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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptors for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the guestion
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always whole marks (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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Drama specific marking instructions

Candidates are required to answer two questions in total: one question from Section A and one question from Section B.

There are two level-descriptor tables for each section. Please ensure you use the appropriate marking criteria to mark each candidate response.

Table A and Table B are for Section A. Table C and Table D are for Section B. Both sections assess.

AO1: Knowledge and understanding

Candidates demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of drama text and its performance context and of theatre-making traditions and theatre practice.

Each answer is marked out of 30.

Guidance on using level-based mark schemes

Marking of work should be positive, rewarding achievement where possible, but clearly differentiating across the whole range of marks, where appropriate.

The marker should look at the work and then make a judgement about which level statement is the best fit. In practice, work does not always match one level statement precisely so a judgement may need to be made between two or more level statements.

Once a best-fit level statement has been identified, use the following guidance to decide on a specific mark:

- If the candidate's work **convincingly** meets the level statement, award the highest mark.
- If the candidate's work **adequately** meets the level statement, award the most appropriate mark in the middle of the range (where middle marks are available).
- If the candidate's work **just** meets the level statement, award the lowest mark.

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Marking criteria for Section A

Table A: Performance interpretation of drama text and use of detail

Level	Level descriptor	Mark
5	 An inventive interpretation of the given extract, showing some originality, informed by a clear practical sense of theatre and consistent with the play as a whole. Close attention to detail in the extract strongly supports the practical interpretation offered. 	17–20
4	 A workable interpretation of the given extract, informed by a practical sense of theatre and consistent with the play as a whole. Discussion of detail in the extract effectively supports the practical interpretation offered. 	13–16
3	 A competent interpretation of the given extract, showing some practical sense of theatre and broadly consistent with the play as a whole. Competent use of detail in the extract broadly supports the practical interpretation offered. 	9–12
2	 A straightforward, perhaps literal, interpretation of the given extract, showing some occasional practical sense of theatre which may not be entirely consistent with the play as a whole. Occasional use of detail, perhaps limited to key sections of the extract, partially supports the practical interpretation offered. 	5–8
1	 A limited interpretation of the given extract, showing a rudimentary practical sense of theatre, with limited awareness of the play as a whole. Minimal detail is used to support the practical interpretation offered or details referenced may be misunderstood or irrelevant. 	1–4
0	No creditable response.	0

Table B: Knowledge and understanding of style, genre and context

Level	Level descriptor	Mark
5	Interpretative ideas are informed by a perceptive awareness of relevant aspects of the play's style, genre and context.	9–10
4	Interpretative ideas are supported by a secure awareness of relevant aspects of the play's style, genre and context.	7–8
3	Interpretative ideas display appropriate awareness of relevant aspects of the play's style, genre and context.	5–6
2	Interpretative ideas show some awareness of the play's style, genre and context.	3–4
1	Interpretative ideas show a limited or insecure awareness of the play's style, genre and context.	1–2
0	No creditable response.	0

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Section A

Candidates answer one question from Section A.

The Tempest - William Shakespeare

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
1(a)	As a designer, explain how you would create a suitable setting for the extract using set, lighting and sound.	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a designer's perspective and a focus on creating a suitable setting for the extract. Responses will vary according to the candidates' design ideas for the extract.	
	Candidates must refer to set, lighting and sound and may include: Set design, for example: The staging form chosen Actor/audience configuration Style of design: realistic, representational, abstract Creation of the island setting: lush vegetation, palm trees, low boughs, vines Use of texture and colour Positioning of entrances/exits Use of gauzes/backdrops/cyclorama Use of projections Distinction between this part of the island and the scene 'Before Prospero's cell'	
	Lighting design suggestions, for example: Colour/ intensity/positioning/angles The creation of a sense of daylight/sunlight Gobos/ specials/ floor-lamps/birdies Sound design suggestions, for example: Live and/or recorded sound	
	 Position and use of speakers; volume/amplification Naturalistic sound effects, for example, birdsong, animal cries; symbolic sound; music; sounds of the sea 	
	Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
1(b)	How would you direct selected moments from the extract to create comedy for the audience?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective and a focus on the creation of comedy. Responses will vary according to the candidates' selected moments and comical ideas.	
	 Candidates may refer to some of the following: Potential for comedy, for example: The cheerful optimism of Gonzalo and Adrian contrasted with the pessimism of Alonso and cynicism of Antonio and Sebastian The constant carping and bitter witticisms of Antonio and Sebastian, unheard, or ignored, by the others Gonzalo's vision of the ideal kingdom/commonwealth Ariel's appearance as he puts the company, except Sebastian and Antonio, to sleep Comical instant slumber of the King and some of the retinue Directorial ideas, for example: Staging decisions: choice of stage space and use of space by the actors 	
	 Staging decisions, choice of stage space and use of space by the actors Direction of the actors: body language, facial expressions, vocal tone, pitch, pace, volume Choice of costume Delivery of specific lines: use of pause and emphasis Movement, gesture, stage position, stance, posture, gait Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Application of comic methods, for example, timing, repetition, rule of three Use of set Use of props 	
	Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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The Country Wife - William Wycherley

