**Unit 1 - Understanding and producing non-fiction texts**

**60% of your English Language GCSE**

**The exam**

**There is only one exam: 2 hours and 15 minutes**

All questions have to be answered. There are no choices to be made.

**Section A – Reading - 1hour 15 minutes**

There are three non fiction reading sources on which the questions are based. All three reading sources are used in the exam and all three are ‘unseen’. There are four questions.

You should spend 15 minutes on reading the sources and 1 hour answering the questions.

**Q1: (Retrieval)** Tests your ability to **select** information from texts. Source 1. 8 marks.

**Q2: (Presentation)** Tests your ability to **explain** how presentational devices are used and their impact on the reader, linking them to the content of the text. Source 2. 8 marks.

**Q3: (Inference)** Tests your ability to **explain** the ways in which writers present ideas or arguments and to **select** appropriate evidence from the text to support your ideas. Source 3. 8 marks.

**Q4: (Analysis and comparison of language)** Tests your ability to **analyse and compare** texts, focusing on **language**. Source 3 plus one of your choice. 16 marks.

There are 40 marks available for section A.

**Section B – Writing - 1 hour**

You will be asked to write two non-fiction pieces. There are no choices to be made – you must answer both questions.

Both writing tasks will ask you to:

* write for a specific type of **audience(s)** e.g. a manager of a company or for readers of a school magazine
* write for a specific **purpose(s)** e.g. to inform
* write in an appropriate **form** e.g. letter or a magazine article.

The first writing question is focused on writing to inform, explain or describe (16 marks = 25 mins)

The second writing question is focused on writing to persuade or to argue a point of

view (24 marks = 35mins)

For each writing question two thirds of marks available are allocated for *Content and Organisation*. The remaining one third of marks is allocated for *Accuracy*.

There are 40 marks available for section B.