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**Drama and Theatre Studies** 

DRAM1A

(Specification 2240)

**Unit 1A: Live Theatre Production Seen** 

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### AS UNIT 1 (LIVE THEATRE PRODUCTION SEEN) MARK SCHEME - DRAM1A

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#### INTRODUCTION

This section of Unit 1 assesses Assessment Objectives 2 and 4.

AO2 requires that candidates 'demonstrate knowledge and understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of drama and theatre using appropriate terminology'.

AO4 requires that candidates 'make critical and evaluative judgements of live theatre'.

AO2 and AO4 have weightings of 10% and 20% respectively.

Questions are marked for each of the two Assessment Objectives separately and then the marks added together to give a total out of 50.

Quality of Written Communication (QWC) is also assessed. All questions require answers written in continuous prose. Statements referring to QWC are included within the assessment criteria for each performance band. QWC will be assessed as an integral part of the judgement of the quality of a candidate's response.

# Assessment Objectives Grid for Unit 1A (DRAM1A)

Assessment Objective	Marks for each Question
AO1	0
AO2	17
AO3	0
AO4	33
Total Marks	50

## DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES (DRAM1A)

### **Shorthand/symbols for Examiners**

Examiners may use these recognised symbols in the left hand margin of candidates' scripts or in the body of the answers, against relevant points or errors:

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relevant or good point = ✓
very good point = ✓✓
dubious point = ?
possible = (✓)
omission = \Lambda \Lambda
point needs development = and....?
argument difficult to follow/confusion/muddle =
evidence of knowledge = kn
evidence of understanding = und
wrong-headed/silly argument or suggestion = !
repetition = R
irrelevance = I
narrative = N
factually wrong = X
contradiction = C
practical detail missing = How?
losing focus on question = Q?
wrong word used = ww
poor expression = E
spelling error = rehursal or rehersal [underline or ring]
example needed = eg?
generalised = G
specialist terminology needed = term?
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Examiners may still make fuller comments, as appropriate, in the body or margin of the script and should **ALWAYS** put a summative comment, at the end of the candidate's answer, which relates clearly to the mark bands awarded.

# OVERALL PERFORMANCE BANDS FOR UNIT ONE SECTION A

	AO2	AO4
	Candidates demonstrate knowledge and understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of drama and theatre using appropriate terminology	Candidates make critical and evaluative judgements of live theatre
Band 4	The candidate identifies some aspects of the style and form of the chosen production	The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set
	There is a restricted theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team	There is a restricted critical appreciation of production elements
	There are a few references to specific aspects of the production	An attempt is made to evaluate the success of the production
	The organisation of straightforward information is clear, but for more complex matters it may appear random. Appropriate terminology is applied sparingly. There may be a number of lapses in expression and frequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation which may make the answer difficult to follow	
Band 3	The candidate occasionally demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production	The candidate displays partial discrimination in the selection of a production, which is loosely appropriate to the question set
	There is evidence of some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team	<ul> <li>There is a partial critical appreciation of production elements</li> </ul>
	There are several references to specific aspects of the production	There is some evaluation of the success of the production
	Information is organised sufficiently clearly and coherently for the candidate's meaning to be clear. There is some insecure expression with occasional, accurate use of appropriate terminology. There are some errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation, but not enough to suggest a significant weakness in these areas	
Band 2	The candidate demonstrates quite secure knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production	<ul> <li>The candidate displays some discrimination in the selection of a production, which is appropriate to the question set</li> </ul>
	There is evidence of a secure theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team	There is some critical appreciation of production elements
	There are numerous relevant references to specific aspects of the production	There is useful evaluation of the success of the production
	Information is quite well-organised. Expression is mainly clear, including accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are infrequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	
Band 1	The candidate demonstrates clear knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production	The candidate displays a good degree of discrimination in selecting a production which is entirely appropriate to the question set
	There is evidence of a very sound theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team	There is sound critical appreciation of production elements
	There are many purposeful references to specific aspects of the production	There is purposeful evaluation of the success of the production
	Information is well-organised, making the candidate's meaning very clear. Expression is very clear, including a confident and accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are few, if any, errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	

# MARK SCHEMES FOR INDIVIDUAL QUESTIONS, UNIT 1, SECTION A

**Question 01** – Explain how the lighting design was used to create specific effects at particular moments in **one** live production that you have seen and assess the success of the effects created.

