



Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination requirements

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Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination

This document provides general advice to teachers, candidates and parents about the Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination.

Where a Year 12 ATAR course has both a written and a practical examination, students are required to sit for both of these examinations. Students who do not sit an ATAR course examination and do not have an approved sickness/misadventure application for that course, will not have the grades for the pair of units completed in that year contribute to the calculation of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

The practical (performance) examination for the Drama ATAR course will be held during the period from **Saturday, 21 September** to **Sunday, 29 September 2024** (weekends and the public holiday included) at a metropolitan location and, if required, major country locations. Candidates must be available to complete their practical (performance) examination during this time. A *Personalised practical (performance) examination timetable* (Appendix 1) for each candidate will be made available from **Tuesday, 3 September 2024**. Examination timetables can be downloaded by schools/providers via SIRS and by students from the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) [student portal \(https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au/\)](https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au/). Country candidates must sit their practical (performance) examination at the Authority's designated examination centre.

For the Drama ATAR course examination, the weightings are:

- Written examination 50%
- Practical (performance) examination 50%

1. Reporting achievement

Teachers are responsible for ensuring the practical (performance) examination requirements are met and making sure candidates are adequately prepared. Teachers must ensure they are using the current syllabus. Any further advice on matters related to the syllabus or assessment will be published in the [11to12 Circulars \(https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/circular-ecircular/11to12-circulars\)](https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/circular-ecircular/11to12-circulars) on the Authority website.

Teachers should also refer to the ATAR course examination information published in Section 6 of the [WACE Manual \(http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/wace-manual\)](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/publications/wace-manual) on the Authority website.

For all ATAR courses with a practical examination, for the pair of units, schools are required to submit to the Authority a:

- school mark out of 100 (weighted for each component)
- school mark out of 100 for the written component
- school mark out of 100 for the practical component
- grade for the completed pair of units.

2. Candidates with an injury, illness or disability

Candidates who have a permanent disability or condition that could prevent them demonstrating their knowledge, understanding or skills under standard examination conditions may apply to be assessed with equitable access adjustments.

Application is made through the school on the form available from the [Application and Order Forms page \(https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms\)](https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms) on the Authority website. Adjustments requested for the written examinations do not apply to the practical examinations. Requests for adjustments in the practical examinations must be stated separately in the application, and relate directly to the nature and duration of the practical examination. Applications should be received by the Authority by **Thursday, 21 March 2024**.

3. Provisions for sickness or misadventure

Consideration may be given to candidates (with the exception of non-school candidates) suffering from a temporary sickness or misadventure close to or during the examinations. The candidate may submit a *Sickness/Misadventure Application*, if they believe their performance in an examination has been affected by the sickness or misadventure.

If a candidate misses or is not able to complete an examination session for health reasons, it is important that medical evidence be provided to verify the nature and severity of the illness/injury. In most cases, that will mean producing evidence from a medical professional who was consulted on the day of the examination or the day before.

Applications will be considered only if made on the correct form, available from the [Application and Order Forms page \(https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms\)](https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms) on the Authority website from September. Applications that relate to the practical component must be submitted immediately following the practical examination.

Only one form should be used to cover all practical examinations for which the application is being made. The completed form and all supporting evidence must be received by the Authority by **4.00 pm Thursday, 24 October 2024**.

4. Principles of external assessment

The marking process preserves the anonymity of the candidate and their school. This requires that candidates and their work are identified only by their Western Australian student number (WASN).

4.1 Authenticity of the candidate's work

The authenticity of the candidate's work must be guaranteed. It is essential that:

- the main development of all work takes place in school time
- work completed away from school is regularly monitored by the teacher
- each candidate completes and signs a *Declaration of authenticity* (Appendix 2), a legal document witnessed by the supervising teacher and the school Principal to endorse the authenticity of all work undertaken
- the *Declaration of authenticity* must be kept separate from the copies of scripts that the candidate is required to bring to the examination room

- a copy of the signed *Declaration of authenticity* is kept by the teacher on record at the school
- the work is not submitted by the candidate for external assessment in any other ATAR course.

Teachers should monitor the student's work from the beginning to ensure that there is no plagiarism in the work that is to be submitted or performed for marking. If the teacher has been unsuccessful in working with the student to avoid plagiarism while monitoring the process of work, then the teacher **must** sign the *Declaration of authenticity* and attach a note to this effect to the declaration at submission time.

