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**Drama**

FRIDAY, 1 JUNE  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM



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**Total marks — 60**

**SECTION 1 — 20 marks**

Attempt ALL questions.

**SECTION 2 — 40 marks**

Choose **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.

Before leaving the examination room you must give this booklet to the Invigilator; if you do not, you may lose all the marks for this paper.



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. (a) State the main theme/issue of your drama. Justify your answer. 2

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- (b) Identify an appropriate target audience based on the theme/issue you stated in (a). Justify your answer. 2

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- (c) In what way would you expect this target audience to react to the main theme/issue identified in (a)? Justify your answer.

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2. Describe **one** rehearsal activity or practical task you carried out to prepare yourself for this drama.

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4. (a) Consider the work of **one** other drama student during a performance. Your answer must be based on a performance they have taken part in during the Drama course.

Describe the mood and/or atmosphere of their drama. Justify your answer.

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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 2 or more characters. The drama **must** be suitable for a live performance.

## Stimulus A

## 'What's done cannot be undone'

William Shakespeare

## Stimulus B

Martin opened his eyes fully. At first he looked straight ahead. He could see clearly but he could not see much, only the hospital ceiling. He closed his eyes once more; now he started a body check. He moved his toes, and tensed his calf muscles and his thigh muscles. He moved his whole left leg no more than a quarter of an inch and then his right leg. It was the smallest of movements but all he wanted to know was that he was in control. By now there was more movement in his fingers, and again, a very small movement of his arms satisfied him. He breathed in deeply and his chest rose. Now Martin opened his eyes again, trying as he did so to raise his eyebrows but there was absolutely no feeling there. He tried to smile but he could feel only hard skin which he seemed unable to control. He tried to move his jaw from side to side but the skin seemed inflexible and his jaw wouldn't move.

At this point Martin knew something terrible had happened to his face. His heart pounded hard in his chest. He shifted his eyes to the left and saw his father standing over him.

'Are you OK, son?'

Martin felt that he was using up all his strength just sending blood around his body and opening his eyes – he certainly didn't have the strength to speak. But his mind was beginning to work and he did think that *Are you OK, son?* was a strange question. He had very little idea of how he really was. His mother came into sight on his right side.



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Stimulus C



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

Stimulus A       Stimulus B       Stimulus C

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.

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5. (a) State the **structure** of your drama.

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(b) Explain why you chose this structure with reference to your drama.

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6. (a) Select **one** character in your drama and identify their motivation.

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(b) Describe a moment in your drama when this character reveals their motivation.

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7. (a) Choose **another** character from your drama and describe their personality.

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(b) Describe the way an actor would use **two** of the voice terms below to highlight this character's personality.

**Emphasis                  Tone                  Pace                  Volume**

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(c) Describe the way an actor would use **two** of the movement terms below to highlight this character's personality.

**Facial expression          Eye contact          Body language          Posture**

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8. Explain in detail how you would use **one** of the production areas below to help portray **two** characters from your drama. Justify your answer.

Costume

Props

Sound

Make-up and hair

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Character 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Character 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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9. (a) Identify a **key moment** in your drama. Explain your answer.

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(b) Describe **one** convention you would use during this key moment to highlight its importance. Justify your answer.

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11. (b) (continued)

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