



Drama ATAR course

Practical (performance)

marking key

2019

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Drama ATAR course Practical (performance) examination
Part one: Original solo performance

100% (90 marks)
40% (30 marks)

Description	Marks
Criterion 1: Voice techniques	
Effectively and creatively integrates voice techniques to maximise dramatic meaning and audience impact.	6
Effectively and creatively applies voice techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	5
Effectively and with some creativity uses voice techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	4
Uses voice techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact with some effectiveness.	3
Uses voice techniques for some dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses voice techniques with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
Sub-total	6
Criterion 2: Movement techniques	
Effectively and creatively integrates movement techniques to maximise dramatic meaning and audience impact.	6
Effectively and creatively applies movement techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	5
Effectively and with some creativity uses movement techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	4
Uses movement techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact with some effectiveness.	3
Uses movement techniques for some dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses movement techniques with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
Sub-total	6
Criterion 3: Role/Characterisation	
Performs a highly credible role/characterisation.	4
Performs a credible role/characterisation.	3
Performs a mostly clear role/characterisation.	2
Performs a superficial role/characterisation.	1
Sub-total	4
Criterion 4: Dramatic journey/structure	
Communicates an effective and complete dramatic journey/structure.	4
Communicates a complete dramatic journey/structure.	3
Communicates a partial dramatic journey/structure.	2
Presents a superficial dramatic journey/structure.	1
Sub-total	4
Criterion 5: Elements of drama	
Effectively and creatively integrates the elements of drama to maximise dramatic meaning and audience impact. Meets minimum time requirements.	4
Effectively uses the elements of drama for dramatic meaning and audience impact. Meets minimum time requirements.	3
Uses the elements of drama for dramatic meaning and audience impact. Meets minimum time requirements.	2
Uses the elements of drama with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact. May not meet minimum time requirements.	1
No evidence of this criterion.	0
Sub-total	4
Criterion 6: Drama conventions appropriate to form and style	
Effectively uses drama conventions appropriate to selected form and style for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	3
Uses drama conventions appropriate to selected form and style for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses drama conventions with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
No evidence of this criterion	0
Sub-total	3
Criterion 7: Design and/or technologies	
Effectively applies design and/or technologies for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	3
Uses design and/or technologies for some dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses design and/or technologies with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
No evidence of this criterion.	0
Sub-total	3
Overall total	30

Part two: Scripted monologue

30% (25 marks)

Description	Marks
Criterion 1: Voice techniques	
Effectively and creatively integrates voice techniques to maximise dramatic meaning and audience impact.	6
Effectively and creatively applies voice techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	5
Effectively and with some creativity uses voice techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	4
Uses voice techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact with some effectiveness.	3
Uses voice techniques for some dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses voice techniques with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
Sub-total	6
Criterion 2: Movement techniques	
Effectively and creatively integrates movement techniques to maximise dramatic meaning and audience impact.	6
Effectively and creatively applies movement techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	5
Effectively and with some creativity uses movement techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	4
Uses movement techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact with some effectiveness.	3
Uses movement techniques for some dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses movement techniques with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
Sub-total	6
Criterion 3: Role/Characterisation	
Performs a highly credible role/characterisation.	4
Performs a credible role/characterisation.	3
Performs a mostly clear role/characterisation.	2
Performs a superficial role/characterisation.	1
Sub-total	4
Criterion 4: Elements of drama	
Effectively and creatively integrates the elements of drama to create dramatic meaning and audience impact. Meets minimum time requirements.	4
Effectively uses the elements of drama for dramatic meaning and audience impact. Meets minimum time requirements.	3
Uses the elements of drama for dramatic meaning and audience impact. Meets minimum time requirements.	2
Uses the elements of drama with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact. May not meet minimum time requirements.	1
No evidence of this criterion.	0
Sub-total	4
Criterion 5: Drama conventions appropriate to form and style	
Effectively uses drama conventions appropriate to selected form and style for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	3
Uses drama conventions appropriate to selected form and style for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses drama conventions with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
No evidence of this criterion.	0
Sub-total	3
Criterion 6: Design	
Uses design for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses design with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
No evidence of this criterion.	0
Sub-total	2
Overall total	25

Part three: Spontaneous improvisation

20% (20 marks)

Description	Marks
Criterion 1: Voice techniques	
Creatively applies effective voice techniques to maximise dramatic meaning and audience impact.	4
Applies effective voice techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	3
Uses voice techniques for some dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses voice techniques with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
Sub-total	4
Criterion 2: Movement techniques	
Creatively applies effective movement techniques to maximise dramatic meaning and audience impact.	4
Applies effective movement techniques for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	3
Uses movement techniques for some dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses movement techniques with minimal dramatic meaning and audience impact.	1
Sub-total	4
Criterion 3: Role/Characterisation	
Performs a highly credible role/characterisation.	4
Performs a credible role/characterisation.	3
Performs a mostly clear role/characterisation.	2
Performs a superficial role/characterisation.	1
Sub-total	4
Criterion 4: Elements and conventions of drama	
Effectively and creatively integrates elements of drama and drama conventions. Meets the minimum time requirements.	4
Effectively and creatively applies the elements of drama and drama conventions. Meets the minimum time requirements.	3
Uses with some effect the elements of drama and drama conventions. May not meet minimum time requirements.	2
Uses in a limited way the elements of drama and drama conventions. May not meet minimum time requirements.	1
No evidence of this criterion.	0
Sub-total	4
Criterion 5: Given idea	
Explores and extends the given idea for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	4
Extends the given idea for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	3
Uses the given idea for dramatic meaning and audience impact.	2
Uses the given idea in a limited way.	1
No evidence of this criterion.	0
Sub-total	4
Overall total	20

Question 1	
Description	Marks
Criterion 1: Responses to interview prompts	
Analyses characteristics and qualities of own drama. Applies appropriate drama knowledge, techniques, processes and theories.	3
Describes clearly characteristics and qualities of own drama including some appropriate drama knowledge, techniques, processes and theories.	2
Outlines some aspects of own drama including some drama processes and techniques.	1
Outlines few or no aspects of own drama.	0
Criterion 2: Use of drama terminology and language	
Uses appropriate drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	2
Uses some appropriate drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	1
Uses limited to no drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	0
Sub-total	5

Question 2	
Description	Marks
Criterion 1: Responses to interview prompts	
Analyses characteristics and qualities of own drama. Applies appropriate drama knowledge, techniques, processes and theories.	3
Describes clearly characteristics and qualities of own drama including some appropriate drama knowledge, techniques, processes and theories.	2
Outlines some aspects of own drama including some drama processes and techniques.	1
Outlines few or no aspects of own drama.	0
Criterion 2: Use of drama terminology and language	
Uses appropriate drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	2
Uses some appropriate drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	1
Uses limited to no drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	0
Sub-total	5

Question 3	
Description	Marks
Criterion 1: Responses to interview prompts	
Analyses characteristics and qualities of own drama. Applies appropriate drama knowledge, techniques, processes and theories.	3
Describes clearly characteristics and qualities of own drama including some appropriate drama knowledge, techniques, processes and theories.	2
Outlines some aspects of own drama including some drama processes and techniques.	1
Outlines few or no aspects of own drama.	0
Criterion 2: Use of drama terminology and language	
Uses appropriate drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	2
Uses some appropriate drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	1
Uses limited to no drama terminology and language in response to prompts.	0
Sub-total	5
Overall total	15