



English Language & Literature

2nd Semester Examinations Information

Subject: **English Language & Literature**

Grade: **Grade 8**

Teacher: **Jonathan**

Examination information:

Paper 1

Section A) Criterion A- Strand 3

- *Reading Comprehension:*
- *One reading comprehension passages (outside passage)- Multiple choice and short answers questions*
- *Extract from Holes novel by Louis Sachar- Short answers questions on chapters 30-40*

Practice site:

Reading comprehension:

<http://www.ereadingworksheets.com/free-reading-worksheets/reading-comprehension-worksheets/>

Please Note: You should go through the key notes that you have made regarding the Novel. You should make sure you understand and can identify:

- *Theme.*

- *Characters and character analysis.*
- *The plot of the novel.*
- *The main symbols in the novel.*
- *The setting.*
- *It would also be beneficial for you to read through the notes which appear before each chapter and go over the questions and answers again from the novel. Make sure that you have a very clear understanding of the novel and can answer any questions that may come up about the novel.*

Section B) Criteria D- Strand 1

- *Vocabulary Words: All of the vocabulary words covered in lessons 6-8.*
- *Types of questions: Multiple Choices.*

Paper 2: Writing-

Criterion B strands I and II

Criterion C strands I and III

Criterion D strands III AND IV

*Students will be required to select and respond to two writing prompts in which they have to develop one essay (450-500 words, 4 paragraphs)
Below, you can find some writing prompts for you to practice which are likely to come on the exam.*

Writing Task 1: Persuasive Essay Prompt

Select one of the following prompts and write a well-argued, well-supported, formal persuasive essay on one of the following topics.

Situation: You've been chosen to speak to the Ministry of Education on using more technology in classrooms.

Directions: Think about what technological changes you want to say to the Ministry and why they need to occur.

Prompt: Now write to persuade the Ministry to add those changes to all schools in Bahrain..

Writing Task 2: Expository Essay Prompt

2. Situation: Many students feel that taking physical education in high school is not necessary, while others see great benefit in it.

Directions: Do you feel that physical education should be a graduation requirement?

Prompt: Now write to convince your legislators to accept your point of view.

Please adhere to the following while planning and studying for the writing:

1. First paragraph is the introduction

- Talk about general parts of the details you want to mention

2. Second paragraph is your first major detail

- Include supporting details to your major detail with example(s)

3. Third paragraph is your second major detail

- Include supporting details to your major detail with example(s)

4. Fourth paragraph is the conclusion

- Generally reiterate what you already mentioned

Note: It is important to note that while you have the topics for the exam available and have time to practice, your teachers cannot help you to edit or revise this essay with you as that would be providing an unfair disadvantage to other learners. You are welcome to get a friend to help edit your work or ask your parents for their help.