

LEVEL 1/2 TECHNICAL AWARD PERFORMING ARTS PER3

UNIT 3 THE PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCE

Mark scheme

Version 3.0

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Level of response marking instructions

Level of response mark schemes are broken down into levels, each of which has a descriptor. The descriptor for the level shows the average performance for the level. There are marks in each level.

Before you apply the mark scheme to a student's answer read through the answer and annotate it (as instructed) to show the qualities that are being looked for. You can then apply the mark scheme.

Step 1 Determine a level

Start at the lowest level of the mark scheme and use it as a ladder to see whether the answer meets the descriptor for that level. The descriptor for the level indicates the different qualities that might be seen in the student's answer for that level. If it meets the lowest level then go to the next one and decide if it meets this level, and so on, until you have a match between the level descriptor and the answer. With practice and familiarity you will find that for better answers you will be able to quickly skip through the lower levels of the mark scheme.

When assigning a level you should look at the overall quality of the answer and not look to pick holes in small and specific parts of the answer where the student has not performed quite as well as the rest. If the answer covers different aspects of different levels of the mark scheme you should use a best fit approach for defining the level and then use the variability of the response to help decide the mark within the level, ie if the response is predominantly level 3 with a small amount of level 4 material it would be placed in level 3 but be awarded a mark near the top of the level because of the level 4 content.

Step 2 Determine a mark

Once you have assigned a level you need to decide on the mark. The descriptors on how to allocate marks can help with this. The exemplar materials used during standardisation will help. There will be an answer in the standardising materials which will correspond with each level of the mark scheme. This answer will have been awarded a mark by the Lead Examiner. You can compare the student's answer with the example to determine if it is the same standard, better or worse than the example. You can then use this to allocate a mark for the answer based on the Lead Examiner's mark on the example.

You may well need to read back through the answer as you apply the mark scheme to clarify points and assure yourself that the level and the mark are appropriate.

Indicative content in the mark scheme is provided as a guide for examiners. It is not intended to be exhaustive and you must credit other valid points. Students do not have to cover all of the points mentioned in the Indicative content to reach the highest level of the mark scheme.

An answer which contains nothing of relevance to the question must be awarded no marks.

Section A: Understanding the performing arts industry

Question number	Answer
1	B
2	D
3	B

1 mark each (total = 3 marks) (Target: AO1; 3 marks)

Qu	Part	Marking guidance	Total
			marks
04		Choose a performance by an actor, dancer or singer that you have seen in either:	2
		a live theatre performancea film.	
		Name your chosen performance:	
		Give two reasons why this is an interesting performance/film.	
		Marks for this question: AO1 = 2 marks	
		Two marks for any two valid points stated including:	
		The choice of actors	
		The genreThe setting	
		The target audience	
		The effects The effects	
		The storylineThe timeline (era)	
		The costumes	
		The director	
		The location.	
		This content is not exhaustive: other creditworthy responses should be awarded marks as appropriate.	

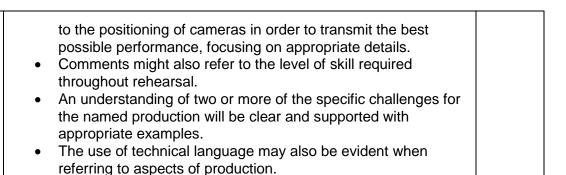
05	Choose one scene or episode from the performance.	3
	State three reasons why the staging or filming was effective.	
	Marks for this question: AO1 = 3 marks	
	Three marks for any three valid reasons including:	
	 Realistic Dynamics Mood Atmosphere Editing Special effects Meaning Intent Costume Interaction Interpretation Make-up Lighting Sound effects. 	
	This content is not exhaustive: other creditworthy responses should be awarded marks as appropriate.	

Marks for this question: AO3 = 4 marks

Level	Description	Marks
3–4	 Detailed points, with clear reasons 	3–4
	how/why they caused difficulties.	
1–2	 Limited number of points identified, 	1–2
	with no detail. No clear explanation	
	of how/why they caused difficulties.	
0	Nothing worthy of credit.	0

Indicative content

- Reference might be made to:
 - o the use of technical effects
 - the challenges of specific performance sites, outside locations or studio based work
 - o the complexity of staging or filming.
- If the performance is a 'live' broadcast reference may be made



07	I	review of one performer who played an import on. This review might appear in a newspaper o		4
	Marks for th	is question: AO3 = 4 marks		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	3–4	A detailed review of performance, in an appropriate format, with clear reference to examples and supported judgements.	3–4	
	1–2	 Relevant point(s) made, but lacking in detail and judgements are not clearly supported. 	1–2	
	0	Nothing worthy of credit.	0	
	 Perso consi The requi Comi speci perfo The v 	eness of the general challenges of the role. In all opinion is made clear as to why the review ders the performance to be effective. It is eview is written with some awareness of the streed for this kind of writing. In ents might include reference to the way in which performance works; the context and important and its place within the overall product writing should be clear and engaging in order to rmance to an audience's attention.	yle nich the ance of the ion.	

