



English GCSE exams

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Dear Ian Morgan

I would like to express my absolute frustration with the GCSE English exams for I feel that you as a exam board in general have a vast room for improvement in terms of the papers and the overall system in general.

Firstly, your exam board keeping changing the mark scheme for every GCSE English exam. I feel that it's a cheap, silly and sneaky move what you guys do. I find it incredibly insulting for people like myself who have practiced really hard for their GCSE exams and yet, you keep on changing the mark scheme every time. What foolishness is this for could you for once try to be consistent and fair with the mark scheme and not keep changing it over and over again for I feel like your system partially is a game of luck to tell you the truth.

Secondly, I would like to discuss how for the last question for component 1 English we have to write a story using one of the following topics and titles. A bet you as an exam board expect creative writing, but how do you when you tell us to use the topics and titles when in fact, you change the titles and topics every time. I have got an even better idea for that is, how about you give us both the option to use the following templates to come up with a story and also create our own from scratch without losing any marks whatsoever.

Similarly, when it comes to component 2, for the last question we have one option on each paper for component 2 and that is to either write a speech, article or review. So are students going to have to worry about which option is going to appear in a component 2 paper. Also, I have been told by my English teacher whose name I will keep disclosed that for component 1, if you write the story but don't use the following topics and titles, you will lose some marks but not a lot however for the last question for component 2, if we write our speech, article or review but don't focus on the initial topic, we won't get any marks whatsoever. How is that even fair, I wonder for I heard that someone who took the exam was meant to write about scotched eggs which I find to be quite baffling to be honest with you. How about give us those 3 options and don't give us an initial idea for let us use our creative and imaginative minds to expand our ideas.

Overall, I think generally you as an exam board definitely have room for improvement in terms of your English GCSE papers and the overall systems. I would like you to look in the mirror and ask yourself how you can improve.

Yours sincerely
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