

## Guide to National 5 English

This table shows where National 5 English fits within the framework of the CfE qualifications:

Structure of courses in English at SCQF levels 3-6:

<b>National 3</b>	<b>National 4</b>	<b>National 5</b>	<b>Higher</b>
<i>Understanding Language</i>	<i>Analysis and Evaluation</i>	<i>Analysis and Evaluation</i>	<i>Analysis and Evaluation</i>
<i>Using Language</i>	<i>Creation and Production</i>	<i>Creation and Production</i>	<i>Creation and Production</i>
<i>Literacy</i>	<i>Literacy</i>		
	<b>Added Value Unit</b>	<b>Course Assessment</b>	<b>Course Assessment</b>

This course has two internal units which must be passed to ensure that you can sit the final exam. If you do not complete these units then you will be withdrawn from the exam and may have to sit this course over two years. You will have **two** opportunities to pass these assessments.

### Internal Assessments:

#### *Analysis and Evaluation*

Learners who complete this unit will be able to:

1. Understand, analyse and evaluate detailed written texts. (Reading)
2. Understand, analyse and evaluate detailed spoken language. (Listening)

#### *Creation and Production*

Learners who complete this unit will be able to:

1. Create and produce detailed written texts (Writing)
2. Take part in detailed spoken interactions (Talking)

## Course Assessment

The course assessment consists of two components: a question paper, titled 'Reading' and a portfolio, titled 'Writing'.

### *Component 1 – Question paper: reading*

This question paper will give you an opportunity to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and understanding:

- Apply reading skills in the understanding, analysis and evaluation of texts
- Apply critical reading skills and knowledge of appropriate literary context, forms and genre

The question paper is worth 70 marks (70% of final grade).

The question paper has two sections:

### **Section 1: 'Reading for Analysis, Evaluation and Summarising' (30 marks)**

These 30 marks will be awarded for addressing the challenge of applying reading skills, understanding, analysis and evaluation to two non-fiction texts.

### **Section 2: 'Critical Reading' (40 marks)**

These 40 marks will be awarded for applying critical reading, knowledge and understanding and has two parts.

Part 1 – Critical Essay

Part 2 – Scottish Text Question

### *Component 2 – Writing Portfolio*

This portfolio will give you an opportunity to demonstrate the following skills, knowledge and understanding:

- Develop skills in writing in different genres
- Develop skills in writing for a range of purposes

The portfolio will comprise of two written texts that address the main language purposes, namely creative and discursive writing. Fifteen marks will be awarded for each writing piece chosen for the portfolio (30% of final grade).