**GCSE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

**EXPLORATIONS IN NON-FICTION WRITING**

**PAPER 2**

This is a generic collection of resources, designed to replicate a Paper 2 exam style set of questions at GCSE level.

There are two source material texts – Source A is a fact sheet about Lambing in the UK and Source B is the text from an information poster about sheep farming in the UK.

The paper is split into two sections:

**Section A – Reading**

**Section B – Writing**

**Section A** is designed to test student responses to the source texts and their ability to comprehend, interpret and compare the information within both texts. Students are also required to analyse and evaluate the different perspectives and methods used in each of the source materials and be able to summarise, compare and contrast the sources.

The questions themselves are worth ascending amounts of marks:

Question 1 is a comprehension task whereby students are required to identify four true statements from 8 pieces of information from the source text.

Question 2 is a task whereby students are required to summarise their understanding of the key points in both sources.

Question 3 requires students to identify language features used by the writer in the source given.

Question 4 invites students to compare and contrast both sources and the different methods used by the writers.

**Section B** is designed to test student ability to write for a specific purpose and brief. Students are also required to consider their own choice of language and structural features and demonstrate an awareness of spelling punctuation and grammar.

Each section should take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

It is advised that students spend a proportional amount of time on each question, depending on the marks available (1 minute per mark available is a useful approximate guide)

**Section A – Reading section marks:**

Question 1 4 Marks

Question 2 8 Marks

Question 3 12 Marks

Question 4 16 Marks

**Section B – Writing section marks:**

Question 5

24 Marks for content

16 Marks for spelling, punctuation and grammar accuracy

If completing these tasks as practise for a GCSE exam, it should take 1.5 hours to complete the whole paper and the total mark available is 80.

Refer to the mark scheme for additional information.