08	How did the	technical elements/design enhance the produc	tion?	6
	Marks for th	is question: AO1 = 3 marks, AO3 = 3 marks	i	
	Level	Description	Marks	
	3	 An appropriately developed critical analysis and evaluation of the relevant evidence and/or theory. Good knowledge and understanding demonstrated in a coherent and logically structured argument. 	5–6	
	2	 Clear evidence of analysis and evaluation but some judgements are indistinct and/or lacking in appropriate development. Knowledge and understanding is demonstrated in a clearly presented argument with some structural weaknesses. 	3–4	
	1	 A basic attempt at some analysis and evaluation but clearly lacking in appropriate development. There may be inconsistencies and reasoning may be inaccurate. Some knowledge but little understanding presented in a largely descriptive answer which fails to make a coherent argument. 	1–2	
	0	Nothing worthy of credit.	0	
	 Lighting lighting reductions as used to see the control of the control o	of specific equipment that enhanced to performing effects: Use of colour, Gels, shadows, directing, cross fades, levels of light and the ability to be intensity, snap blackouts, back lighting, reflected in Film Noir, Strobe lighting, UV light, Gobo d effects: Ambient sound, music, specific effecting effects, sounds suggesting location, record	ctional build or cted light s its eg bells, ed and live created constructed defined	

- Director's concept, practicality based on action of the performers.
- Use of colour light and shade: creating time and place eg day and night, understanding of how light works with design to enhance set and costume, light used to highlight/isolate performers in theatre
- Creation of mood and atmosphere through design elements.
 Understanding of how all design elements work together to enhance the performance. Appropriate use of specific equipment eg lights and sound equipment, digital computer programmes. References to aspects of the above areas for consideration.

Section B: Working in the performing arts industry

Question number	Answer
9 10 11	D A C

1 mark each (total = 3 marks) (Target: AO1; 3 marks)

12	Your local authority is planning to build a community facility. It will be used by the whole community but particularly young people. There have been three proposals so far:	3
	 a sports centre a performing arts centre an art gallery. 	
	You have been employed to promote the bid for the performing arts centre.	
	State three activities that would take place in the performing arts centre.	
	Marks for this question: AO1 = 3 marks	
	 Pantomimes Theatre productions Dance classes Choir Instrumental tuition Rehearsal rooms, workshops Outreach work with local schools Arts Cinema Summer School 	
	This content is not exhaustive: other creditworthy responses should be awarded marks as appropriate.	

13	State four benefits that a performing arts centre could provide for the local community.	4
	 Marks for this question: AO1 = 4 marks Can help raise community spirit Bringing locals together Develops hobbies and interests It gives young people an outlet for their creative ability Builds confidence in young people Economic benefits This content is not exhaustive: other creditworthy responses should be awarded marks as appropriate. 	
14	How could the performing arts centre be successful as a business enterprise?	4
	Marks for this question: AO3 = 4 marks Level Description 2	

Ce		en asked to support the proposal for the perform a pitch to convince people that it would be a su	•	6
M	arks for th	nis question: AO1 = 3 marks, AO3 = 3 marks		
	Level	Description	Marks	
	3	 An appropriately developed critical analysis and evaluation of the relevant evidence and/or theory. Good knowledge and understanding demonstrated in a coherent and logically structured argument. 	5–6	
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	0	Nothing worthy of credit.	0	
In	 aim c Audie The r works educa Apperent that r but b Resp 	essionally written pitch with a clear understanding of the performance. Ence requirements understood. Fange of potential uses of the venue should be concerned by the ence should be concerned by the ence attional ventures such as Theatre in education provided to the community and the possibility of building the enefits the cultural life of the community. For energy the energy of the end of the community. For energy the energy of	considered, ups and rojects. ng a centre erchandise	

		onses might reflect local situations and therefore y examples should be awarded marks appropria		
16	presented at	en commissioned to write the first production to the arts centre, write the opening scene or sequed performance/show.		6
	Marks for thi	is question: AO1 = 3 marks, AO3 = 3 marks		
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		argument.	<u> </u>	
	style a Stage descri The d with th mecha attent Where to diffe	ing is set out with a thorough understanding of and conventions. directions/other notes are included and effective ibe any movement/other action. developing narrative has a clear intention and is the application of dramatic style/structure (or applicants or the discipline chosen). It will demand	vely written propriate audience eferences d.	