Non-school candidates are to complete the *Declaration of authenticity* in the presence of an authorised witness. A list of authorised witnesses can be found on the [Authorised Witnesses for Statutory Declarations page \(https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/authorised-witnesses-statutory-declarations\)](https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/authorised-witnesses-statutory-declarations) on the WA.gov.au website.

4.2 Applying a consistent standard

Markers apply a consistent standard to assess the candidate's performance. This requires:

- a marking key for the practical (performance) examination
- attendance at a marker training meeting prior to the commencement of marking
- trial marking of work to ensure a common understanding of the marking key
- the practical (performance) examination to be marked independently by at least two markers who then reconcile any differences between them
- the Chief Marker to ensure consistency throughout the marking by monitoring the marking process and reconciling significant differences where necessary.

5. Criteria for marking

The practical performance is assessed on what a candidate is able to demonstrate through each part of the examination. The *Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination marking key 2024*, published on the Authority website, identifies the assessment criteria suited to each part of the examination and describes levels of candidate performance for each criterion. Therefore, students are advised to familiarise themselves with the marking key as preparation for their performance in the examination.

A numerical scale is used to assess candidate performance in the practical (performance) examination. All candidates are examined against the following criteria.

Part 1: Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice

- Stylistic performance choices
- Voice
- Movement
- Characterisation
- Application of chosen elements of drama

Part 2: Monologue 2 – Set Choice

- Voice
- Movement
- Characterisation
- Application of chosen elements of drama

Part 3: Improvisation

- Voice
- Movement
- Role/Characterisation
- Given idea

6. Venues

All candidates are required to travel to the allocated venue. Venues for the Drama practical (performance) examination will be located in the Perth metropolitan area and, if required, major country locations.

7. Country candidates travelling to Perth for examinations

Candidates from schools located less than 100 km from Perth are required to travel to the venue at their own expense.

Candidates from schools located more than 100 km from Perth:

- are not reimbursed for accommodation and/or meal costs
- must be accompanied by a chaperone approved by their school if required to stay overnight
- will be reimbursed for fuel up to \$200 (on production of receipts) where a candidate is close enough to drive (i.e. in the area south of Geraldton, west of Kalgoorlie and north of Albany).
Note: the *Fuel reimbursement form* can be accessed from the [Applications and Order Forms page \(https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms\)](https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/forms/forms) on the Authority website. The form must be lodged by **Friday, 15 November 2024**
- will have an airfare (and accommodation if required) arranged and paid for by the Department of Education (the Department) when required to fly to Perth. Note: parents/schools who pay for airfares will not be reimbursed. When travelling by air, the candidate will be met by an employee from the Department and will have appropriate transport organised by the Authority.

8. Examination procedure

On the day of the practical (performance) examination, the candidate **must** bring a signed hard copy of their *Personalised practical (performance) examination timetable* (Appendix 1) to their examination as proof of enrolment, along with a photographic ID for proof of identity. An image of their *Personalised practical (performance) examination timetable* on their mobile phone **will not** be accepted as proof of enrolment.

The candidate must report to a supervisor at the examination venue at the scheduled reporting time, i.e. 40 minutes before the scheduled examination time. Candidates who arrive 35 minutes or more after the scheduled reporting time will not be admitted to the practical (performance) examination and the examination cannot be rescheduled.

The scheduled examination time is the time at which the markers will invite the candidate into the examination room, as shown in the candidate's *Personalised practical (performance) examination timetable*.

Candidates are required to give their signed *Declaration of authenticity* to the supervisor upon arrival at the examination venue.

Prior to the scheduled examination time, a supervisor takes the candidate to a warm-up area. There may be more than one candidate being supervised simultaneously in the warm-up area. The candidate's warm-up and focus activities at the examination centre must not interfere with the preparation or examination of others.

Candidates will be escorted by the supervisor to the examination room, where they sit outside until invited in by one of the markers.

Candidates **must not** wear or carry anything that identifies them, any school, club or achievements. Failure to do so will result in a breach of examination rules. The candidate is responsible for their personal belongings at all times.