	e demands of uestion 01	In meeting the demands of the question, and the assessment objectives AO2 and AO4, candidates are expected to refer to some of the following:	AO2 17 marks	AO2 Candidates demonstrate knowledge and understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of drama and theatre using appropriate terminology	AO4 Candidates make critical evaluative judgements of live theatre	AO4 33 marks
•	clear explanation of the use of the lighting design focus on the creation of specific effects an assessment of the effects created at particular moments	specific effects which might include for example: creation of particular mood and/or atmosphere, location and period; time of day/night; season; reflection or communication of character or relationships; creation or changes of tension, pace, emphasis     the elements of lighting used, including:         angle, focus, colour, intensity, shadow, silhouette         type and position of lantern used         use of houselights         use of gobos, lenses, gels, barn doors, irises         use of gauzes		evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the lighting design for the chosen production, based upon:     informed reference to the style and form of the production     examples from the production where the lighting design was used to create specific effects     some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team     accurate use of appropriate theatre/design terminology	In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:  critical and evaluative judgements of the features of the lighting design in a live production seen, based upon:  experience of an appropriate production, where the lighting design was used to create specific effects  a critical appreciation of lighting design fundamentals  a personal assessment of the success of the lighting effects created	
		- use of special effects: lasers, holograms, strobes etc - timing of lighting changes - the use of different forms of light - wash, hard or softedged spotlight/follow-spot - contrasts of darkness and light - the use of projection - alternative sources of lighting - the use of new technologies in lighting - the use of blackout  • reference to particular moments within the production when specific effects were created, for example	Band 4 1-3 marks	<ul> <li>The candidate identifies some aspects of the style and form of the chosen production</li> <li>There is a restricted theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team</li> <li>There are a few references to specific aspects of the production</li> <li>The organisation of straightforward information is clear, but for more complex matters it may appear random. Appropriate terminology is applied sparingly. There may be a number of lapses in expression and frequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation which may make the answer difficult to follow</li> </ul>	The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set There is a restricted critical appreciation of lighting design An attempt is made to assess the success of the lighting design in creating specific effects at particular moments	Band 4 1-7 marks

- to intensify the mood - to create or release tension - to create comedy - to accompany the entrance or exit of 'mood changing' characters - to surprise or shock the audience - to reveal previously unseen elements of design or performance  • the effect of lighting on set and costume  Candidates are expected to include sketches and/or diagrams in answers to	Band 3 4-7 marks	some knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production in the selection of a production, which is loosely appropriate to the question set	Band 3 3-15 marks
design questions.	Band 2 8-12 marks	<ul> <li>The candidate demonstrates quite secure knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production</li> <li>The candidate displays some discrimination in the selection of a production, which is appropriate to the question set</li> </ul>	Band 2 16-24 marks
	Band 1 13-17 marks	<ul> <li>The candidate demonstrates clear knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production</li> <li>The candidate displays a good degree of discrimination in selecting a production which is entirely appropriate to the question</li> </ul>	3and 1 25-33 marks

**Question 02** – Explain how the set and costume designs in **one** live production that you have seen created a unified effect and assess the success of this approach at particular moments.

 e demands of uestion 02	qu ob ar	meeting the demands of the lestion, and the assessment objectives AO2 and AO4, candidates e expected to refer to some of the llowing:	AO2 17 marks	und asp	2 ndidates demonstrate knowledge and derstanding of practical and theoretical pects of drama and theatre using propriate terminology	AO4 Candidates make critical evaluative judgements of live theatre	33 marks
clear explanation of the costume and set design focus on a unified approach to costume and set design an assessment of the effectiveness of the designs at particular moments	•	examples of the effect of a unified approach to set and costume design which might include, for example: the creation of period, style, mood: identification of theme or issue naturalistic and/or non-naturalistic devices in set and costume design set design fundamentals - choice of staging form - composite or changing set - use of scale, shape, colour, texture - use of levels, ramps, steps, flats - use of scenic devices: flying, trucking, hydraulics, revolves, projections, screens, videos set dressing, drapes, furniture		•	evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the costume and set designer for the chosen production, based upon: - informed reference to the style and form of the production - examples from the production where costume and set design were unified - some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team - accurate use of appropriate theatre/design terminology	In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:  critical and evaluative judgements of the costume and set design in a live production seen, based upon:  experience of an appropriate production, where the set and costume designs created a unified effect  a critical appreciation of the fundamentals of costume and set design  a personal assessment of the effectiveness of a unified approach to costume and set design at particular moments	
	•	costume design fundamentals  period and style  fit, cut, silhouette, condition  colour, fabric, texture  hemlines, necklines, waistlines, lapel width  shapes of trousers, skirts, dresses, jackets  accessories, for example, wigs, masks, make-up, hairstyles, shoes, ornamentation  specific terminology associated with costume particular moments when the unified approach became apparent through, for example:	Band 4 1-3 marks	•	The candidate identifies some aspects of the style and form of the chosen production There is a restricted theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are a few references to specific aspects of the production The organisation of straightforward information is clear, but for more complex matters it may appear random. Appropriate terminology is applied sparingly. There may be a number of lapses in expression and frequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation which may make the answer difficult to follow	The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set There is a restricted critical appreciation of costume and set design An attempt is made to assess the effectiveness of a unified approach to costume and set design at particular moments	Band 4 1-7 marks

