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H472/03 Text and Task FAQs

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What is the text(s) and task(s) tool?

The text(s) and task(s) tool replaces the previous Text and Task Approval service for A Level English Literature. The text(s) and task(s) tool enables you to find and propose texts and task titles for the non-exam assessment using our database of pre-approved texts and tasks.

The text(s) and task(s) tool can be used to:

- choose and validate a combination of texts for students
- choose pre-approved tasks for the chosen valid combination of texts
- submit pre-approved texts and tasks for your cohort.
- propose additional texts and/or tasks for approval.

It is the centre's responsibility to ensure that all A Level English Literature non-exam assessment tasks for all students are submitted via the text(s) and task(s) tool.

You are strongly advised to wait until you have received confirmation of approval before learners begin working on the tasks.

Which qualifications does the new text(s) and task(s) tool support?

A Level English Literature H472/03. Improved approval processes for A Level Language H470/03 and A Level Language and Literature (EMC) H474/04 non-exam assessment tasks are in the pipeline.

Can I still use the old Text and Task approval service for A Level English Literature task proposals and submissions?

No. The new text(s) and task(s) tool replaces the former approval process for A Level English Literature. From February 2019, all text and/or task proposals for assessment in 2020 onwards need to be submitted via the new tool.

I've already had my NEA task proposals approved for 2020 through the former Text and Task Approval service. Do I now need to submit my tasks again using the tool?

No. If you've had your tasks for 2020 approved through the former Text and Task Approval service you do not need to do anything else. Any new text and/or task proposals for assessment in 2020 onwards need to be submitted via the text(s) and task(s) tool.

How do I access the new text(s) and task(s) tool?

The text(s) and task(s) tools can be found on the A Level English Literature H472 webpage, on the left-hand menu: [Text and task proposal form \(H472\)](#)

How do I use the new text(s) and task(s) tool?

Please refer to the following user guide: ***How to use the Literature post-1900 text(s) and task(s) tool***, available on the A Level English Literature webpage.

A Level English Literature teachers should use the *Literature post-1900 text(s) and task(s) tool* to select text combinations and task titles for the H472/03 non-exam assessment. The tool contains an extensive database of pre-approved texts and tasks and we would advise choosing from these lists where possible.

My chosen text/task is not appearing on the text(s) and task(s) tool. What do I do?

If your chosen text/task is not available, you can use the tool to propose a new text and/or task to use. To propose a new text/task, follow section 4 of the text(s) and task(s) tool user guide: 'How to use the Literature post-1900 text(s) and task(s) tool', available on the A Level English Literature webpage.

All new proposals are sent to the English team for approval. They will confirm approval by email or otherwise offer guidance as to how your proposed text/task can meet the requirements.

I've submitted a proposal for a new text/task. When will I hear back?

New text and/or task proposals will be sent to the English teams for approval. We aim to respond to all new proposals within 5 working days.

My text and task submission consists entirely of new proposals for texts/tasks that have been approved by the English team. Do I still need to submit my choices on the text(s) and task(s) tool?

If your text/task submission for all students consists only of newly approved options that are not available on the text(s) and task(s) tool, you do not need to re-submit your choice via the tool. The English team will send confirmation of approval via email. Please keep this confirmation for your records. We will then add these new texts/tasks to the tool so that they can be used for future submissions.

My text and task submission includes some newly approved texts/tasks and some that are available on the text(s) and task(s) tool. Do I still need to submit my choices on the text(s) and task(s) tool?

If your text/task submission for all students consists of some newly approved texts/tasks and some that are available on the text(s) and task(s) tool, you will need to complete your full submission via the tool. Students will be able to start work on the non-exam assessment as soon as all new elements have been approved and you have received a confirmation email from the English team. When new texts and/or task are approved, these will be added to tool. You will then be able to go back into the tool to complete your submission. You will need to ensure that you have completed your submission by the submission deadline (31st January in the year of assessment).

I want to use texts and tasks that have been previously approved. Do I need to use the text(s) and task(s) tool?

Yes. You must use the text(s) and task(s) tool to submit text and task choices every year, even if the texts and/or tasks have been used previously.

I want to tweak a previously approved task title. Do I need to use the text(s) and task(s) tool?

Previously approved tasks will be available to select on the text(s) and task(s) tool. If you want to make tweaks to a task, please contact the English team in the first instance. Depending on the extent of the change we may be able to approve your task straightaway or ask you to submit a new task proposal.

I want to use a previously approved A Level English Literature task with a different text. Do I need to use the text(s) and task(s) tool?

Please contact the English team at english@ocr.org.uk in the first instance. We may be able to approve your task straightaway or ask you to submit a new text and/or task proposal.

When is the deadline for submitting text and task choices?

The deadline for submitting English Literature texts and task choices is 31st January of the year of assessment, so if students are sitting exams and submitting their NEA in summer 2020 the deadline for text and task submissions would be 31st January 2020.

Where can I get support on what makes a good task title?

The [A Level English Literature Non Exam Assessment guide](#) offers support with structuring task titles so that they reflect the assessment requirements.

Can I use A Level English Literature H472 set texts for the NEA?

The set texts for the A Level English Literature examined components cannot be used for the non-exam assessment. This includes all the set texts in Component 1 and the two core texts from each topic area in Component 2, regardless of which topic area students are studied for the exam. Below is the list of these prohibited texts.

Coriolanus - Shakespeare

Samuel Taylor Coleridge Selected Poems – Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Hamlet – Shakespeare

Maud – Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Measure for Measure - Shakespeare

Christina Rossetti Selected Poems – Christina Rossetti

The Tempest – Shakespeare

The Great Gatsby – F Scott Fitzgerald
The Grapes of Wrath – John Steinbeck

Twelfth Night – Shakespeare

Richard III – Shakespeare

Edward II - Christopher Marlowe

The Duchess of Malfi – John Webster

She Stoops to Conquer – Oliver Goldsmith

A Doll's House – Henrik Ibsen

An Ideal Husband – Oscar Wilde

The Merchant's Prologue and Tale –
Geoffrey Chaucer

Paradise Lost – John Milton

Dracula – Bram Stoker

The Bloody Chamber and Other Stories –
Angela Carter

1984 – George Orwell

The Handmaid's Tale – Margaret Atwood

Sense and Sensibility – Jane Austen

Mrs Dalloway – Virginia Woolf

The Reluctant Fundamentalist – Mohsin Hamid

Call It Sleep – Henry Roth

Any of the suggested set texts for Component 2 (on pages 36-37 of the specification) can be used for the non-exam assessment provided that they are not being studied for the exam.

How do I submit text and task proposals for A Level English Language H470/03?

There is no change to the approval process for A Level English Language H470/03 tasks. Please continue to use the [Task title\(s\) proposal form](#) found on the left-hand menu of the A Level English Language webpage. Your proposals will be sent to our assessors via the Text and Task Approval Service. We aim to respond to all submissions within 10 working days. Further information can be found in sections 2d, 4d and 5e of the A Level Language H470 specification.

How do I submit text and task proposals for A Level English Language and Literature (EMC) H474/04?

There is no change to the approval process for A Level English Language and Literature (EMC) H474/04 tasks. Please continue to use the [Text and task proposal form](#) found on the left-hand menu of the A Level English Language and Literature (EMC) webpage. Your proposals will be sent to our assessors via the Text and Task Approval Service. We aim to respond to all submissions within 10 working days. Further information can be found in sections 2d, 4d and 5h of the A Level Language and Literature (EMC) H474 specification.

Who do I contact if I have a question about a text and task submission?

You can contact our English team directly on 01223 553998 or at english@ocr.org.uk



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