Section C: Working to a brief

Question number	Answer
17 18 19	DDA

1 mark each (total = 3 marks) (Target: AO1; 3 marks)

20	In the space below, design a flyer for social media advert that would promote the festival. Include three pieces of essential information.	3
	Marks for this question: AO1 = 3 marks	
	 Title Venue Time ticket price description of performance an enticing design that demands attention. This content is not exhaustive: other creditworthy responses should be awarded marks as appropriate.	

21	Give three reasons why the government should fund events like this?	3
	Marks for this question: AO3 = 3 marks	
	Reasons might include:	
	Developing community cohesion	
	Boost to the economy	
	Discovering new talent in local communities	
	Positive engagement with young people.	
	Answers will include contrasting reasons and judgements.	
	The above list is not exhaustive and credit can be given for other relevant responses.	
22	Identify four factors about this brief that a production company should	4
	consider when planning for the festival.	
	Marks for this question: AO1 = 4 marks	
	How the local history might influence the work	
	 Presentations must be suitable for all members/groups within 	
	the community.	
	What art disciplines will be involved?	
	Where will the work be prepared/rehearsed?	
	The event is in the summer – does this offer opportunities for outdoor proportations?	
	outdoor presentations?	
	Health and safety considerations	
	Answers will include four contrasting considerations – the above list is not exhaustive and credit can be given for other relevant responses.	

23	You are the director of this performance. Explain how you would stage the opening scene.	6
	Marks for this question: AO1 = 3 marks, AO3 = 3 marks	
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	0 Nothing worthy of credit.	
	 Consideration should be given to the style and genre of the piece and the processes involved in creating the performance. Consideration of the venue, set and context might be considered and the relationship between performer and the audience. Appropriate vocabulary might be used and understand when describing aspects of the process involved in directing. When considering individual performances within the scene the director will consider the appropriate use of voice might refer to 	
	 pitch, tone, modulation and projection and how these are used to create the atmosphere/mood of the scene and convey the relationship between characters. Referring to movement of performers, directors might identify issues arising from the performance space and how a set might affect the staging of a scene. Where specific movements are given to performers these may relate to character and specific examples should be made clear and understood within the context of the whole. The effectiveness of the director's vision might be referred to when considering the relationship between characters on stage 	

	 and there might be an understanding of the wider context of the production. The opening scene is just that the director might justify choices based on the progression of characters within the complete production. 	
24	Considering lighting and sound cues, in the table below describe how each cue added to the atmosphere on stage to this performance.	4
	 All the design/technical elements would be covered Clear description of how the elements would be employed within the performance making reference to other elements of the production such as acting. There might be an understanding of the use of colour and the levels at which light is used on stage. Examples might be the way in which light reacts to the set in casting shadows, creating shafts of light for dramatic effect, back lighting of a character to intensify an entrance and the use of 'Gobos' and projections to create locations. Where sound is considered, the different levels and type of sounds to be used should be clear. The reasons for the use of music or a sound effect in a scene. There should be some understanding of how light and sound work together with other production elements to create atmosphere and mood and how these can enhance a performance. 	

25	Evaluate the success of a production that you have been involved in – either as a performer or non-performer. Live or recorded performances are equally acceptable.	9
	Marks for this question: AO1 = 3 marks, AO3 = 6 marks	
	Level Description Marks	
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	0 Nothing worthy of credit. 0	
	 Indicative content A clear outline of the presentation is given. The aim or intention is well defined with reference to audience requirements. Own role is described and the relationship of this role to the whole production is understood. Challenges in rehearsal are identified and action taken clearly described with very effective use of arts vocabulary. The ability to evaluate is well evidenced. Audience response is considered and commented on with reference to specific examples. Adaptations are suggested again with reference to clear examples and the overall intentions. The ability to give clear critical analysis of the production and show understanding of the process experienced might be evident and suggestions of how to progress should be clear. A sense of personal development as a performer or non- 	
	show understanding of the process experienced might be	

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understanding of how those specific skills enhanced t production should be identified.	
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