The candidate must leave the examination venue once they have completed their examination. The candidate must not have contact with candidates waiting to be examined, teachers or other parties who are seeking information about the examination until all the examinations have concluded. Failure to do so may result in a breach of examination rules.

The candidate must bring the following items to the practical (performance) examination:

- a signed hardcopy of their *Personalised practical (performance) examination timetable* (Appendix 1)
- a signed *Declaration of authenticity* (Appendix 2)
- two copies of Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice performance script with a completed *Script cover page: Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice* (Appendix 3) attached to the front of each copy
- two copies of Monologue 2 – Set Choice performance script with a completed *Script cover page: Monologue 2 – Set Choice* (Appendix 4) attached to the front of each copy.

9. Script layout

Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice

Candidates must select a script layout from the *Accepted script layout conventions* (Appendix 5) for their Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice performance.

Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice is to be sourced by the candidate and not selected from the Set Monologue List. It **must** be a single character performance. It can be either:

- published or unpublished (from a play, screenplay or standalone monologue)
- a monologue created by the candidate
- a mix of published and/or unpublished and/or monologue created by the candidate.

The candidate's explanation of their Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice on the *Script cover page* is not assessed; however, the information presented in the statement is critical to how the Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice is viewed by the markers.

The performance script must be presented in 11 point Arial font, be printed single-sided on A4 paper and have the completed *Script cover page: Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice* attached to the front. Scripts will not be returned to candidates.

Monologue 2 – Set Choice

For their Monologue 2 – Set Choice, candidates must select a monologue from the Set Monologue List (available on the Drama course page on the Authority website). The *Script cover page: Monologue 2 – Set Choice* must be attached to the front. Scripts will not be returned to candidates.

Improvisation

The candidate is to perform an improvisation based on a given character/role, setting and action.

For example:

Character/Role	Setting	Action
Waiter	At work during a busy period	Customer proposes marriage to you
Gardener	At a park	Discover a new form of butterfly
Prime minister	At a primary school	Giving a speech to Year 1s
Nurse	Having a lunchbreak in park	Find an injured duck
Doctor	At the cinema	There is a sneezing attack

10. Equipment

The following items will be provided in the examination room for candidate use, if required:

- power supply for candidates to set up their own sound equipment
- one school desk and two chairs.

The candidate can bring costumes, props and scenery to the examination, limited to what they alone can carry and set up in 60 seconds. All costumes, props and scenery brought into the examination must be used in Part 1 and/or Part 2. Only the costumes, props and scenery used in Part 1 and/or Part 2 can be used in Part 3. The candidate can use an audio recording to support their Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice.

Candidates must provide their own sound equipment if required. A mobile phone can be used as sound equipment, but it must be in flight mode.

11. Technical assistance

Candidates can have a technical assistant to operate the sound equipment for Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice. The drama teacher of a candidate or a person who is a practical examination marker in 2024 **cannot** act as a technical assistant.

The technical assistant:

- must not wear or carry anything that identifies them, any school, club or achievements. If this does occur, the candidate will be referred to the Breach of Examination Rules Committee
- will set up and operate sound equipment in a position nominated by the markers
- can only communicate with the candidate when conducting a sound check during set-up time (they cannot prompt, applaud, cheer or comment during the performance)
- can carry and set up the sound equipment only (that is, they may not carry in any props, costumes or scenery)
- must leave immediately after the completion of Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice and take the sound equipment with them.

12. Layout of the examination room and safe practice

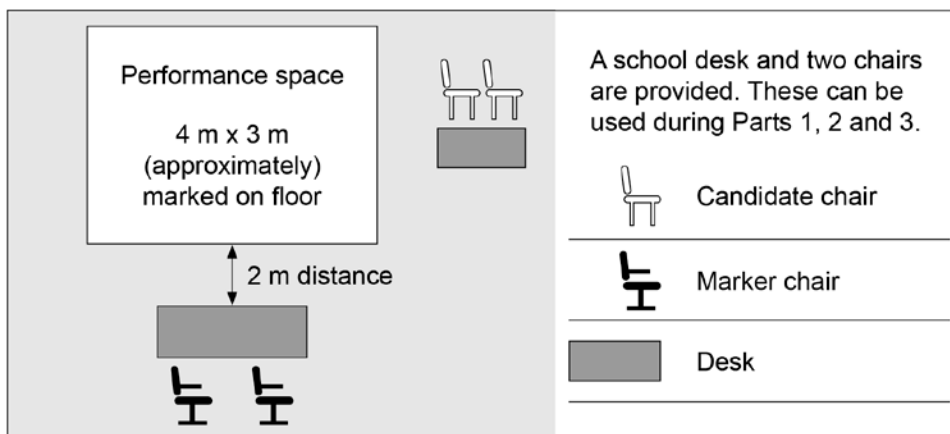
All examination rooms will be set up in a consistent manner in terms of lighting, access to power supply for sound equipment and the placement of the markers as shown in Figure 1 below.

