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91215 Discuss a drama or theatre form or period with reference to a text

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Achievement	Achievement with Merit	Achievement with Excellence
Discuss a drama or theatre form or period with reference to a text.	Discuss a drama or theatre form or period with reference to a text showing informed understanding.	Discuss a drama or theatre form or period with reference to a text showing perceptive understanding.

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You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

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To answer the questions in this paper, name the drama/theatre form or period you have studied, and ONE text from the form or period to which you will refer.

Drama/theatre forms include (but are not limited to):

- medieval theatre
- commedia dell'arte
- Elizabethan theatre
- epic theatre
- melodrama
- Greek theatre
- New Zealand theatre.

(If the text was not written as a script – as, for example, in commedia dell'arte – give brief details of the action.)

<p>Drama/theatre form or period: _____</p> <p>Title of the text/play (or brief details of the action): _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Playwright/creator(s) (if applicable): _____</p>
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Features of the drama/theatre form or period to which the questions refer may include:

- performance space (e.g. medieval use of pageant wagons)
- acting styles (e.g. the extravagant gestures of commedia dell'arte)
- themes or ideas (e.g. the Elizabethan wheel of fortune)
- conventions (e.g. use of asides in melodrama)
- use of technologies (e.g. mask in Greek theatre)
- historical/social context (e.g. the Great Depression in New Zealand theatre).

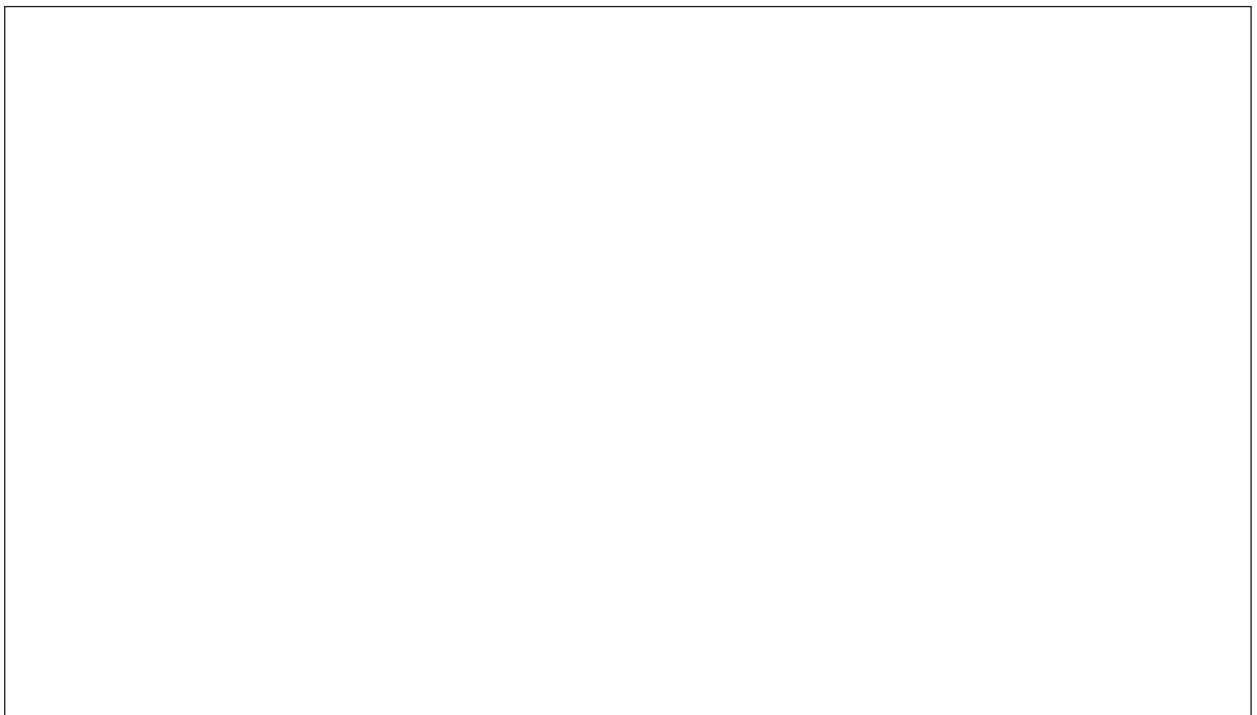
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QUESTION ONE: Action and theme or idea

Action is a drama element. Action refers to the events happening in the text.

Identify a moment of action from the text:

- (a) Describe how this moment of action is typical of the drama/theatre form or period. Give specific details from the text to support your answer. You may sketch and make annotations in the space below.



(b) Discuss how the status of the character reflects the social/historical context of your chosen drama/theatre form or period.

You could consider:

- the social structure of the time
- the gender roles in society at the time
- the values/religions/customs of the time.

Give specific details from the text to support your answer.

QUESTION THREE: Conventions

Conventions are the established ways of working within the drama/theatre form or period that explore meaning or deepen understanding.

Identify a convention typical of your chosen drama/theatre form or period:

- (a) Describe how the convention would be used in a typical performance of the chosen text. Give specific details from the text to support your answer. You may sketch and make annotations in the space below.

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