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
2(a)	How would you direct selected moments from the extract to maximise the audience's enjoyment of the play's comical climax?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective and a focus on maximising the audience's enjoyment of the comic climax. Responses will vary according to the moments selected and the ideas for creating comedy.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: • Sir Jaspar's direct accusation of Horner makes him, for once, lost for	
	 words Lucy's inventiveness saves the day although she attracts Sparkish's wrath 	
	Margery's stupidity seems likely to expose the truth, but she is comically silenced	
	 Lucy and Squeamish almost have to jump on Margery to prevent her from speaking the truth Quack's intervention leads to several amusing quips about the 	
	 trustworthiness of doctors in general The sequence of whispers has much comic potential for exaggerated facial expressions 	
	 'All's well that ends well' with many a cynical retort about marriage Pinchwife and Margery are consigned to a future of marital misery 	
	 Directorial suggestions may include, for example: Staging decisions: choice of stage space and use of space by the actors Direction of the actors: body language, facial expressions, vocal tone, pitch, pace, volume 	
	 Choice of costume, use of fans for the whispering sequences Use of props 	
	 Delivery of specific lines: use of pause and emphasis Movement, gesture, stage position, stance, posture, gait Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line 	
	 Non-verbal communication Application of comic methods, for example, timing, repetition, rule of three 	
	Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style	
	Performance history of the play	

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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
2(b)	How would you perform the role of MARGERY in selected moments from the extract to highlight her complete lack of understanding of the events unfolding around her?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on conveying Margery's complete lack of understanding of events. Responses will vary according to the candidates' interpretation. Candidates may refer to some of the following: Performance suggestions may include, for example: Margery's physical appearance and costume; dressed as Alithea She is increasingly bewildered by the unfolding events, entirely focused on 'marrying' Horner and unaware of the secrets that she risks revealing Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Interaction with other characters; constantly trying to interject but being silenced by those 'in the know' Physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props and accessories Restoration performance conventions, if adopted	
	Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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The Death of a Salesman - Arthur Miller

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
3(a)	How would you perform the role of LINDA at selected moments from the extract to convey her protective attitude towards WILLY?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on conveying Linda's protective attitude towards Willy. Responses will vary according to the candidates' choice of moments.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: Linda's protective attitude, including, for example: Wifely indulgence of and understanding of Willy's shortcomings Genuine affection for him and appreciation of his efforts Pride in his appearance and character Love for him Utterly supportive	
	Performance suggestion for Linda, including, for example: Her physical appearance and costume Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait, pose Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style: calm and rational Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Interaction with Willy: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props and accessories	
	Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
3(b)	Explain how your direction of selected moments from the extract would convey the new mood of optimism of WILLY and LINDA. You may support your ideas with reference to design elements.	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective focused on conveying a mood of optimism at this point in the play. Responses will vary according to the moment selected.	
	 Candidates may refer to some of the following sections: The Act opens with music playing, 'gay and bright' Willy is relaxed after a good night's sleep He speaks optimistically about Biff's future Willy makes plans for retirement in an idyllic spot in the countryside and Linda humours him After a lapse in mood discussing the car and the fridge, Willy is cheered by the surprising prospect of dinner with his boys 	
	 Directorial suggestions, for example: Physical appearance of the actors playing Willy and Linda, both looking more relaxed than the night before Staging decisions and use of space and spatial relationships by the actors to suggest their new optimism Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis, volume Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of props 	
	Design elements, for example: Optimism expressed through brighter lighting Use of 'gay and bright' music Colourful/bright items of costume, not seen in Act One Touches of colour in the set Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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The Lion and the Jewel - Wole Soyinka

