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Level 3 Drama 2025

91514 Interpret a text from a prescribed playwright to demonstrate knowledge of a theatre form or period

Credits: Four

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Interpret a text from a prescribed playwright to demonstrate knowledge of a theatre form or period.	Interpret a text from a prescribed playwright to demonstrate informed knowledge of a theatre form or period.	Interpret a text from a prescribed playwright to demonstrate perceptive knowledge of a theatre form or period.

Check that the National Student Number (NSN) on your admission slip is the same as the number at the top of this page.

You should attempt ALL the questions in this booklet.

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INSTRUCTIONS

Choose ONE text by one of the prescribed playwrights whose work you have studied this year. Use your chosen text to answer ALL of the questions in this booklet.

Read the questions carefully before you begin. Each has different requirements.

PRESCRIBED PLAYWRIGHTS

Jean Anouilh	Federico Garcia Lorca	Jacob Rajan & Justin Lewis
Aristophanes	Briar Grace-Smith	Renée
Samuel Beckett	Gary Henderson	Maurice Shadbolt
Albert Belz	Witi Ihimaera	William Shakespeare
Jean Betts	Oscar Kightley & Dave Armstrong	George Bernard Shaw
William Brandt	John Kneubuhl	Stephen Sinclair
Bertolt Brecht	Hone Kouka	Sophocles
Lynda Chanwai-Earle	Greg McGee	Tom Stoppard
Anton Chekhov	Stuart McKenzie	Mervyn Thompson
Caryl Churchill	Vela Manusaute	Makerita Urale
Euripides	Bruce Mason	Timberlake Wertenbaker
Michelanne Forster	Arthur Miller	Oscar Wilde
Toa Fraser	Vincent O'Sullivan	Tennessee Williams
Dianna Fuemana	Harold Pinter	

Write the details of your chosen text in the box below.

Text:
Playwright:
Theatre form or period:

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QUESTION ONE: A key character and the social and historical context

Identify a key character in your chosen text. How is this character typical of the time and/or place in which the play is set? (a) Support your explanation with specific and detailed examples from the text.

You could consider, for example: • the social structures of the period • key historical events • the beliefs and values of the time.	Discuss how the playwright's social and historical context influenced the creation of this character.						
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QUESTION TWO: Performance convention

Identify a performance convention typical of the theatre form or period.

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You could consider, for example:						
•	whether the style is realistic or non-realistic					
•	the impact on and relationship with the audience					
•	the intended purpose of the theatre form or period.					

QUESTION THREE: Tension and technology

Consider a moment of tension from your chosen text. The tension could be created by opposing ideas, a situation or event, or conflict between characters.

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Sup	scuss how this moment of tension communicates a key idea or theme to the audien pport your explanation with specific and detailed examples from the text.					
You could consider, for example:						
an issue important to the theatre form or period						
•	how the text explores conflicting points of view					
•	comparisons between the world of the play and the society of the time.					
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