What does the reading section test? It tests your ability to read an unseen text and demonstrate skills of retrieval, analysis, evaluation and comparison. How many marks are available for paper 60% of your GCSE in English			available?	How long do I hav		What type of texts will I get? Non- fiction meaning they are factual and based on	How is the reading section structured?		
					2 hours and 5 minutes		real life. One from the 20 th century and one from the 21 st Century.	Q1-3 on text 1 Q4-6 on text 2 Q7a/7b on both texts	
Task:	Text:	Time take	en: Marks available:	Skill needed:	How to answer:				
Read Text 1	Text 1	5 minutes	S	,					
Q1 and 2	Text 1	5 minutes	2 marks each	Find and retrieve	Identify quotations from the text				
Q3	Text 1	20 minute	es 15 marks	Analysis	done. Evidence— now sup Technique— identif Explanation— discu Reader effect— exp		Evidence – now support this impression with evidence from Technique —identify the technique used by the writer to Explanation — discuss how the technique gives you this in	pport this impression with evidence from the text. fy the technique used by the writer to give you this impression. uss how the technique gives you this impression. plore what the writer has made the reader think, feel or	
Read Text 2	Text 2	5 minutes	S				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Q4 and 5	Text 2	5 minutes	1 mark each	Find and retrieve	Identify quotation text	ons from the			
Q6	Text 2	20 minute	es 15 marks	Evaluate	3-4 x PETEE		Point- here you should put forward an impression about what the writer has done. Evidence- now support this impression with evidence from the text. Technique- identify the word or phrase used by the writer to give you this impression. Explanation- discuss how the words give you this impression. Evaluate- explore if this is successful by linking back to the question.		
Q7a	Text 1 and 2	6 minutes	6 marks	Synthesis	3x Diamond		Both texts Text 1 says 'quote'. Text 2 says 'quote'.		
Q7b	Text 1 and 2	9 minutes	s 14 marks	Comparison	3- 4X PETECETER		Point— here you should put forward an impression about what the writer has done. Evidence— now support this impression with evidence from the text. Technique— identify the technique used by the writer to give you this impression. Explanation— discuss how the technique gives you this impression. Compare— summarise what you have discussed in the paragraph and explain how it makes it success for the reader. Evidence— now support this impression with evidence from the text. Technique— identify the technique used by the writer to give you this impression. Explanation— discuss how the technique gives you this impression.		
Top Tips for th	e paper:	•	•	•	·			·	
1. Read t 2. Read t 3. Use the 4. Use PA	he extracts care he key words in e italics- the me	the glossantion dates ering each	s, writers' name and typ text (purpose, audienc			7. Use SPITE to 8. Ensure you 9. Find similari	nguage and structure for question 3 o help with question 6 (setting, people, ideas, tone, ex have quotes in all of your paragraphs for Q3, 6, 7a and ities and differences for question 7b time carefully		

	Identify/ Retrieve/ Interpret • Select the specific information needed to answer the question • Isolate key details • Interpret meaning and information • clearly refer to evidence in the text		Common mistakes: Not reading the question carefully Not identifying information from the correct section of the text					
	Analysis	 Comment on the words and phrases used by a writer Comment on the structural techniques used by a writer Consider the reasons why specific words, phrases and techniques have been selected Think about how a writer may manipulate our feelings/perspective 	 Not talking about le Not explaining the why the writer has 	anguage and structure effect of the technique and	Language to use when analysing: This demonstrates This implies This highlights This creates This suggests This connotes			
Key skills	Evaluation	 Making a judgement about how effective a writer has been in presenting their ideas Finding evidence to support your judgement Commenting on techniques used that supports your judgement 	Common mistakes: Not making a clea was effective becomes	r judgement (e.g The writer ause) as with relevant evidence	 Language to use when evaluating: This is successful because This is effective because This is skilfully done because This is creatively done because This powerful because 			
	Synthesis (similariti	 Show their understanding of key themes or ideas Effectively collate key details from two texts Identify common areas/ themes or ideas across two texts 	Common mistakes: Not making the similarities clear Not using evidence from the text Not finding a range of similarities		Language to use when synthesising: Both textsSimilarlyIn the same way			
	Comparison (simil differences)	 Compare two different texts Consider the similarities and differences between the texts Sustain a focus on the question and stated area for comparison 	 Common mistakes: Not finding similarities and differences Not discussing both texts in detail Not using comparative language 		Language to use when comparing: Both texts Similarly In the same way On the other hand However Whereas			
Lan	guage techniques		Structural techniques					
Verl	<u> </u>	An action, state or occurrence		Contains a subject and a verb				
Nou		Person, place or thing	'	Single word or phrase for impa				
Adj	ective	Describes a noun		Two simple sentences joined b				
Adv		Describes a verb		Simple sentence plus a subord				
Simi	le	Comparing two things using like or as	Rhetorical question	A question that doesn't require	e an answer			
Met	aphor			Interrogative sentence A question				
Allite	ation The repetition of a letter		Imperative sentence A command					
Нур	erbole			larative sentence A statement				
		Language that provokes an emotional response from the reader		Repeating a word or phrase				
		Ideas that we associate with a word.		Two things close to each other that contrast each other				
Imagery		Explaining a concept or idea using an image which has similar qualities	Listing	A number of connected items written consecutively				
Pers	onification	Giving non- human objects human qualities	Exclamatory sentence	A sentence with an exclamation	on mark			
	omatopoeia	Words that create sounds		Presenting events in order				
Sibil	ance	Using the letter 's' to begin more than one word	Shift	Where the tone or ideas chang	ge			