Answer	Marks
How would you perform the role of LAKUNLE in selected moments from the extract to create a sympathetic <u>or</u> an unsympathetic character for the audience?	30
Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on creating a sympathetic or an unsympathetic character. Responses will vary according to their ideas about Lakunle in the moments selected.	
 Intended interpretation of Lakunle as sympathetic, including, for example: His horror at the thought of losing Sidi His naivety in thinking Sidi might listen to him His genuine belief that 'city ways' will enhance the lives of the villagers of llujinle His compassion for Baroka who he does not want to think of as being mocked by Sidi His belief in equality between men and women Intended interpretation of Lakunle as unsympathetic: His rudeness to Sadiku; insulting and sexist His patronising attitude: he calls her a mere 'woman of the bush' His lecture about progress and humiliating suggestion that Sadiku joins his class of twelve-year-olds The contradictions inherent in his vision for the future, incorporating both the benefits and iniquities of 'civilisation' 	
Performance suggestions, for example: Lakunle's physical appearance Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Lakunle's interaction with Sidi and Sadiku: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style	
	How would you perform the role of LAKUNLE in selected moments from the extract to create a sympathetic or an unsympathetic character for the audience? Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria. Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on creating a sympathetic or an unsympathetic character. Responses will vary according to their ideas about Lakunle in the moments selected. Intended interpretation of Lakunle as sympathetic, including, for example: His horror at the thought of losing Sidi His naivety in thinking Sidi might listen to him His genuine belief that 'city ways' will enhance the lives of the villagers of llujinle His compassion for Baroka who he does not want to think of as being mocked by Sidi His belief in equality between men and women Intended interpretation of Lakunle as unsympathetic: His rudeness to Sadiku; insulting and sexist His patronising attitude: he calls her a mere 'woman of the bush' His lecture about progress and humiliating suggestion that Sadiku joins his class of twelve-year-olds The contradictions inherent in his vision for the future, incorporating both the benefits and iniquities of 'civilisation' Performance suggestions, for example: Lakunle's physical appearance Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Lakunle's interaction with Sidi and Sadiku: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery

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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
4(b)	Explain how your costume design choices for LAKUNLE and BAROKA and your direction of the two characters in selected moments from the extract would emphasise the stark differences between them.	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective and a focus on highlighting the stark differences between the characters of Lakunle and Baroka. Responses will vary according to the moments selected.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: The contrast in appearance between the two men, for example, Lakunle could be slightly built, with unprepossessing, scholarly looks; Baroka is muscular and tall; a handsome man with self-possession, engaged in the 'manly pursuit' of wrestling Contrasting costumes, for example, Lakunle looking slightly shabby in his worn/rumpled Westernised costume, suit, shirt and tie with formal, if aged leather shoes; Baroka is semi-naked, but his loincloth might be colourful; he might be bare footed Lakunle's tone with Sadiku is whining and self-pitying; he stamps his foot 'helplessly' and is unable to influence Sidi Baroka speaks to Sidi during a bout of wrestling, he looks manly and speaks from his position of strength as Bale of the village Directorial suggestions for highlighting the differences, for example: Staging decisions and use of space by each of the actors, emphasising the contrast between them Direction of the actors: starkly different body language, facial expressions, vocal tone, pitch, pace, volume Delivery of specific lines: use of pause and emphasis to highlight the difference between them Movement, gesture, stage position, stance, posture, gait Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play	
	 The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play 	

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Enron – Lucy Prebble

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
5(a)	How would you perform the role of ANDY FASTOW in selected moments from the extract to convey your interpretation of his character?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on conveying an interpretation of Fastow's character. Responses will vary according to the candidates' interpretation.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: Intended interpretation of Fastow, including, for example: His self-assurance His admiration of Skilling and willingness to help him His dubious ethics His ambition His inventiveness and ingenuity His eccentricity	
	Performance suggestions may include, for example: Fastow's physical appearance and costume Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Interaction with Skilling and Ken Lay; physical contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props and accessories	
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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
5(b)	How would your direction of selected moments from the extract achieve the play's distinctive blend of realism and surrealism?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective and a focus on achieving the blend of realism and surrealism that is a feature of this play. Responses will vary according to the moments selected.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: The delivery of the realistic dialogue	
	 Realistic acting techniques during the exchanges between Fastow and Skilling Fastow's surreal demonstration of the 'Russian doll' effect with appropriate props and technical support 	
	 The appearance of Arthur Anderson and his ventriloquist's dummy The appearance of Ramsey and Hewitt as 'Justice blindfolded' The appearance of the Board, comprised, largely, of Mice 	
	 Directorial suggestions may include, for example: Staging decisions and use of space within the extract Direction of the characters within the respective duologues: body language, facial expressions, actions and reactions 	
	 Movement, gesture, stage position, stance, posture, gait Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, volume, emphasis Use of costume 	
	 Use of props Use of puppets/masks Use of lighting/sound to support the surreal sections 	
	Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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Marking criteria for Section B

