critical reading and comprehension</p> <p>In relation to a range of texts, to achieve grade 6, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> summarise and confidently evaluate with clear and some detailed understanding understand and respond effectively to explicit and implicit meanings and viewpoints analyse and confidently evaluate aspects of language, grammar and structure Support their understanding and opinions with well-selected references to texts and contexts Make secure links and comparisons between texts. <p>Writing</p> <p>To achieve grade 6, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate confidently with impact on the reader produce confident, well-structured and purposeful texts use a range of sentence types and structures and use vocabulary appropriate to purpose and effect spell, punctuate and use grammar accurately with occasional errors on more complex elements.
5	<p>Critical reading and comprehension</p> <p>In relation to a range of texts, to achieve grade 5, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> summarise and evaluate with accuracy and clear understanding understand and make valid responses to explicit and implicit meanings and viewpoints analyse and evaluate relevant aspects of language, grammar and structure support their understanding and opinions with apt references to texts, informed by their wider reading make credible links and comparisons between texts. <p>Writing</p> <p>To achieve grade 5, candidates will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> communicate effectively, sustaining the reader's interest produce coherent, well-structured and purposeful texts vary sentence types and structures and use vocabulary appropriate to purpose and effect spell, punctuate and use grammar accurately with occasional errors.