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**2023 Drama**

**Higher**

**Finalised Marking Instructions**

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## General marking principles for Higher Drama

*Always apply these general principles. Use them in conjunction with the detailed marking instructions, which identify the key features required in candidates' responses.*

- (a) Always use positive marking. This means candidates accumulate marks for the demonstration of relevant skills, knowledge and understanding; marks are not deducted for errors or omissions.
- (b) If a candidate response does not seem to be covered by either the principles or detailed marking instructions, and you are uncertain how to assess it, you must seek guidance from your team leader.
- (c) For **describe** questions, candidates must provide a statement or structure of characteristics and/or features. This is more than an outline or a list; they may refer to, for example, a concept, process, situation, experiment or facts.  
For **explain** questions, candidates must relate cause and effect and/or make relationships between things clear.  
For **analyse** questions, candidates must identify parts, the relationship between them, and their relationships with the whole; and draw out and relate implications.
- (d) To gain marks, points must relate to the question asked. We use the term 'or any other relevant response' to allow for possible variation in candidates' responses. Always award marks according to the accuracy and relevance of an answer.

### Section 1 – Theatre production: Text in context

- (a) Candidates answer one question from a choice of six. There are two questions each from the perspective of a director, an actor, or a designer. Each question is divided into two parts; candidates must demonstrate knowledge of a selected text, and how they would use their chosen concepts to achieve dramatic impact.
- (b) Some candidates may prefer to answer the first part of the question (knowledge of text) point by point, followed by their explanation of their production concepts, point by point. Other candidates may prefer to describe all of their knowledge of text in one go, followed by details of all of their production concepts in one block. Accept either approach.
- (c) To gain marks, points must relate to the question asked and both parts of the response must relate to each other. If they do not, then do not award marks to the second part of the response.
- (d) Textual references must include relevant quotes and/or stage directions.

### Section 2 – Theatre production: Application

- (a) Candidates respond to a structured question on two production areas related to their selected text. They must answer all parts of the question.
- (b) Candidates must demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the ways in which the production areas of acting, directing and design could be applied to their text. Two of these areas are sampled each year. They do not need to give textual references in this section.
- (c) Candidates must use correct theatre terminology in their responses.

### Section 3 – Performance: Analysis

- (a) Candidates answer one question from a choice of two. Candidates produce a written analysis of a performance that they have seen. The play must be different from the selected text in Sections 1 and 2.
- (b) The performance analysis may be of a live performance, a live-streamed performance, or, if necessary, a recorded 'live' theatrical performance.
- (c) The performance must be a play, not a musical, pantomime or movement piece. Appropriate amateur performances may be used, providing candidates have the opportunity to meet the criteria for this section.
- (d) Candidates select **two** aspects from the following list of performance analysis areas:
  - choice and use of the performance space
  - director's intentions and effectiveness
  - acting and development of characters
  - design concepts and their effectiveness.

## Marking instructions for each question

### Section 1 – Theatre production – Text in context

Question	Expected responses(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
1.	<p>This question is in <b>two parts</b>.</p> <p>In the <b>first part</b> of their response candidates must demonstrate knowledge of their text by describing, in detail, <b>five</b> key moments that communicate the themes and/or issues in their text.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the descriptions given.</p> <p>Candidates must give an extended response and must use textual references to justify their answer.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant point of understanding which is used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of understanding.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> for this part of the question.</p>	20	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• setting</li> <li>• stage imagery</li> <li>• plot</li> <li>• plot twists</li> <li>• themes and issues</li> <li>• dramatic irony</li> <li>• dramatic tension</li> <li>• status</li> <li>• character behaviour</li> <li>• character motivation</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• revelations</li> <li>• particular events/happenings</li> <li>• relationship between characters.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant features.</p>

