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(Specification 2240)

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

# Final



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

#### Assessment Objectives Grid for Unit 1A (DRAM1A)

#### 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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very good point = \checkmark \checkmark
dubious point = ?
possible = (\checkmark)
omission = \Lambda \Lambda
point needs development = and ....?
argument difficult to follow/confusion/muddle = \langle in margin
evidence of knowledge = kn
evidence of understanding = und
wrong-headed/silly argument or suggestion = !
repetition = \mathbf{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 = \mathbf{E}
spelling error = rehursal or rehersal [underline or ring]
example needed = eg?
generalised = G
specialist terminology needed = term?
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relevant or good point =  $\checkmark$ 

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.

	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	<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>	<ul> <li>The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is a restricted critical appreciation of production elements</li> <li>An attempt is made to evaluate the success of the production</li> </ul>
Band 3	<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> </ul>	<ul> <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 production elements</li> <li>There is some evaluation of the success of the production</li> </ul>
Band 2	<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> </ul>	<ul> <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 production elements</li> <li>There is useful evaluation of the success of the production</li> </ul>
Band 1	<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> </ul>	<ul> <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 production elements</li> <li>There is purposeful evaluation of the success of the production</li> </ul>

### OVERALL PERFORMANCE BANDS FOR UNIT ONE SECTION A

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

**Question 01** – Explain how the designer(s) used **two or more** of the following visual elements to create specific moods or atmospheres at particular moments in **one** live production that you have seen and assess the effectiveness of these moments for the audience:

set, lighting, costume, puppetry, special effects.

The demands of Question 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
<ul> <li>clear explanation of the use of visual elements</li> <li>focus on the creation of specific moods or atmospheres</li> <li>an assessment of the success of the effects created at particular moments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>specific moods and atmospheres which might include for example: comic, tragic, romantic, sad, perplexing, thrilling, joyous, tense, frightening</li> <li>the visual elements considered, for example:</li> <li>set design, including:         <ul> <li>choice of staging form</li> <li>composite or changing set</li> <li>use of scale, shape, colour, texture</li> <li>use of scale, shape, colour, texture</li> <li>use of scenic devices: flying</li> <li>trucking, hydraulics, revolves</li> <li>set dressing, drapes, furniture</li> </ul> </li> <li>lighting design, including:         <ul> <li>angle, focus, colour, intensity, shadow, silhouette</li> <li>type and position of lanterns used</li> <li>use of pobos, lenses, gels, barn doors, irises</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Band 4 1-3 marks	<ul> <li>appropriate terminology         <ul> <li>In order to meet AO2, candidates should offer:</li> <li>evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the designer for the chosen production, based upon:                 <ul> <li>informed reference to the style and form of the production</li> <li>examples from the production where visual elements were used to create specific moods or atmospheres</li> <li>some theoretical understanding of the production team</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:         <ul> <li>critical and evaluative judgements of the visual elements in a live production seen, based upon:                 <ul> <li>experience of an appropriate production, where visual elements were used to create specific moods or atmospheres</li> <li>a critical appreciation of design fundamentals</li> <li>a personal assessment of the success of the effects created</li> <li>The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is a restricted critical appreciation of the designer(s)' use of visual elements</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	Band 4 1-7 marks
	<ul> <li>use of gauzes</li> <li>strobes</li> <li>timing of lighting changes</li> <li>the use of different forms of light - wash, hard or soft- edged spotlight/follow-spot</li> <li>contrasts of darkness and</li> </ul>		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		

light - the use of projection - alternative sources of lighting - the use of new technologies in lighting - the use of blackout • costume, accessories and props design, including: - period and style - fit, cut, silhouette, condition - colour, fabric, texture - hemlines, necklines, waistlines - wigs, masks, make-up - hairstyles, shoes - ornamentation - curpotent including: - neutrone including: - the use of projection - the use of projection - the use of projection - the use of new technologies in - the use of projection - the use of new technologies in - the use of projection	Band 3 4-7 marks	<ul> <li>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> </ul>	arks
<ul> <li>puppetry, including:         <ul> <li>methods of manipulation</li> <li>representation of human, animal, other</li> <li>scale, shape, colour, texture</li> </ul> </li> <li>special effects, including:         <ul> <li>pyrotechnics</li> <li>weather effects</li> <li>projections, lasers, holograms</li> </ul> </li> <li>reference to particular moments within the production when moods or atmospheres were created or altered</li> </ul>	Band 2 8-12 marks	knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production <b>16-</b> <b>16-</b>	and 2 6-24 Jarks
Candidates are expected to include sketches and/or diagrams in answers to design questions.	Band 1 13-17 marks	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 <b>25</b> -	and 1 5-33 arks

**Question 02** – Outline the ways in which the sound design was used to affect the audience's response to the play in **one** live production that you have seen and assess its success at particular moments.