Candidates are required to perform within the marked performance area.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure that their performance is safe and that the examination space is left clean and clear for the next candidate.

- Candidates must not involve the markers in any confrontational or intimidating practice during the examination.
- Candidates must not use any breakable items, such as glass or ceramic.
- Candidates must not use unsafe props and/or practices (for example, flames; replica weapons, including guns and knives; physical acts which may endanger the candidate and/or the markers).
- Candidates must not use anything in the performance that can be spilled on the stage area. This includes liquids, such as water, fake blood, food, sand, glitter and the spraying of substances (for example, aerosol cans).
- Candidates are asked to carefully consider the props they use. Where there are reasonable grounds for the markers to feel that these safety guidelines have been breached, they will instruct the candidate to stop the performance and the breach will be reported to the Chief Marker. The candidate can be removed from the marking process at the discretion of the Chief Marker. If candidates are unsure about the suitability of props, they must check with the markers on entering the examination room.
- Candidates must ensure all mobile phones they bring into the examination are in flight mode.

Figure 1. Examination room layout



Note: candidates are required to perform within the marked performance space.

13. Structure of the examination

Examination	Time
Part 1: Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice 45% of the total examination	Preparation: 60 seconds Duration: 3–4 minutes
Part 2: Monologue 2 – Set Choice 35% of the total examination	Preparation: 60 seconds Duration: 2–3 minutes
Part 3: Improvisation 20% of the total examination	Preparation: 60 seconds Duration: 1–2 minutes

The markers will ask the candidate about their props and if they have any liquids, glass or anything dangerous to declare. The candidate will be informed of the time limit as they enter the room. The candidate is allowed up to 60 seconds from entering the room to the commencement of their Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice. Candidates may test their voice and sound equipment during this time in order to determine appropriate projection and the acoustics of the room.

Part 1: Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice

The performance will be stopped if it is still in progress after 4 minutes.

- **Transition between Parts 1 and 2:** the candidate is allowed up to 60 seconds to set up any props or scenery, or make any necessary costume changes for Part 2.

Part 2: Monologue 2 – Set Choice

The performance will be stopped if it is still in progress after 3 minutes.

- **Transition between Parts 2 and 3:** the markers will provide the character/role, setting and action for an improvisation. The candidate is allowed up to 60 seconds to set up any props or scenery, or make any necessary costume changes for Part 3.

Part 3: Improvisation

The performance will be stopped if the improvisation is still in progress after 2 minutes.

14. Consequences of not meeting examination requirements

Before the examination

Candidate action	Consequence
Arrival 35 minutes after the scheduled reporting time	Candidate cannot sit the examination. Sickness/misadventure may apply
Failure to submit a completed <i>Declaration of authenticity</i>	Candidate could be referred to the Breach of Examination Rules Committee

During the examination

Candidate action	Consequence
Unsafe behaviour during examination	Examination will be stopped
Suspected plagiarism in Monologue 1 – Candidate Choice performance	Candidate will be referred to the Breach of Examination Rules Committee
Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice performance is longer than 4 minutes	Candidate will be asked to stop
Has a mobile phone in the examination that is not in flight mode	Candidate will be referred to the Breach of Examination Rules Committee
Monologue 2 – Set Choice is longer than 3 minutes	Candidate will be asked to stop
Monologue 2 – Set Choice is not from the Set Monologue List	Candidate cannot complete Part 2 of examination and will be referred to the Chief Marker
Improvisation is longer than 2 minutes	Candidate will be asked to stop
Whole performance – candidate takes too long during transitions	Marker will start the timer and normal time constraints and consequences will apply

15. Breach of examination rules

An alleged breach of examination rules will be referred to the Breach of Examination Rules Committee. Further information related to examination breaches can be found on the [Rules of conduct for Year 12 ATAR course examinations page \(https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/rules-of-conduct-for-atar-course-examinations\)](https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/examinations/rules-of-conduct-for-atar-course-examinations) on the Authority website and in Part II of the *Year 12 Information Handbook*, published in July.