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	<p>In the <b>second part</b> of their response candidates must explain, in detail, <b>five</b> directing concepts that would help them to achieve their desired dramatic impact.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the explanations given.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant directing concept.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for the development of each directing concept.</p> <p>Candidates must make a connection between their descriptions in the first part of their answer and their explanations in the second part of their answer.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for this part of the question.</p>		<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pre-show</li> <li>• stage proxemics</li> <li>• positioning</li> <li>• use of levels</li> <li>• characterisation</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• acting style</li> <li>• voice and movement techniques</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• special effects</li> <li>• use of production skills</li> <li>• drama media (projections, video footage, soundscapes etc)</li> <li>• choice of venue</li> <li>• choice of performance space.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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2.	<p>This question is in <b>two parts</b>.</p> <p>In the <b>first part</b> of their response candidates must demonstrate knowledge of their text by describing, in detail, <b>five</b> moments in the final scene that communicate its key message(s) in their selected text. The key message(s) of the selected text should be clear.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the descriptions given.</p> <p>Candidates must give an extended response and must use textual references to justify their answer.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant point of understanding which is used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of understanding.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> for this part of the question.</p> <p>In the <b>second part</b> of their response candidates must explain, in detail, <b>five</b> directing concepts in the final scene that would help them to achieve their desired dramatic impact.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the explanations given.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant directing concept.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of each directing concept.</p> <p>Candidates must make a connection between their descriptions in the first part of their answer and their explanations in the second part of their answer.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for this part of the question.</p>	20	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• message and/or purpose</li> <li>• setting</li> <li>• themes and issues</li> <li>• mood and atmosphere</li> <li>• character motivation</li> <li>• character development</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• relationships between characters</li> <li>• plot</li> <li>• plot twists</li> <li>• dramatic tension</li> <li>• conflict between characters</li> <li>• dramatic irony</li> <li>• particular events/happenings</li> <li>• character behaviour</li> <li>• revelations</li> <li>• historical, social or cultural issues</li> <li>• creation of tension.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p>Accept the parameters of the candidates' definition of the final scene</p> <p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• pre-show</li> <li>• use of production skills</li> <li>• choice of venue</li> <li>• choice of performance space</li> <li>• stage proxemics</li> <li>• positioning</li> <li>• use of levels</li> <li>• acting style</li> <li>• characterisation</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• voice and movement techniques</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• special effects</li> <li>• drama media (projections, video footage, soundscapes etc).</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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3.	<p>This question is in <b>two parts</b>.</p> <p>In the <b>first part</b> of their response candidates must demonstrate knowledge of their text by describing, in detail, the motivation behind this character's actions at <b>five</b> different moments.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the descriptions given.</p> <p>Candidates must give an extended response and must use textual references to justify their answer.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant point of understanding which is used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of understanding.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> for this part of the question.</p> <p>In the <b>second part</b> of their response candidates must explain, in detail, the ways in which they would use <b>five</b> acting concepts to help them achieve the desired dramatic impact.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the explanations given.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant acting concept.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of each acting concept.</p> <p>Candidates must make a connection between their descriptions in the first part of their answer and their explanations in the second part of their answer.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for this part of the question.</p>	20	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dramatic tension</li> <li>• conflict between characters</li> <li>• dramatic irony</li> <li>• particular events/happenings</li> <li>• character motivation</li> <li>• character development</li> <li>• the relationship between the characters</li> <li>• family dynamics</li> <li>• status</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• plot</li> <li>• plot twists</li> <li>• themes and issues</li> <li>• mood and atmosphere</li> <li>• historical, social or cultural issues</li> <li>• revelations.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acting techniques</li> <li>• acting style</li> <li>• stage proxemics</li> <li>• the different ways that the actor uses their voice</li> <li>• the different ways that the actor uses their movement</li> <li>• the relationship between spoken text and physical movement or gesture</li> <li>• use of props and costume</li> <li>• use of set</li> <li>• use of space.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> accept one overarching motivation throughout the play, or multiple motivations</p>

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4.	<p>This question is in <b>two parts</b>.</p> <p>In the <b>first part</b> of their response candidates must demonstrate knowledge of their text by describing, in detail, moments when this character feels <b>five</b> different emotions.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the descriptions given.</p> <p>Candidates must give an extended response and must use textual references to justify their answer.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant point of understanding which is used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of understanding.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> for this part of the question.</p> <p>In the <b>second part</b> of their response candidates must explain, in detail, the ways in which they would use <b>five</b> acting concepts to help them achieve the desired dramatic impact.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the explanations given.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant acting concept.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of each acting concept.</p> <p>Candidates must make a connection between their descriptions in the first part of their answer and their explanations in the second part of their answer.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for this part of the question.</p>	20	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• character emotions/feelings</li> <li>• dramatic tension</li> <li>• conflict between characters</li> <li>• dramatic irony</li> <li>• particular events/happenings</li> <li>• character motivation</li> <li>• character development</li> <li>• the relationship between the characters</li> <li>• family dynamics</li> <li>• status</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• plot</li> <li>• plot twists</li> <li>• themes and issues</li> <li>• mood and atmosphere</li> <li>• historical, social or cultural issues</li> <li>• revelations.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• acting techniques</li> <li>• acting style</li> <li>• stage proxemics</li> <li>• the different ways that the actor uses his/her voice</li> <li>• the different ways that the actor uses his/her movement</li> <li>• the relationship between spoken text and physical movement or gesture</li> <li>• use of props and costume</li> <li>• use of set</li> <li>• use of space.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>