Table C: Performance interpretation of drama text and use of detail

Level	Level descriptor	Mark
5	 An inventive interpretation of the practical possibilities of the play or selected sections, showing some originality, informed by a clear practical sense of theatre and consistent with the play as a whole. Close attention to selected detail strongly supports the practical interpretation offered. 	17–20
4	 A workable interpretation of the practical possibilities of the play or selected sections, informed by a practical sense of theatre and consistent with the play as a whole. Discussion of selected detail effectively supports the practical interpretation offered. 	13–16
3	 A competent interpretation of the practical possibilities of the play or selected sections, showing some practical sense of theatre and broadly consistent with the play as a whole. Competent use of selected detail broadly supports the practical interpretation offered. 	9–12
2	 A straightforward, perhaps literal, interpretation of the practical possibilities of the play or selected sections, showing some occasional practical sense of theatre which may not be entirely consistent with the play as a whole. An uneven use of selected detail, perhaps limited to key sections of the play, occasionally supports the practical interpretation offered. 	5–8
1	 A limited interpretation of the practical possibilities of the play or selected sections, showing a rudimentary practical sense of theatre, with limited awareness of the play as a whole. Minimal detail is used to support the practical interpretation offered or details referenced may be misunderstood or irrelevant. 	1–4
0	No creditable response.	0

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Table D: Knowledge and understanding of style, genre and context

Level	Level descriptor	Mark
5	Interpretative ideas are informed by a perceptive awareness of relevant aspects of the play's style, genre and context.	9–10
4	Interpretative ideas are supported by a secure awareness of relevant aspects of the play's style, genre and context.	7–8
3	Interpretative ideas display reasonable awareness of relevant aspects of the play's style, genre and context.	5–6
2	Interpretative ideas show some awareness of the play's style, genre and context.	3–4
1	Interpretative ideas show a limited or insecure awareness of the play's style, genre and context.	1–2
0	No creditable response.	0

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Section B – Candidates answer **one** question from Section B.

Medea – Euripides

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
6(a)	How would you direct two separate sections involving minor characters to help the audience understand MEDEA's despair? You may select sections that include one or more of: NURSE TUTOR AEGEUS.	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective focused on helping the audience understand Medea's despair. Responses will vary according to their selection of sections.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: The Nurse's loyalty towards Medea; her sympathy for her mistress' despair and her plight as an outsider in Corinth The Nurse's pity for Medea when the Tutor reports upon Creon's intentions for her and her children; her fear for Medea's future (and her own) The Tutor's respect for Medea and sadness at her ignorance of what is planned for her His satisfaction at bringing what he believes is good news and his subsequent dismay Aegeus' sincere shock at Jason's betrayal of Medea His willingness to help Medea and generous offer of protection Directorial suggestions, for example: Casting decisions for the selected characters, all of whom are benevolent staging decisions and use of space by the actors Direction of the actors: body language, facial expressions, vocal tone, pitch, pace, volume Delivery style suited to their sympathy towards Medea Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait, idiosyncrasy Vocal, facial and physical expression Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery	
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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
6(b)	How would your performance of JASON in two or more separate sections engage audience sympathy as he moves from greatness to catastrophe?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content Responses will vary according to the sections selected.	
	 A sympathetic response to Jason may be based on, for example: His initial appearance – he exudes 'Greatness': the handsome, noble physical appearance of Jason, the mythical hero, who secured the 'Golden Fleece' His apparent concern for Medea's suffering at the beginning of the play, despite having abandoned her for Glauce, may garner sympathy His calm manner in his first interaction with Medea as she pours scorn upon him and bitterly abuses him may also appear sympathetic His attempts to justify his actions by claiming his new marriage is an act of selflessness, with the object of securing the family's position in Corinth may be delivered sincerely His offers to help Medea to secure a safe place in exile and his calming words when Medea rejects his help may attract sympathy Jason's misplaced happiness when it appears that Medea has heeded his advice and is willing to make amends to Creon and Glauce may also render him pitiable His innocent/unsuspecting promise to look after the children exposes his vulnerability His gullibility in underestimating Medea's capacity to harm him elicits audience sympathy as they watch him primed for catastrophe His utter despair at the loss of his children, in addition to his loss of his 	
	new wife and status, makes him pitiable as he confronts catastrophe Performance suggestions, for example: Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, volume, emphasis Interaction with Medea Physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props Application of Greek tragic performance conventions Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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Tartuffe - Molière

