



General Certificate of Secondary Education  
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Drama  
Written Paper  
[G9251]

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**TIME**

1 hour 30 minutes.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Write your Centre Number and Candidate Number on the Answer Booklet provided. Read carefully the instructions on page 3 and select **one** play from the list provided. You must answer Section A **and** Section B.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

**Section A** is based on your set play. You may use a **clean** copy of your set play in this section of the paper.

This section has two questions **1** and **2**. You must answer both questions.

**Section B** of this paper is based on the play you used in Internally Assessed Unit 1 – Scripted Performance. You cannot use the same play as you used in Section A or bring a copy of this second play into the examination.

This section has one question in two parts **(a)** and **(b)**. You must answer both parts.

The total mark for this paper is 80, which includes marks for quality of written communication. Figures in brackets printed down the right-hand side of pages indicate the marks awarded to each question or part question.

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### List of Prescribed Plays for Section A

The following is the list of plays prescribed for this examination.

Look down the list of plays and turn to the page where the questions have been set for the play you have studied.

Choose only **one** play from the list below.

Remember you must answer **both** Section A and Section B.

Write all your answers in the Answer Booklet.

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**Play 1** Shakespeare: *Romeo and Juliet***Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Friar Lawrence** in Act Two Scene Three of the play:

- use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

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- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **Romeo** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE**

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *Romeo and Juliet* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright.

[8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Play 2 Shaw: *Pygmalion*****Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Higgins** when he first appears in Act II of the play:

- use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

[16]

- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **Pickering** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE**

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *Pygmalion* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright. [8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text. [16]

**Play 3 O'Casey: *Juno and the Paycock*****Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Mary** on her entrance in the opening scene of Act One of the play:

- Use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

[16]

- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **Joxer** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

[40]



**Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE**

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *Juno and the Paycock* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright. [8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text. [16]

**Play 4 Miller: *The Crucible*****Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Elizabeth** when she is in prison in Act Four of the play:

- use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

[16]

- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **Abigail** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE**

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *The Crucible* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright.

[8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Play 5 Friel: *Philadelphia, Here I Come!*****Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Kate** when she first appears in Episode I of the play:

- use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

[16]

- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **S.B.** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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## Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *Philadelphia, Here I Come!* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright.

[8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Play 6** Reid: *Tea in a China Cup***Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Samuel** when he first appears in the beginning of Act One of the play:

- use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

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- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **Theresa** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE**

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *Tea in a China Cup* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright.

[8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Play 7 Russell: *Blood Brothers*****Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Mrs Lyons** when she visits Mrs Johnstone's house in Act Two of the play:

- use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

[16]

- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **Mrs Johnstone** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE**

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *Blood Brothers* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright.

[8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**Play 8** Neville and Lingard: *Across the Barricades***Section A – PRESCRIBED SET TEXT**

- 1** Spend about 20 minutes on this question (including reading time).

Draw a costume for **Brian** in Scene 6 of the play:

- use a basic sketch and label it clearly

Write a short paragraph (no more than 100 words) to justify your ideas. In your answer you should comment on:

- the period in which the play is set
- the social status of the character
- choice of colour, shape and materials

Illustrate your answer with one example of text.

[16]

- 2** Spend about 40 minutes on this question.

As an actor playing **Sadie** in a production of the full play, write about:

- how you would use improvisation at a chosen moment in the play
- how you would use another rehearsal idea at a different moment in the play
- how each rehearsal idea would help to develop different aspects of your character's performance style

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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## Section B – SCRIPTED PERFORMANCE

- 3** This question is about how you prepared and acted your role in the Compulsory Coursework Element – Scripted Performance.

If you played more than one role, select your main character.

**Do not use *Across the Barricades* in this answer.**

Spend about 30 minutes on this question.

**(a)** Write down the:

- title of the play
- playwright
- role you played

Describe what influenced your style of performance.

Briefly comment on your research about the background of the play, the style of acting, staging and any further information about the playwright.

[8]

**(b)** Explain how you used **voice** in your performance to portray your character.

Write about performance and not rehearsal work. In your answer you should comment on:

- the social status and personality of your character
- the action of the play

Illustrate your answer with examples from the text.

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**THIS IS THE END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**

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