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5.	<p>The question is in <b>two parts</b>.</p> <p>In the <b>first part</b> of their response, candidates must demonstrate knowledge of their text by describing in detail, <b>five</b> different features of the genre of their selected text.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the descriptions given.</p> <p>Candidates must give an extended response and must use textual references to justify their answer.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant point of understanding which is used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of understanding.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> for this part of the question.</p> <p>In the <b>second part</b> of their response candidates must explain, in detail, <b>five</b> design concepts that would help them to achieve their desired dramatic impact.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the explanations given.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant design concept.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for the development of each design concept.</p> <p>Candidates must make a connection between their descriptions in the first part of their answer and their explanations in the second part of their answer.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for this part of the question.</p>	20	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <p>Features of genre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• setting</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• plot</li> <li>• structure</li> <li>• conventions</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• themes/issues</li> <li>• character motivation</li> <li>• character development</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• relationships between characters.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set design</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• stage configuration</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• lighting</li> <li>• sound</li> <li>• costume</li> <li>• props</li> <li>• drama media</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• make-up and hair.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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6.	<p>This question is in <b>two parts</b>.</p> <p>In the <b>first part</b> of their response candidates must demonstrate knowledge of their text by describing, in detail, <b>five</b> aspects of their chosen character's social and/or historical background.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the descriptions given.</p> <p>Candidates must give an extended response and must use textual references to justify their answer.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant point of understanding which is used to respond to the question.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each point of development of understanding.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> for this part of the question.</p> <p>In the <b>second part</b> of their response candidates must explain, in detail, the ways in which they would use <b>five</b> design concepts that would help them to achieve their desired dramatic impact.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the explanations given.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for each relevant design concept.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for the development of each design concept.</p> <p>Candidates must make a connection between their descriptions in the first part of their answer and their explanations in the second part of their answer.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for this part of the question.</p>	20	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• social and/or historical context</li> <li>• character status</li> <li>• character purpose</li> <li>• plot twists</li> <li>• themes and issues</li> <li>• dramatic tension</li> <li>• conflict between characters</li> <li>• dramatic irony</li> <li>• particular events/happenings</li> <li>• character motivation</li> <li>• character behaviour</li> <li>• character development</li> <li>• revelations</li> <li>• character interaction</li> <li>• relationships between characters.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p>The candidate may refer to the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• set design</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• stage configuration/use of performance space</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• lighting</li> <li>• sound</li> <li>• drama media</li> <li>• props</li> <li>• costume</li> <li>• make-up and hair</li> <li>• special effects.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

## Section 2 – Theatre production: Application

Question		Expected responses(s)	Max mark	Additional guidance
7.	(a)	<p>The question is in <b>four parts</b></p> <p>In the <b>first part</b> of this question, the candidate is required to demonstrate knowledge of their text by describing a significant change that their chosen character undergoes in their selected text.</p> <p>Award marks for the quality of the descriptions given.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for a relevant description.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for a point of development.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 2 marks</b> available for this question.</p>	<b>2</b>	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• change in circumstances</li> <li>• change in opinions/beliefs</li> <li>• change in status</li> <li>• character relationships</li> <li>• character motivation.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>
	(b)	<p>In the <b>second part</b> of this question, candidates must describe, as an actor, the way in which they would use voice and/or movement to communicate the significant change of their chosen character in their selected text.</p> <p>Candidates must use correct theatre terminology in their response.</p> <p>If candidates did not describe a significant change in question (a) but refer to <b>one</b> in this question, credit should be given.</p> <p>Award marks for relevant acting concepts.</p> <p>Award <b>2 marks</b> for detailed and insightful comment.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for more basic comment.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> can award 2 marks for a response where a candidate describes and compares before and after the change.</p>	<b>4</b>	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <p><b>Movement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• body language</li> <li>• facial expression</li> <li>• gesture</li> <li>• posture</li> <li>• eye contact</li> <li>• mannerisms</li> <li>• stance</li> <li>• use of levels</li> <li>• speed</li> <li>• rhythm</li> <li>• timing</li> <li>• balance</li> <li>• positioning</li> <li>• proxemics</li> <li>• use of space</li> </ul> <p><b>Voice</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• articulation</li> <li>• clarity</li> <li>• emphasis</li> <li>• fluency</li> <li>• intonation</li> <li>• pace</li> <li>• pause</li> <li>• pitch</li> <li>• projection</li> <li>• register</li> <li>• rhythm</li> <li>• tone</li> <li>• volume.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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					<p>Candidates could refer to both voice and movement using correct terminology.</p> <p>This can be 1+1+1+1 or 2+1+1 or 2 + 2 or 3 + 1, as long as answers relate to the significant change identified in (a).</p> <p>All are acceptable.</p>