A breach of one of these rules can result in cancellation of part or all of the practical raw examination mark.

16. Key dates

Thursday, 18 July 2024

Last date for withdrawal of enrolment from ATAR courses with a practical examination component

Wednesday, 24 July 2024

Last date for the Authority to receive completed application forms for alternative format ATAR course practical examinations

Tuesday, 3 September 2024

Personalised practical examination timetables can be downloaded by schools/providers via SIRS. Students can access their personalised examination timetables via the student portal

Saturday, 21 September to Sunday, 29 September 2024

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Appendix 1: Personalised practical (performance) examination timetable



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Personalised practical (performance) examination timetable 2024

Drama

WA student number:

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X	X	X
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Candidate: Sample Candidate

School name: Sample School School code: XXXX

Examination details

Course: Drama

Date: Day, Date Month Year

Reporting time: 10:00 am

Examination time: 10:40 am

Venue: Sample Venue
(Re-check on the day prior to the examination)

Reporting location: Sample Location

These examination details are final and no changes can be made.

Candidates, staff and visitors are required to comply with all venue specific requirements.

Candidates who are unwell must complete and submit a *Sickness/Misadventure Application Form*, with supporting evidence, to the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority). If you are a non-school candidate for this course, there is no option to apply for Sickness/Misadventure.

Candidates who arrive 35 minutes or more after the scheduled reporting time will not be admitted to the practical (performance) examination. The examination cannot be rescheduled. At the reporting time, candidates must submit a completed *Declaration of authenticity*. Failure to submit the completed declaration may result in a breach of examination rules.

Candidates **must not** wear or carry anything that identifies either them, any school, club or achievements. Failure to do so will result in a breach of examination rules.

Candidates are required to sign this timetable prior to the examination. This signed timetable must be shown to the supervisor, with photographic ID, when registering at the examination venue for the practical (performance) examination. Digital copies of your timetable, e.g. on a mobile telephone, are **not** permitted.

Candidates **must not** contact the venue about the examination arrangements. Any queries must be directed to the Authority on 9273 6377.

Signature Date

Emergency phone contact for candidates: 0434 734 248

Google map
QR code:



Google map link: <https://studentportal.scsa.wa.edu.au>

Description: Sample venue and location information

Appendix 2: Declaration of authenticity



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ATAR course practical (performance/portfolio/production) examinations 2024 Declaration of authenticity

ATAR course: (circle one course)

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This form must be completed by candidates enrolled to sit an examination for the above courses only. Failure to submit a completed *Declaration of authenticity* could result in a referral to the Breach of Examination Rules Committee.

Candidate declaration

Name: _____ School code: _____

WA student number:

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As a candidate for the practical (performance/portfolio/production) examination, I declare that:

- I have completed all the work contained in this submission through the duration of the ATAR course being examined
- none of the work performed or submitted was worked on directly by a teacher or any other person or company except those acknowledged, if appropriate, in the references or acknowledgements section or form
- none of the work in this examination was submitted for external assessment in any other ATAR course examination
- all documentation submitted is accurate
- I will submit this declaration in accordance with the instructions in the course practical examination requirements document.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Principal and teacher declarations

This section is to be signed by the school Principal and the candidate's teacher.

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the work performed or submitted:

- has been completed by the candidate throughout the duration of the ATAR course being examined
- has been developed mainly in school time, and any work away from school was regularly monitored
- has not been worked on directly by a teacher or any other person or company and, if applicable, work has been formally referenced or acknowledged
- has not been submitted for external assessment in any other course or program
- has been checked, meets the practical examination requirements and a copy of this form has been kept as an official school record
- is in working order, i.e. appropriate USB devices, DVDs and CDs are formatted correctly.

	Teacher	Principal
Name:		
Signature:		
Date:		

Non-school candidates

An authorised witness needs to witness your signature and complete this section. For a list of authorised witnesses see <https://www.wa.gov.au/government/publications/authorised-witnesses-statutory-declarations>.

