

General Certificate of Education  
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Advanced Subsidiary Examination



**DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES** **DRA3/A**  
**Paper 3 Section A Theatre in Practice – Productions Seen**

Friday 10 June 2005 Afternoon Session

**In addition to this paper you will require:**

- an 8-page answer book;
- personal notes relating to productions you have seen;
- a candidate declaration sheet for personal notes (enclosed).

Time allowed: 45 minutes

**Instructions**

- Write the information required on the front of your answer book and complete the information on the enclosed candidate declaration sheet. The *Examining Body* for this paper is AQA. The *Paper Reference* is DRA3/A.
- Answer **one** question.
- Do all rough work in the answer book. Cross through any work you do not want marked.
- At the end of the examination you must hand in your answer book, your completed candidate declaration sheet and any personal notes taken into the examination, all securely tagged together.

**Information**

- The maximum mark for this paper is 50.
- All questions carry equal marks.
- All questions require answers in continuous prose. However, where appropriate, you should support your answer with sketches and diagrams.
- You will be assessed on your ability to use an appropriate form and style of writing, to organise relevant information clearly and coherently, and to use specialist vocabulary, where appropriate. The degree of legibility of your handwriting and the level of accuracy of your spelling, punctuation and grammar will also be taken into account.

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Answer **one** question.

Indicate the date and venue of the production referred to in your answer.

You must **NOT** use productions of any plays prescribed for Unit 2 or Unit 5. These plays are listed below after the end of the questions.

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- 1 With reference to **one** production that you have seen, explain how **one** or **two** performers used their skills to engage the audience.
- 2 Assess the contribution of the set design and its use to the success of **one** production that you have seen.
- 3 Discuss the effectiveness of the use of costume **and** of lighting in **one** production that you have seen.
- 4 Select **one** production that you have seen which failed to fulfil the production aims and explain the reasons for its failure.

### END OF QUESTIONS

Productions of the following plays must **NOT** be used in answer to DRA3, Section A.

#### Unit 2

Sophocles – *Antigone*  
Shakespeare – *A Midsummer Night's Dream*  
Jonson – *Volpone*  
Middleton – *The Changeling*  
Chekhov – *Three Sisters*  
O'Casey – *The Shadow of a Gunman*  
Lorca – *Yerma*  
Bond – *Restoration*

#### Unit 5

Racine – *Phèdre*  
Sheridan – *The Rivals*  
Gogol – *The Government Inspector*  
Ibsen – *Hedda Gabler*  
Brecht – *The Resistible Rise of Arturo Ui*  
Arden – *Serjeant Musgrave's Dance*  
Weiss – *The Marat/Sade*  
Wertebaker – *Our Country's Good*