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	(c)	<p>In the <b>third part</b> of this question, candidates must explain, as a designer, in what way a personal prop would help to communicate the character's significant change in their selected text.</p> <p>Candidates must use correct theatre terminology in their response.</p> <p>Award marks for relevant design concepts.</p> <p>Award <b>2 marks</b> for detailed and insightful comment.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for more basic comment.</p> <p>Marks can be awarded <b>1+1 or 2</b>.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> accept a costume prop, for example, a hat as long as they use it.</p>	<b>2</b>	<p>Candidates may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• personal props</li> <li>• condition/age</li> <li>• actors' use of props</li> <li>• colour</li> <li>• size</li> <li>• material</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• function.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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	(d)	<p>In the <b>fourth part</b> of this question, candidates must explain, as a designer, in what way a piece of costume would help to communicate the character's significant change in their selected text.</p> <p>Candidates must use correct theatre terminology in their response.</p> <p>Award marks for relevant design concepts.</p> <p>Award <b>2 marks</b> for detailed and insightful comment.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for more basic comment.</p> <p>Marks can be awarded <b>1+1, 2</b>.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> accept a costume prop, however it needs to be worn, for example, a rose on a jacket.</p>	<b>2</b>	<p>The candidate may select from the following in their answer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• costume</li> <li>• condition/age</li> <li>• fabric/material</li> <li>• colour</li> <li>• size</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• actors' use of costume.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

### Section 3 – Performance analysis

The performance analysis may be of a live performance, a live-streamed performance, or, if necessary, a recorded ‘live’ theatrical performance.

The performance must be a play, not a musical, pantomime or movement piece. Appropriate amateur performances may be used, providing candidates have the opportunity to meet the criteria for this section.

The play must be different from the selected text in Sections 1 and 2.

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8.	<p>Candidates focus on <b>one</b> production and choose <b>two</b> production areas to analyse. They must give equal weighting in their response to the two chosen production areas.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for identification and explanation of each feature of the performance that communicates the status of the key characters within the play.</p> <p>Award <b>a further mark</b> for each explanation that is detailed and insightful.</p> <p>Candidates should draw out the implications of each feature in regard to achieving dramatic impact and enhancing appreciation of the performance.</p> <p>If a candidate analyses all four production areas, then mark all four and award marks for the best two.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for each production area.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> accept a response if they have written about one character’s status as well as key characters.</p>	20	<p><b>Choice and use of the performance space.</b></p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• performance venue</li> <li>• atmosphere of the performance venue</li> <li>• pre-show</li> <li>• staging choice</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• stage positioning</li> <li>• use of exit and entrances</li> <li>• auditorium configuration and audience position/sightlines</li> <li>• impact of set</li> <li>• changes of set</li> <li>• visual imagery</li> <li>• use of digital media</li> <li>• projections.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p><b>Director's intentions and effectiveness.</b></p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• type of performance – text/non text/other</li> <li>• interpretative choices made</li> <li>• communication of plot</li> <li>• themes/issues</li> <li>• characterisation</li> <li>• preparation and research</li> <li>• genre</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• director’s style</li> <li>• overall directorial concept</li> <li>• acting style</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• rehearsal workshops/character workshops</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• design concepts</li> <li>• stage imagery</li> <li>• casting decisions</li> </ul>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• level of appropriateness/ innovation/creativity/success of directorial intentions.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p><b>Acting and development of characters.</b></p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the overall production concept</li> <li>• acting style</li> <li>• pre-show</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• characterisation</li> <li>• number of parts the actor plays</li> <li>• different ways that the actor uses their voice</li> <li>• different ways that the actor uses their movement</li> <li>• relationship between spoken text and physical movement or gesture</li> <li>• interaction with other actors throughout the performance</li> <li>• working as an ensemble</li> <li>• the actor's use of props and/or costume</li> <li>• the actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• changes in mood/atmosphere</li> <li>• level of appropriateness/ innovation/creativity/success of use of acting.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>