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	Band 3 4-7 marks	<ul> <li>The candidate occasionally demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production</li> <li>There is evidence of some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team</li> <li>There are several references to specific aspects of the production</li> <li>Information is organised sufficiently clearly and coherently for the candidate's meaning to be clear. There is some insecure expression with occasional, accurate use of appropriate terminology. There are some errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation, but not enough to suggest a significant weakness in these areas</li> <li>The candidate displays partial discrimination in the selection of a production, which is loosely appropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is a partial critical appreciation of costume and set design</li> <li>There is some assessment of the effectiveness of a unified approach to costume and set design at particular moments</li> </ul>	Band 3 8-15 marks
	Band 2 8-12 marks	<ul> <li>The candidate demonstrates quite secure knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production</li> <li>There is evidence of a secure theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team</li> <li>There are numerous relevant references to specific aspects of the production</li> <li>Information is quite well-organised. Expression is mainly clear, including accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are infrequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation</li> <li>The candidate displays some discrimination in the selection of a production, which is appropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is some critical appreciation of costume and set design</li> <li>There is useful assessment of the effectiveness of a unified approach to costume and set design at particular moments</li> </ul>	Band 2 16-24 marks
	Band 1 13-17 marks	<ul> <li>The candidate demonstrates clear knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production</li> <li>There is evidence of a very sound theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team</li> <li>There are many purposeful references to specific aspects of the production</li> <li>Information is well-organised, making the candidate's meaning very clear. Expression is very clear, including a confident and accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are few, if any, errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation</li> <li>The candidate displays a good degree of discrimination in selecting a production which is entirely appropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is sound critical appreciation of costume and set design</li> <li>There is purposeful assessment of the effectiveness of a unified approach to costume and set design at particular moments</li> </ul>	Band 1 25-33 marks

**Question 03** – Explain how **one or more** performer(s) used naturalistic acting skills to engage the audience at particular moments in **one** live production that you have seen and assess their success.

The demands of Question 03	In meeting the demands of the question, and the assessment objectives AO2 and AO4, candidates are expected to refer to some of the following:	AO2 17 marks	AO2 Candidates demonstrate knowledge and understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of drama and theatre using appropriate terminology	AO4 Candidates make critical evaluative judgements of live theatre	AO4 33 marks
an explanation of how the performer(s) used naturalistic performance skills     an assessment of the success of the performer(s)' naturalistic acting skills in engaging the audience     reference to particular moments within the production	ways in which the performer(s) engaged the audience by making them, for example: laugh, sympathise, empathise, or feel: sadness, anger, hatred, disgust, joy, surprise, shock, excitement, awe     the role(s) being performed and an explanation of their naturalistic qualities in relation to their ability to engage the audience, which might include, for example:     characterisation     portrayal of personality traits, idiosyncrasies     methods of aging (up or down)     accurate portrayal of actual people     similarities between members		In order to meet AO2, candidates should offer:  evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the selected performers within the chosen production, based upon:  informed reference to the style and form of the production  examples from the production where the performers used naturalistic acting skills to engage the audience  some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team  accurate use of appropriate theatre terminology	In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:  critical and evaluative judgements of the performances in a live production seen, based upon:  experience of an appropriate production, where one or more performer(s) used naturalistic performance skills  a critical appreciation of the ability of the performer(s) to use naturalistic acting skills  a personal assessment of the success of the performances	
- their attitude towards others - status/hierarchical qualities <b>1</b> ·	Band 4 1-3 marks	The candidate identifies some aspects of the style and form of the chosen production There is a restricted theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are a few references to specific aspects of the production The organisation of straightforward information is clear, but for more complex matters it may appear random. Appropriate terminology is applied sparingly. There may be a number of lapses in expression and frequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation which may make the answer difficult to follow	The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set There is a restricted critical appreciation of the use of naturalistic performance skills An attempt is made to assess the success of the performer(s)' use of naturalistic acting skills to engage the audience	Band 4 1-7 marks	

