

A level Theatre Studies – Edexcel

Component 1

Devising Project: 80 marks (40% of qualification)

In groups, you will devise an original piece of theatre using a key extract from Berkoff's play *Metamorphosis* as a stimulus of themes and style.

You need to complete a 3000 word portfolio as evidence of your research, rehearsal process, and performance. This will be analytical and evaluative.

Internally assessed and externally moderated.

Portfolio = 60 marks

Performance = 20 marks

Component 2

Text in Performance: 60 marks (20% of the qualification)

As a group you will rehearse and perform one key extract from a play.

Group piece = 36 marks

You will also rehearse and perform a monologue or a duologue from a different play.

Monologue/duologue = 24 marks

Externally assessed by a visiting examiner.

Component 3

Written Examination: 2 hours and 30 minutes = 80 marks (40% of the qualification)

Section A:

Live Theatre Evaluation = 20 marks

You will answer an extended response question from a choice of two analysing and evaluating a live theatre performance in the light of a given statement.

You are allowed to take 500 words of notes into the exam with you.

Section B:

Realising a Performance Text = 36 marks

You will answer two extended questions based on an unseen extract from Laura Wade's play *Colder than Here*.

One question from the perspective of an actor.

One from the perspective of a designer.

Performance texts are not allowed into the exam. You will be given a printed extract.

Section C:

Interpreting a Performance Text = 24 marks

You will answer one extended response question from a choice of two based on an unseen named section from Buchner's play *Woyzeck*.

You will demonstrate how your re-imagined production concept will communicate ideas to a contemporary audience.

You will also need to outline how the work of theatre practitioner **Bertolt Brecht** has influenced your overall production concept, and demonstrate an awareness of the performance text in its original performance conditions.

You must take a clean copy of the text into the exam with you.