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			<p><b>Design concepts and their effectiveness.</b></p> <p>The candidate can select design concepts from any of the following production areas in their answer.</p> <p><b>Sound</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the overall production concept</li> <li>• pre-show</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• sources</li> <li>• naturalistic sound FX</li> <li>• abstract sound FX</li> <li>• recorded sound FX</li> <li>• live sound FX</li> <li>• use of music</li> <li>• use of soundscapes</li> <li>• the part sound plays in suggestion</li> <li>• the part sound plays in the creation of expectation</li> <li>• building tension</li> <li>• releasing tension</li> <li>• the on-stage world (related to a character)</li> <li>• the off-stage world (related to the imagined world)</li> <li>• changes in mood/atmosphere</li> <li>• changes in location</li> <li>• environmental sound FX</li> <li>• level of appropriateness/innovation/creativity/success of use of sound.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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			<p><b>Props</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• categories of props</li> <li>• the overall production concept</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• age</li> <li>• personality of character</li> <li>• status of character</li> <li>• location</li> <li>• occupation</li> <li>• occasion</li> <li>• immediate circumstances</li> <li>• fabrics/materials</li> <li>• colours</li> <li>• proportion</li> <li>• texture</li> <li>• a representational approach</li> <li>• use of abstract ideas</li> <li>• use of expressionistic ideas</li> <li>• the on-stage world</li> <li>• the off-stage world</li> <li>• changes in mood/atmosphere</li> <li>• level of appropriateness/innovation/creativity/success of use of props.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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			<p><b>Hair and Make-up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the overall production concept</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• age</li> <li>• personality</li> <li>• status</li> <li>• occupation</li> <li>• occasion</li> <li>• immediate circumstances</li> <li>• colours</li> <li>• special effects make-up</li> <li>• masks</li> <li>• wigs</li> <li>• a representational approach</li> <li>• use of abstract ideas</li> <li>• use of expressionistic ideas</li> <li>• the on-stage world; the off-stage world</li> <li>• changes in mood/atmosphere</li> <li>• level of appropriateness/innovation/creativity/success of use of hair and make-up.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p>Candidates may refer to multimedia and will be credited marks under any of the production areas listed above.</p> <p>Candidates may explore multiple production areas within their design concepts. This is acceptable.</p>

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9.	<p>Candidates focus on <b>one</b> production and choose <b>two</b> production areas to analyse. They must give equal weighting to the <b>two</b> chosen production areas.</p> <p>Award <b>1 mark</b> for the identification and explanation of each feature of the performance that creates mood and/or atmosphere.</p> <p>Award a further mark for each explanation which is detailed and insightful</p> <p>Candidates should draw out the implications of each feature in regard to achieving dramatic impact and enhancing appreciation of the performance.</p> <p>If a candidate analyses all <b>four</b> production areas, mark all four and award marks for the best two.</p> <p>Up to a <b>total of 10 marks</b> available for each production area.</p> <p><b>Please note:</b> accept one mood and atmosphere throughout or multiple moods and atmospheres. Also accept mood and atmosphere created on stage between the characters and/or the mood and atmosphere felt by the audience.</p>	20	<p><b>Choice and use of the performance space.</b></p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• performance venue</li> <li>• atmosphere of the performance venue</li> <li>• pre-show</li> <li>• staging choice</li> <li>• use of exit/entrances</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• stage positioning</li> <li>• auditorium configuration and audience position/sightlines</li> <li>• impact of set</li> <li>• changes of set</li> <li>• visual imagery</li> <li>• use of digital media</li> <li>• projections.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p> <p><b>Director's intentions and effectiveness.</b></p> <p>Candidates may refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• type of performance – text/non text/other</li> <li>• interpretative choices made</li> <li>• communication of plot</li> <li>• themes/issues</li> <li>• characterisation</li> <li>• preparation and research</li> <li>• genre</li> <li>• style</li> <li>• director's style</li> <li>• overall directorial concept</li> <li>• acting style</li> <li>• actor/audience relationship</li> <li>• rehearsal workshops/character workshops</li> <li>• period</li> <li>• design concepts</li> <li>• stage imagery</li> <li>• casting decisions</li> <li>• level of appropriateness/innovation/creativity/success of directorial intentions.</li> </ul> <p>Or any other relevant feature.</p>

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