Authorised witness

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Appendix 3: Script cover page: Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice



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Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination 2024 Script cover page – Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice

WA student number:

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Instructions for candidate

- Monologue 1 is to be sourced by the candidate and not selected from the list on the *Monologue 2 – Set Choice* form.
- Attach a completed copy of this cover page to the front of each of the two copies of your script.
- Scripts must be presented in 11 point Arial font.
- All pages in your script should be A4 size and secured by staples in the left-hand corner.
- Pages must be presented in the correct order and printed single sided.
- Do not name your parent, teacher or any school on this cover page or on any page of your script.

Select whether the Monologue is either:

- Published or unpublished (from a play, screenplay or standalone monologue)
- A monologue created by the candidate
- A mix of published and/or unpublished and/or monologue created by the candidate

1. Title of Monologue 1: _____

2. Role/Character: _____

3. Provide a brief synopsis of the monologue: _____

4. Explain your interpretation and how it has informed the performance choices you have made. Consider approach and/or interpretation, form and style (maximum 60 words).

5. Props possibly considered unsafe declared (if any): _____

6. This is: copy 1 copy 2 (tick one box)

Appendix 4: Script cover page: Monologue 2 – Set Choice



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Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination 2024 Script cover page – Monologue 2 – Set Choice

WA student number:

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Instructions for candidate

- Attach a completed copy of this cover page to the front of each of the two copies of your selected Monologue.
- Do **not** name your parent, teacher or any school on this cover page or on any page of your script.
- Highlight your selected Monologue for Part 2 of the practical (performance) examination from the list below.

A Midsummer Night's Dream: Puck	How Water Behaves: Nan	Punk Rock: Chadwick	The Good Father: Tim
Accidental Death of an Anarchist: Madman	Image in the Clay: Gordon	Richard III: Gloucester	The Merchant of Venice: Portia
After Juliet: Rosaline	Ivanov: Sasha	Romeo and Juliet: Nurse	The Merchant of Venice: Shylock
All this Intimacy: Jen	Jerusalem: Nina	Ruben Guthrie: Ruben Guthrie	The Picture of Dorian Gray: Dorian
Amadeus: Amadeus	Laughter on the 23rd Floor: Ira	Saint Joan: Joan	The Pillowman: Tupolski
Art: Yvan	Les Dangerous Liaisons: Marquise de Merteuil	Secret Bridesmaid's Business: Colleen	The Positive Hour: Paula
Away: Meg	Love, Loss and What I Wore: Rosie	Skylight: Kyra	The Second Mrs Jacob Anderson: Mrs Anderson
Bald Prima Donna: Fire Chief	Mother Teresa is Dead: Jane	The Caretaker: Mick	The Stronger: MME X
Big Love: Giuliano	Noah: Noah	The Cherry Orchard: Lopakhin	Thebans: Ismene
Daylight Saving: Stephanie	Oedipus Rex: Oedipus	The Christian Brothers: The Christian Brother	Top Girls: Dull Gret
Emotion Memory: Stanislavsky	One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest: Randle McMurphy	The Crucible: Mary Warren	Two Gentlemen of Verona: Launce
Happy Days: Winnie	One Man, Two Guvnors: Francis	The Glass Menagerie: Tom	Waking Up: Character

Notes for markers regarding your selected form and style for the monologue: _____

Props possibly considered unsafe declared (if any): _____

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Appendix 5: Accepted script layout convention for Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice



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Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination 2024 Accepted script layout conventions for Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice

Candidates must consistently adhere to one of the two accepted layouts for the script of their monologue.

Monologue 1 – Candidate's Choice scripts are to be presented on A4 paper, typed in 11 point Arial font and be printed single sided.

