



PARKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOL

“An Innovative, Inspiring, Inclusive Learning Community”

Course: English A - Language and Literature HL

Group 1 - Language and Literature Aims

The aims of the course are to enable students to:

1. Explore a diverse range of texts
 2. Gain a personal appreciation of language and literature
 3. Develop skills in literary criticism using a range of texts from different periods, styles and genres
 4. Build an understanding of the formal, stylistic and aesthetic qualities of texts
 5. Exercise strong powers of expression, both written and oral
 6. Gain an appreciation of cultural differences in perspective
 7. Understand how language challenges and sustains ways of thinking.
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Group 1 Language and Literature Assessment Objectives

Students will be expected to demonstrate the following.

1. Knowledge and understanding of a diverse range of texts
 2. Use of language, structure and technique and style
 3. Critical understanding of the ways in which readers construct meaning
 4. Ability to analyse the effects of language, structure, technique and style
 5. Ability to substantiate and justify ideas with relevant examples
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Group 1 - Language and Literature (HL) Topics

Syllabus component	Teaching hours
	HL
Topic 1 : Language in Cultural Context	60
Topic 2 : Language and Mass Communication	60
Topic 3 : Literature - Texts and Contexts	70
Topic 4 : Literature - Critical Study	50
Total teaching hours	240

Evaluation

Assessment Component	Weighting
External Assessment (4 hours)	70%
Paper 1: Comparative textual analysis	25%
Paper 2: Essay based on subjects covered in topic 3	25%
Written Tasks: Four written tasks based on course materials	20%
Internal Assessment	30%
Individual Oral Commentary	15%
Further Oral Activity	15%

Resources: All textbooks and novels will be provided by the school.