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use of space and setting interaction between characters and their reactions to one another delivery of specific lines an assessment of the success of the performer(s)' ability to engage the audience at particular moments	Band 3 4-7 marks	•	The candidate occasionally demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production There is evidence of some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are several references to specific aspects of the production Information is organised sufficiently clearly and coherently for the candidate's meaning to be clear. There is some insecure expression with occasional, accurate use of appropriate terminology. There are some errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation, but not enough to suggest a significant weakness in these areas	•	The candidate displays partial discrimination in the selection of a production, which is loosely appropriate to the question set  There is a partial critical appreciation of the use of naturalistic performance skills  There is some assessment of the success of the performer(s)' use of naturalistic acting skills to engage the audience	Band 3 8-15 marks
	Band 2 8-12 marks		The candidate demonstrates quite secure knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production There is evidence of a secure theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are numerous relevant references to specific aspects of the production Information is quite well-organised.  Expression is mainly clear, including accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are infrequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	•	The candidate displays some discrimination in the selection of a production, which is appropriate to the question set There is some critical appreciation of the use of naturalistic performance skills There is useful assessment of the success of the performer(s)' use of naturalistic acting skills to engage the audience	Band 2 16-24 marks
	Band 1 13-17 marks	•	The candidate demonstrates clear knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production There is evidence of a very sound theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are many purposeful references to specific aspects of the production Information is well-organised, making the candidate's meaning very clear. Expression is very clear, including a confident and accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are few, if any, errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	•	The candidate displays a good degree of discrimination in selecting a production which is entirely appropriate to the question set  There is sound critical appreciation of the use of naturalistic performance skills  There is purposeful assessment of the success of the performer(s)' use of naturalistic acting skills to engage the audience	Band 1 25-33 marks

**Question 04** – Explain how **one or more** performer(s) used their performance skills to alter the mood or atmosphere for the audience during **one** live production that you have seen and assess how effective they were at doing this at particular moments.

The demands of Question 04	In meeting the demands of the question, and the assessment objectives AO2 and AO4, candidates are expected to refer to some of the following:	AO2 17 marks	AO2 Candidates demonstrate knowledge and understanding of practical and theoretical aspects of drama and theatre using appropriate terminology	AO4 Candidates make critical evaluative judgements of live theatre	AO4 33 marks
an explanation of how the performer(s) used their performance skills to alter mood or atmosphere     an assessment of the effectiveness of the performances     reference to particular moments within the production	examples of the mood or atmosphere being altered such as:         - changes in tension, creation or dissipation of suspense, increased or decreased amusement, shock, sympathy, disgust, contempt, joy      the types of characters or roles being performed by the selected performer(s) and an explanation of the way in which they used performance skills      use of vocal skills:         - pitch, pace, pause, emphasis, accent, singing, choral delivery, chanting         - non-naturalistic sounds, shrieks, cries      use of physical skills:         - movement, gesture, posture, gait, poise, balance         - use of dance, physical theatre, mime         - specialist skills, for example, circus, acrobatics         - puppetry      use of facial expression and eye contact and interaction between performers      characterisation, aging up or down     use of costume, accessories and props      observation of naturalistic or non-naturalistic conventions, use of	Band 4 1-3 marks	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO2, candidates should offer:         <ul> <li>evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the selected performer(s) within the chosen production, based upon:</li></ul></li></ul>	In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:  critical and evaluative judgements of one or more performances in a live production seen, based upon:  experience of an appropriate production, where the performer(s) used their performance skills to alter the mood or atmosphere  a critical appreciation of the performer(s)' ability to alter mood or atmosphere at particular moments  a personal assessment of the effectiveness of the performances  There is a restricted critical appreciation of performance skills  An attempt is made to assess the effectiveness of the performance skills in altering the mood or atmosphere at particular moments	Band 4 1-7 marks

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•	use of space ensemble or choral work	Band 3 4-7 marks	•	The candidate occasionally demonstrates some knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production There is evidence of some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are several references to specific aspects of the production Information is organised sufficiently clearly and coherently for the candidate's meaning to be clear. There is some insecure expression with occasional, accurate use of appropriate terminology. There are some errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation, but not enough to suggest a significant weakness in these areas	•	The candidate displays partial discrimination in the selection of a production, which is loosely appropriate to the question set There is a partial critical appreciation of performance skills  There is some assessment of the effectiveness of the performer(s)' skills in altering the mood or atmosphere at particular moments	8-15 marks
		Band 2 8-12 marks	•	The candidate demonstrates quite secure knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production There is evidence of a secure theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are numerous relevant references to specific aspects of the production Information is quite well-organised. Expression is mainly clear, including accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are infrequent errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	•	The candidate displays some discrimination in the selection of a production, which is appropriate to the question set  There is some critical appreciation of performance skills  There is useful assessment of the effectiveness of the performer(s)' skills in altering the mood or atmosphere at particular moments	Band 2 16-24 marks
		Band 1 13-17 marks	•	The candidate demonstrates clear knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production There is evidence of a very sound theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team There are many purposeful references to specific aspects of the production Information is well-organised, making the candidate's meaning very clear. Expression is very clear, including a confident and accurate use of appropriate terminology; there are few, if any, errors in spelling, grammar and punctuation	•	The candidate displays a good degree of discrimination in selecting a production which is entirely appropriate to the question set  There is sound critical appreciation of performance skills  There is purposeful assessment of the effectiveness of the performer(s)' skills in altering the mood or atmosphere at particular moments	Band 1 25-33 marks