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Generic Marking Principles

These general marking principles must be applied by all examiners when marking candidate answers. They should be applied alongside the specific content of the mark scheme or generic level descriptions for a question. Each question paper and mark scheme will also comply with these marking principles.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 1:

Marks must be awarded in line with:

- the specific content of the mark scheme or the generic level descriptors for the question
- the specific skills defined in the mark scheme or in the generic level descriptors for the question
- the standard of response required by a candidate as exemplified by the standardisation scripts.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 2:

Marks awarded are always **whole marks** (not half marks, or other fractions).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 3:

Marks must be awarded **positively**:

- marks are awarded for correct/valid answers, as defined in the mark scheme. However, credit is given for valid answers which go beyond the scope of the syllabus and mark scheme, referring to your Team Leader as appropriate
- marks are awarded when candidates clearly demonstrate what they know and can do
- marks are not deducted for errors
- marks are not deducted for omissions
- answers should only be judged on the quality of spelling, punctuation and grammar when these features are specifically assessed by the question as indicated by the mark scheme. The meaning, however, should be unambiguous.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 4:

Rules must be applied consistently, e.g. in situations where candidates have not followed instructions or in the application of generic level descriptors.

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 5:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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The annotations listed below were available to examiners marking this component in this series.

Annotations

Annotation	Meaning
	Tick: correct point
	Unclear
	Too vague
	Indicates that the point has been noted, but no credit has been given.
	Evaluation
	Lengthy narrative
	Benefit of the doubt

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1	Suggest a costume for the actor playing the role of <u>one</u> of MEL's sisters (PAULINE, PEARL or JESSIE) at curtain rise at line 298. Why would this costume suggestion be appropriate? This is the first appearance of MEL's sisters. We are told only that they are all in their late 50s and 'dressed quite well'. There is no reason to suppose that there is very much variation between the three women and therefore it does not matter which of the three sisters is selected by candidates. However, be alert to whether the candidate's suggestion can be justified by the text. <table><tr><td>A suggestion of an appropriate costume.</td><td>1 Mark</td></tr><tr><td>A statement as to why this would be appropriate.</td><td>1 Mark</td></tr></table>	A suggestion of an appropriate costume.	1 Mark	A statement as to why this would be appropriate.	1 Mark	2
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3	Read the passage from line 13 [‘What’s wrong?’] to lines 101–102 [‘Sleep in the bedroom’]. How would you play the role of MEL to show his obsessive behaviour? MEL is presented as a neurotic, highly obsessive individual who is fixated with the problems and issues he sees in living in the apartment, which seemed to promise so much but which has proved a terrible let-down. As we discover shortly after this passage, there are real issues at work and he is worried about his job and this frames his view of the apartment and his perception of himself in the world. There are many ways in which MEL’s manic behaviour could be portrayed, for example, his rapid change of position, the speed of delivery, his nervous movements, his physicality and proximity to EDNA, and the balcony and the wall. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Band 1</td><td>A detailed explanation of how to play the role of MEL to show his obsessive behaviour.</td><td>4–5 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 2</td><td>A broad discussion of how to play the role of MEL to show his obsessive behaviour.</td><td>2–3 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 3</td><td>A general description of MEL’s character.</td><td>1 mark</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 4</td><td>No creditable response.</td><td>0 marks</td></tr> </table>	Band 1	A detailed explanation of how to play the role of MEL to show his obsessive behaviour.	4–5 marks	Band 2	A broad discussion of how to play the role of MEL to show his obsessive behaviour.	2–3 marks	Band 3	A general description of MEL’s character.	1 mark	Band 4	No creditable response.	0 marks	5
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5	Describe your set design for the opening of the extract. Justify the creative choices you have made with reference to the extract. There are several indications of the details of the apartment in the text. It is on the 14th floor of a new apartment block that MEL and EDNA believed to be in a smart, chic part of New York with modern luxuries, but which has turned out to be characterless. The apartment has proved to be a grim disappointment because of its restrictive view from the balcony, the thinness of the walls and its uncontrollable temperature. The apartment represents MEL's state of mind and there is a strong sense of psychological confinement and the overwhelming July heat. Allow any set design description that can be supported from the extract. Annotated diagrams may be included. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Band 1</td><td>A practical understanding of set design justified by reference to the extract.</td><td>4–5 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 2</td><td>Some understanding of set design justified by general reference to the extract. Use this band as a ceiling for description with no practical application.</td><td>2–3 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 3</td><td>Identifies a set design possibility from the extract.</td><td>1 mark</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 4</td><td>No creditable response.</td><td>0 marks</td></tr> </table>	Band 1	A practical understanding of set design justified by reference to the extract.	4–5 marks	Band 2	Some understanding of set design justified by general reference to the extract. Use this band as a ceiling for description with no practical application.	2–3 marks	Band 3	Identifies a set design possibility from the extract.	1 mark	Band 4	No creditable response.	0 marks	5
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10	Explain the challenges that you faced in creating well-developed characters from your stimulus and how you addressed these challenges. The focus of this question is on the <u>devising process</u>. There are many challenges in creating three-dimensional characters from an image or an idea on paper. This question focuses on the way in which the group rose to these challenges and the type of characters they created. Candidates do not have to cover every character in the piece – some characters may not be well developed. Some may write only about their own character and there is no penalty for so doing. Candidates may cover the way in which they achieved coherence in building the role/s and discuss the challenges in creating believable characters with complex motivations that appear like real people. Allow credit for both discussing challenges and offering solutions. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Band 1</td><td>A detailed and perceptive explanation of the challenges and how they addressed them; a wide range of appropriate examples.</td><td>9–10 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 2</td><td>A clear explanation of the challenges and how they addressed them; a range of appropriate examples.</td><td>7–8 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 3</td><td>An explanation of some challenges and how they addressed them; some supporting examples.</td><td>5–6 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 4</td><td>Comments on the challenges involved; a few simple examples.</td><td>3–4 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 5</td><td>Identifies one or two challenges and/or examples.</td><td>1–2 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 6</td><td>No creditable response.</td><td>0 Marks</td></tr> </table>	Band 1	A detailed and perceptive explanation of the challenges and how they addressed them; a wide range of appropriate examples.	9–10 Marks	Band 2	A clear explanation of the challenges and how they addressed them; a range of appropriate examples.	7–8 Marks	Band 3	An explanation of some challenges and how they addressed them; some supporting examples.	5–6 Marks	Band 4	Comments on the challenges involved; a few simple examples.	3–4 Marks	Band 5	Identifies one or two challenges and/or examples.	1–2 Marks	Band 6	No creditable response.	0 Marks	10
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