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X821/75/01**Drama**

THURSDAY, 8 MAY

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Total marks — 60**SECTION 1 — 20 marks**

Attempt ALL questions.

SECTION 2 — 40 marksChoose **one** of the stimuli and attempt ALL the questions based on the chosen stimulus.

Write your answers clearly in the spaces provided in this booklet. Additional space for answers is provided at the end of this booklet. If you use this space you must clearly identify the question number you are attempting.

Use **blue** or **black** ink.

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SECTION 1 — 20 marks

Attempt ALL questions

Consider a performance you have taken part in during your course as either an actor or in a production role.

Tick (✓) the box to indicate your role.

Actor ☐

Lighting ☐

Costume ☐

Set ☐

Props and set dressing ☐

Sound ☐

Make-up and hair ☐

1. Identify the genre of your drama. Justify your answer.

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If you were an actor, you should include comments on **your** performance concepts, using appropriate terminology.

If you were in a production role, you should include comments on **your** design concepts, using appropriate terminology.

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Consider a performance **one** other drama student has taken part in during your course as either an actor or in a production role.

4. Describe **one** activity that **they** carried out during the rehearsal process to prepare for the performance.

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5. Identify a suitable target audience for **this** student's drama. Justify your answer.

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If they were an actor, you should include comments on **their** performance concepts, using appropriate terminology.

If they were in a production role, you should include comments on **their** design concepts, using appropriate terminology.

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SECTION 2 — 40 marks

Attempt ALL questions based on your chosen stimulus

Choose **one** of the following stimuli to develop ideas for a drama with **two** or more characters. The drama must be suitable for a live performance.

Stimulus A

I get frightened you see. Easily scared,
Trouble is, I know what's going on.
The things they got planned.
The others don't understand, you see.
They say: 'What are you scared of?
There's no need to be frightened.'
I huddle myself up against
The window sometimes. Like a curtain.
Listening to what's goin' on outside.
I've got X-ray hearin', you see.
It stretches for miles. When people
Talk about me, I can hear every word.
I get frightened you see. Easily scared.

Unlucky for Some, Roger McGough

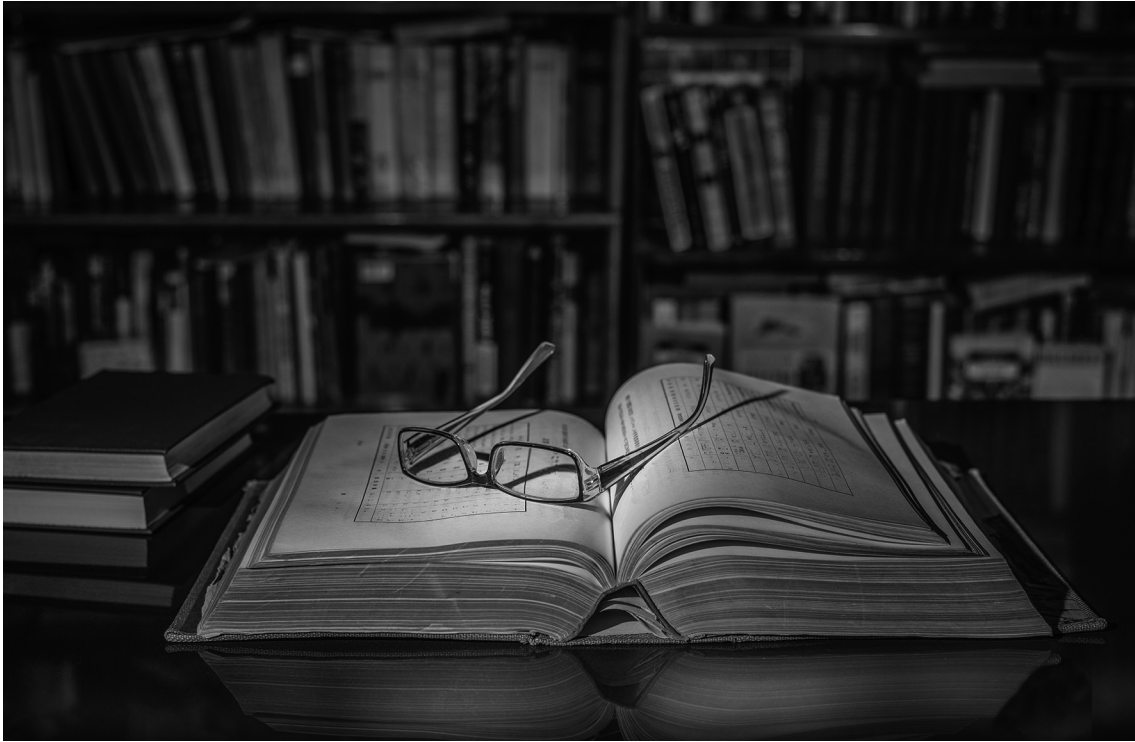
Stimulus B

'For every minute you are angry you lose sixty seconds of happiness'.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Stimulus C



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Tick (✓) the box to indicate which stimulus you have chosen to write about.

Stimulus A

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Stimulus B

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Stimulus C

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You should now READ ALL of the following questions to guide your answers on your chosen stimulus.

You may use drawings and/or diagrams to illustrate any of your answers if you wish.

The space below is provided for any rough working and **will not** be marked.



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7. (a) State the **purpose** of your drama.

(b) Describe a scene which highlights this purpose.

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9. (a) State the main theme and/or issue of your drama. Justify your answer.

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- (b) As a **designer**, describe the way(s) in which you would use **one** production skill from the list below to help communicate this main theme and/or issue. Justify your answer.

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Lighting ☐ Sound ☐ Props ☐ Make-up and hair ☐

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12. State the staging you would use for your drama. Give a reason for your answer.

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13. (a) Choose **two** characters from your drama who appear in the same scene. Describe their relationship.

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- (b) As a **director**, describe the ways you would direct the actors to use **stage positioning** to clearly communicate their relationship in this scene. Justify your answer.

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14. (a) Describe a **key moment** in your drama. Give a reason for your answer.

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(b) Describe the emotional response you would like the audience to have during this key moment.

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14. (continued)

- (c) Describe the way(s) in which you would use **one** of the following conventions to create the desired emotional response.

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Voice-over ☐ Slow motion ☐ Mime ☐ Monologue ☐

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