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
7(a)	How would you perform the role of CLÉANTE in one section where he interacts with ORGON and one section where he interacts with TARTUFFE to achieve your intended effects for the audience?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on achieving intended effects for the audience. Responses will vary according to the candidates' choice of effects and sections.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following effects: The creation of respect for Cleante, the mature 'voice of reason' as he remonstrates with Orgon Admiration for his defence of his sister's and her family's best interests in exchanges with both Orgon and Tartuffe The creation of sympathy for him as he tries, unsuccessfully, to temper Tartuffe's excesses Amusement, as he tried to reason with Orgon, exposing Orgon's stubborn and foolish character Performance suggestions may include, for example: Cleante's physical appearance and costume Interaction with Orgon and Tartuffe Physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait, pose Vocal, facial and physical expression Use of space Use of props and accessories	
	Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
7(b)	Explain how your direction of two separate sections of the play would create comedy for the audience.	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective and a focus on the creation of comedy. Responses will vary according to the candidates' selected sections.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following sections, for example: Dorine's hilarious description of Elmire's illness and Tartuffe's 'health', when Orgon returns home after a brief absence Tartuffe's encounter with Dorine when he orders her to 'cover up' Either of Tartuffe's 'assignations' with Elmire, in each case, being overheard Dorine's intervention during Orgon's discussion of his proposed match between Tartuffe and Mariane Tartuffe's evasion of blame after Damis' 'exposure' of him to Orgon Directorial ideas might include suggestions for, for example: Ideas for the physical appearance of characters in the chosen sections, if made relevant to the comedy focus Movement, gesture, posture, energy Use of space Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery of specific lines Interaction, physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Comic methods, for example: timing, slapstick, mimicry, repetition, exaggeration Non-verbal communication Audience involvement Use of stage setting and of props to create comedy Reference to commedia performance conventions, if appropriate Candidates should also refer, where appropriate, to: The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery Genre and style Performance history of the play	

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The Seagull – Anton Chekhov

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
8(a)	How would you direct two sections of the play where four or more characters interact to create your intended effects for the audience?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective focused on creating intended effects for the audience from sections where four or more characters interact. Responses will vary according to the intended effects and sections selected.	
	 Intended effects may include, for example: To depict the social microcosm of those who live on or visit Sorin's estate To offer a contrast between the country dwellers and the city folk To highlight the love triangles and jealousies among the characters To highlight the contrast between the younger and older generation To create Chekhovian comedy from the interaction of different types of character 	
	 Candidates may refer to some of the following sections: The gathering at Konstantin's play at the lakeside in Act One The lazy afternoon spent on the croquet lawn in Act Two where Arkadina 'holds court' The departure of Arkadina and Trigorin for Moscow The 'Celebrity guests' return to visit Sorin 	
	 Directorial suggestions, for example: Physical appearance of the various actors if made relevant to the question focus Staging decisions and use of space and spatial relationships by the actors Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait, idiosyncrasy Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, volume, emphasis Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of props 	
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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
8(b)	How would you perform the role of TRIGORIN in two or more separate sections of the play to convey your interpretation of his character?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on conveying an interpretation of Trigorin's character. Responses will vary according to the candidates' interpretation of Trigorin and selection of sections.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: Interpretation of Trigorin, for example: A writer absorbed in his craft A weak man, easily charmed by Nina and dominated by Arkadina A heartless destroyer of Nina's youth and life A selfish man, unaware of other people's feelings	
	Performance suggestions, for example: Trigorin's physical appearance and costume Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, volume, emphasis Interaction with other characters, Arkadina, Nina, Masha, Konstantin Physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props and accessories Naturalistic performance conventions	
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The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time – Simon Stephens