The demands of Question 02	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
<ul> <li>clear outline of the sound design</li> <li>focus on how the sound design affected the audience's response to the play</li> <li>an assessment of the effectiveness of the sound design at particular moments</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>examples of how the audience's response to the play was affected by the sound, which might include, for example: to shock, disturb, frighten, surprise, enthral, enchant, amuse, to create or release tension</li> <li>the source of the sound - live and/or recorded</li> <li>diegetic or non-diegetic</li> <li>sound design elements used, including:         <ul> <li>the use of sound effects</li> <li>sound production</li> <li>the use of music</li> <li>pitch, volume, rhythm</li> <li>location of speakers, use of surround sound, panning</li> <li>use of amplification, echo</li> <li>use of voice, for example, choral speech, singing, intoning</li> </ul> </li> <li>particular moments when the audience's response to the play was affected, for example:         <ul> <li>the sound design helped to locate the action or enhance characterisation</li> <li>transitions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Band 4 1-3 marks	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO2, candidates should offer:</li> <li>evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the sound designer for the chosen production, based upon: <ul> <li>informed reference to the style and form of the production</li> <li>examples from the production where sound design affected the audience's response</li> <li>some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team</li> <li>accurate use of appropriate theatre/design terminology</li> </ul> </li> <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 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>	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:</li> <li>critical and evaluative judgements of the sound design in a live production seen, based upon: <ul> <li>experience of an appropriate production, where the sound design affected the audience's response to the play</li> <li>a critical appreciation of the fundamentals of sound design</li> <li>a personal assessment of the effectiveness of the sound design at particular moments</li> </ul> </li> <li>The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is a restricted critical appreciation of the sound design</li> <li>An attempt is made to assess the effectiveness of the sound design in affecting the audience's response to the play at particular moments</li> </ul>	Band 4 1-7 marks

4-7 mar	7 arks	<ul> <li>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> </ul>	and 3 -15 narks
8-12		knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen productionin the selection of a production which is appropriate to the question set16	Band 2 6-24 narks
13-1	and 1 3-17 arks	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     25	3and 1 5-33 narks

Question 03 – Explain how one or more performers used their acting skills to create an emotional response in the audience in one live production that you
have seen and assess their effectiveness at particular moments.

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
<ul> <li>an explanation of how the performer(s) used acting skills</li> <li>an assessment of the success of the performer(s)' acting skills in creating an emotional response in the audience</li> <li>reference to particular moments within the production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>the acting skills used by the performer(s) to create an emotional response in the audience through, for example: naturalistic characterisation, non-naturalistic skills</li> <li>the type of emotional response created in the audience, for example: laughter, sympathy, empathy, sadness, anger, hatred, disgust, joy, surprise, shock, excitement, awe, fear, concern</li> <li>the role(s) being performed and an explanation of how these created an emotional response in the audience which might include, for example:         <ul> <li>characterisation</li> <li>their attitude towards other characters</li> <li>use of direct address, narration, aside</li> </ul> </li> <li>the acting skills being used by the performer(s), for example:         <ul> <li>vocal: pitch, pace, pause, emphasis, accent</li> <li>physical appearance of the performer(s) – age, height, build, colouring, facial features</li> <li>use of costume, accessories and props</li> <li>use of space and setting</li> <li>delivery of specific lines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Band 4 1-3 marks	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO2, candidates should offer:</li> <li>evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the selected performers within the chosen production, based upon:         <ul> <li>informed reference to the style and form of the production</li> <li>examples from the production where the performer(s) used acting skills to create an emotional response in the audience</li> <li>some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team</li> <li>accurate use of appropriate theatre terminology</li> </ul> </li> <li>The candidate identifies some aspects of the style and form of the chosen production aims of the production team</li> <li>There is a restricted theoretical understanding of the production team</li> <li>There are a few references to specific aspects of the production 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>	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:</li> <li>critical and evaluative judgements of the performances in a live production seen, based upon: <ul> <li>experience of an appropriate production, where one or more performers used acting skills to create an emotional response in the audience</li> <li>a critical appreciation of the performer(s)' acting skills</li> <li>a personal assessment of the effectiveness of the performances</li> </ul> </li> <li>The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is a restricted critical appreciation of the performer(s)' acting skills</li> <li>An attempt is made to assess the effectiveness of the performer(s)' use of acting skills to create an emotional response in the audience</li> </ul>	Band 4 1-7 marks