Script layout: Sample one

<p>Scene One</p> <p><i>(JAMES enters the space wearing a bomber jacket, jeans and well-known sneakers. His face is dirty and manner appears agitated.)</i></p> <p>JAMES: Of course I get a flat on the day of my big job interview. I could have got the flat yesterday when I had all day to kill. Nothing to do but watch daytime TV. Could have changed the tyre then between ad breaks!</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I can't believe Micky didn't get back to me. Some mate.</p> <p><i>(The sound of a mobile phone is heard. JAMES reaches into his pocket and answers.)</i></p> <p>JAMES: Hello? <i>(listens)</i> Micky! Thanks for getting back to me.</p>	<p>Character's name in capitals</p> <p>For dialogue, character names in capitals aligned left</p> <p>Dialogue indented</p> <p>Stage directions in italics and in brackets aligned left</p> <p>Stage directions in dialogue bracketed and in italics</p>
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Script layout: Sample two

<p>Scene One</p> <p>JAMES enters the space wearing a bomber jacket, jeans and well-known sneakers. His face is dirty and manner appears agitated.</p> <p>JAMES: Of course I get a flat on the day of my big job interview. I could have got the flat yesterday when I had all day to kill. Nothing to do but watch daytime TV. Could have changed the tyre then between ad breaks!</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">I can't believe Micky didn't get back to me. Some mate.</p> <p>The sound of a mobile phone is heard. JAMES reaches into his pocket and answers.</p> <p>JAMES: Hello? <i>(listens)</i> Micky! Thanks for getting back to me. Yeah, I do need a hand. Or did. An hour ago!</p>	<p>Character's name in capitals</p> <p>For dialogue, character names in capitals aligned left</p> <p>Dialogue indented</p> <p>Stage directions not in brackets aligned left</p> <p>Stage directions in dialogue bracketed and not in italics</p>
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Appendix 6: A guide to the Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination



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A guide to the Drama ATAR course practical (performance) examination

This information is provided to assist and guide teachers in preparing students for the Drama practical (performance) examination.

Before the examination

- After reporting to the supervisor, candidates will be escorted to their examination room and wait outside. A marker will open the door and invite the candidate into the room.
- The marker will ask whether the candidate has any props to declare, including liquids, food, glass or ceramic items. The candidate must give an answer.
 - If an item is declared, the marker will check the item and make a determination on whether it will be accepted.
 - If a declared prop/s is acceptable, the candidate will move to the performance space.
 - If a declared prop/s is not acceptable, the marker will let the candidate know the prop/s is considered unsafe and they are not permitted to bring it into the examination. The candidate must leave the unsafe prop/s outside the examination room.
- The marker will then ask the candidate for copies of their scripts for Monologue 1 and Monologue 2 and indicate where to put any personal items not required for the examination.
- The marker will inform the candidate that they have up to 60 seconds to prepare for Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice and use the desk and one or two chairs. The candidate may use their set-up time to check the acoustics of the room.
- If a technician is present, the marker will ask the technician to set up the sound equipment and suggest they check the volume level.
- Candidates may start before the 60 seconds has expired but must inform the markers that they are ready to begin. The marker will then start the timer.
- When the 60 seconds has expired, the marker will indicate to begin the performance.

Part one: Monologue 1 – Candidate’s Choice

- The marker will start the timer for 4 minutes.
- At the conclusion of the performance, or if the performance is longer than 4 minutes, the marker will indicate the end of the performance.
- If there is a technician, the marker will ask the technician to leave.
- The marker will then inform the candidate that they have up to 60 seconds to prepare for Monologue 2 – Set Choice.
- Candidates may start before the 60 seconds has expired but must inform the markers that they are ready to begin. The marker will then start the timer.
- When the 60 seconds has expired, the marker will indicate to begin the performance.

Part two: Monologue 2 – Set Choice

- The marker will start the timer for 3 minutes.
- At the conclusion of the performance, or if the performance is longer than 3 minutes, the marker will indicate the end of the performance.
- At the conclusion of Monologue 2, the marker will select an improvisation for the candidate. The candidate is to clear the performance space in preparation.

Part three: Improvisation

The marker will then inform the candidate of their improvisation which includes the following.

- You will take on the character/role of ...
- The setting is ...
- The action is ...
- The marker will then repeat this information. The marker will then inform the candidate that they have up to 60 seconds to prepare for the improvisation.
- Candidates may start before the 60 seconds has expired but must inform the markers that they are ready to begin. The marker will then start the timer.
- When the 60 seconds has expired, the marker will ask the candidate to begin and start the timer.
- If the candidate's improvisation is longer than 2 minutes, the marker will stop the candidate.

At the end of the improvisation, the marker will let the candidate know the examination is now finished and the candidate may leave.

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