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
9(a)	How would you perform the role of CHRISTOPHER in two or more separate sections to achieve your intended audience responses?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on achieving specific audience responses to Christopher. Responses will vary according to the candidates' intended responses and their choice of sections.	
	 Candidates may refer to some of the following responses: Empathy for Christopher's condition Respect for his determination to solve the mystery of Wellington Amusement at his often literal interpretation of the world; his exchanges with Mrs Alexander Sympathy when he discovers Ed's deceit Admiration as he battles his phobias and travels to London Concern for him when he reaches Judy's and Roger's flat Delight at his reconciliation with Ed, his love for Sandy Exhilaration at his success at the end of the play 	
	 Performance ideas, for example: Christopher's physical appearance and costume Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, emphasis Interaction with other characters, Ed, Judy, Siobhan, Mrs Alexander, Roger and the host of ensemble characters Use of/lack of physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of space Use of props and accessories 	
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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
9(b)	How would you create comedy for your audience through your direction of two separate sections of the play?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective and a focus on the creation of comedy.	
	Responses will vary according to the sections selected.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following: Christopher's humorous encounters with various members of the Police force	
	Christopher's interactions with Mrs Alexander	
	 His conversations with Siobhan Sections involving the Ensemble, for example, characters he encounters in Swindon town centre, at the Station and on the Underground, on the train 	
	 Directorial suggestions, for example: Staging decisions and use of space by the actors Direction of the actors' physical appearance: body language, facial expressions, 	
	 Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait, idiosyncrasy Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery style 	
	Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, tone, accent, volume, emphasis	
	 Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Application of comic methods, for example, timing, repetition, rule of three, exaggeration; deadpan delivery 	
	 Comical characterisation by members of the Ensemble Synchronisation, vocally and/or physically Choral speech or in canon 	
	Non-verbal communication	
	Use of spaceUse of props	
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Snow in Midsummer - Frances Ya-Chu Cowig

Question	Answer	Marks
EITHER		
10(a)	How would you direct two or more separate sections of the play that depict violent action to create your intended effects for the audience?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a director's perspective and a focus on creating intended effects in sections where violent action is depicted. Responses will vary according to the sections selected and the intended effects.	
	 Candidates may refer to some of the following sections: The Prologue, where innocent Dou Yi is violently snatched by Master Zhang – a shocking start to the play for the audience The execution of Dou Yi in Act One, Scene Nine – creation of tension and empathy for the innocent victim of a false accusation The retrieval of Dou Yi's heart in Act One, Scene 12 – shocking moment for the audience The abduction of Dou Yi and shooting of Master Zhang – revelation of the truth to the audience, solving the mystery of the play The death of Handsome in Act Two, Scene Seven – moving section of resolution 	
	 Directorial suggestions, for example: Physical appearance of the actors if made relevant to the intended effects Staging decisions and use of space and spatial relationships by the actors Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait, idiosyncrasy Vocal, facial and physical expression Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, volume, emphasis Interaction: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line Non-verbal communication Use of props Use of costume 	
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Question	Answer	Marks
OR		
10(b)	How would you perform the role of DOU YI in one section where she appears in her 'living' state and one section where she appears in her 'ghostly' state to demonstrate the dual aspects of her character?	30
	Mark according to the levels of response marking criteria.	
	Indicative Content The question invites a performer's perspective and a focus on demonstrating the dual aspects of Dou Yi's character. Responses will vary according to the candidates' choice of sections and their interpretation of Dou Yi.	
	Candidates may refer to some of the following:	
	In her living state she appears as an innocent young widow in the	
	 Prologue before being snatched from the street by Master Zhang The living Dou Yi refuses to sleep with the lecherous judge in exchange for her life 	
	 The execution scene of living Dou Yi reveals her belief in justice as well as the torture that she has received in prison to get a confession Dou Yi's appearances as a ghost reveal her to feel victimised, 	
	 unremembered and dishonoured The ghostly Dou Yi yearns for the truth and for someone to speak of her 	
	 innocence Dou Yi's ghost forms touching relationships with the living, Fei-Fei and Tianyun, as well as with the dead, including Rocket and Handsome 	
	 The ghost of Dou-Yi is vindicated through the agency of her sister Fei-Fei and she finally gains peace Dou Yi retreats to the underworld 	
	Performance suggestions for example:	
	Physical appearance of Dou Yi in both her states – the blooming young woman and the suffering spirit – invite sympathy	
	 Movement, gesture, posture, energy, stance, gait, idiosyncrasy Vocal, facial and physical expression 	
	Delivery of aposition linear page pitch pages accept values emphasia.	
	 Delivery of specific lines: pace, pitch, pause, accent, volume, emphasis; direct address 	
	Interaction with Master Zhang, Fei-Fei, Tianyun, Mother Cai, Rocket, Handsome, her fellow spirits: physical contact, eye-contact, eye-line	
	Non-verbal communicationUse of space	
	Use of props	
	Use of different costume to demonstrate the dual states	
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	 The theatrical/cultural/historical context of the play Language and stage imagery 	
	Genre and style	
	Performance history of the play	

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