an assessment of the success of the performer(s)' ability to create an emotional response in the audience at particular moments	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 the performer(s)' acting skills</li> <li>There is some assessment of the effectiveness of the performer(s)' use of acting skills to create an emotional response in the audience</li> </ul>	5 rks
	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 the performer(s)' acting skills</li> <li>There is useful assessment of the effectiveness of the performer(s)' use of acting skills to create an emotional response in the audience</li> </ul>	24
	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 the performer(s)' acting skills</li> <li>There is purposeful assessment of the effectiveness of the performer(s)' use of acting skills to create an emotional response in the audience</li> </ul>	33

Question 04 – Explain how the performers used non-naturalistic skills to create specific effects for the audience in one live production that you have seen and
assess their success 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
<ul> <li>an explanation of how the performers used non- naturalistic performance skills to create specific effects</li> <li>an assessment of the success of the performances</li> <li>reference to particular moments within the production</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>examples of non-naturalistic performance skills which might include, for example: mime, physical theatre, chorus, ensemble work, acrobatics, dance, circus skills, mask work, song, multi-role</li> <li>the overall style of the production, for example, an entirely non- naturalistic piece or one which contains elements of non- naturalism</li> <li>the specific effects created through non-naturalistic performances which might include, for example: creation of truth or alternative reality, comedy, horror, shock, disgust, delight</li> <li>the creation of non-naturalistic characters</li> <li>the demonstration of an exaggerated acting style</li> <li>use of vocal skills         <ul> <li>pitch, pace, pause, emphasis, accent, singing, choral delivery, chanting</li> <li>non-naturalistic sounds: shrieks, cries, vocal distortion</li> </ul> </li> <li>use of physical skills         <ul> <li>movement, gesture, posture, gait, poise, balance, synchronised movement</li> <li>use of dance, physical theatre, mime</li> <li>specialist skills, for example, circus, acrobatics</li> <li>puppetry</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Band 4 1-3 marks	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO2, candidates should offer:</li> <li>evidence of knowledge and understanding of the aims of the selected performers within the chosen production, based upon: <ul> <li>informed reference to the style and form of the production</li> <li>examples from the production where the performers used non-naturalistic performance skills to create specific effects for the audience</li> <li>some theoretical understanding of the production aims of the production team</li> <li>accurate use of appropriate theatre terminology</li> </ul> </li> <li>The candidate identifies some aspects of the style and form of the production aims of the production</li> <li>There is a restricted theoretical understanding of the production team</li> <li>There are a few references to specific aspects of the production 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>	<ul> <li>In order to meet AO4, candidates should offer:</li> <li>critical and evaluative judgements of the performances in a live production seen, based upon: <ul> <li>experience of an appropriate production, where the performers used non-naturalistic performance skills</li> <li>a critical appreciation of the performers' ability to create specific effects at particular moments</li> <li>a personal assessment of the success of the performances</li> </ul> </li> <li>The candidate selects a production, but it is largely inappropriate to the question set</li> <li>There is a restricted critical appreciation of non-naturalistic performance skills</li> <li>An attempt is made to assess the success of the performers' use of non-naturalistic performance skills in creating specific effects at particular moments</li> </ul>	Band 4 1-7 marks

<ul> <li>contact and interaction between performers</li> <li>relationship with the audience and use of space</li> <li>use of costume, accessories and props</li> <li>delivery of specific lines</li> </ul>	Band 3 4-7 marks	<ul> <li>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> </ul>	Band 3 B-15 narks
	Band 2 8-12 marks	knowledge and understanding of the style and form of the chosen production <b>16</b> <b>16</b>	3and 2  6-24 narks
	Band 1 13-17 marks	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     25	3and 1 25-33 narks