

INDEPENDENT STUDY for New Students to – A Level ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE Summer
2020

Component 1 – ‘Voices in Speech and Writing’	1 Exam Paper	(40%)
Component 2 ‘Varieties in Language and Literature’	1 Exam Paper	(40%)
Coursework	1 piece of Fiction 1 piece of Non-fiction 1 analytical commentary on how you have constructed your coursework.	(20%)

Write a book review about a favourite book.

You must include key genre features of a *review*:

- Title/headings/subheadings, often with a by-line that may include a short summary of the review.
- Use of quotations from the book being reviewed.
- A clear structure: often linear with an introduction, development and summary.
- An outline of the plot.
- Intertextual (i.e. of a novel) references, for example links to other works by the same author/writer and how this piece being reviewed might relate to them.
- Biographical information about the writer/author, sometimes as background to their view and/or the work being reviewed.
- Quotations from other writers or other reviews on which to develop the argument or to support the points you have made.
- Use of language and literary features that will engage the audience, e.g. humour, narrative elements, etc.
- Other rhetorical features to engage the audience, such as a sarcastic tone, rhetorical questions.

If you have any questions and/or require further advice please email Adrian Price, Head of English and Languages: Adrian.price@coulsdon.ac.uk.

