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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:

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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
	Benefit of the doubt
	Evaluation
	Lengthy narrative
	Indicates that the point has been noted, but no credit has been given.

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1	Suggest a costume for the actor playing the role of BEN SILVERMAN when he enters at line 63. Why would this be appropriate? BEN is WILLIE’s nephew as well as his theatrical agent. We are told that BEN SILVERMAN is in his early thirties and is well dressed. Allow credit for any suggestion that can be justified from 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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2	Read from line 11 ['Into phone'] to line 43 [<i>There is a knock on the door...</i>]. Give <u>three different</u> pieces of performance advice to the actor playing the role of WILLIE CLARK. WILLIE's dialogue is directed firstly at the television, which is not working. WILLIE stumbles around the room, quickly becoming irate and smacking the television and the stand. He then calls someone called Sandy (the janitor) to report that his television is not working. This may be a real conversation or an imaginary one, but either way, the timing of the telephone call requires skill and understanding of pauses, breath, vocal inflexions etc. Allow any three appropriate pieces of performance advice for the actor playing WILLIE CLARK. <table><tr><td>A piece of performance advice for the actor playing WILLIE CLARK.</td><td>1 Mark</td></tr><tr><td>A second piece of performance advice for the actor playing WILLIE CLARK.</td><td>1 Mark</td></tr><tr><td>A third piece of performance advice for the actor playing WILLIE CLARK.</td><td>1 Mark</td></tr></table>	A piece of performance advice for the actor playing WILLIE CLARK.	1 Mark	A second piece of performance advice for the actor playing WILLIE CLARK.	1 Mark	A third piece of performance advice for the actor playing WILLIE CLARK.	1 Mark	3
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3	Read the passage from line 324 ['Ben looks at him'] to line 349 ['I'm going.'] How would you play the role of BEN SILVERMAN to show his nervousness in the presence of AL LEWIS? BEN has persuaded WILLIE CLARK to work again with AL LEWIS for the CBS programme. Given their history of not speaking for 11 years, BEN is nervous about everything going smoothly. Having reunited such a well-known vaudeville duo, BEN's elation is obvious and he tries hard to ensure it is a success. Once WILLIE and AL meet, the atmosphere is frosty and BEN cannot leave quickly enough. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Band 1</td><td>A detailed discussion of how to play the role of BEN SILVERMAN to show his nervousness in the presence of AL LEWIS.</td><td>4–5 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 2</td><td>A broad explanation of how to play the role of BEN SILVERMAN to show his nervousness in the presence of AL LEWIS.</td><td>2–3 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 3</td><td>A general description of BEN SILVERMAN'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 discussion of how to play the role of BEN SILVERMAN to show his nervousness in the presence of AL LEWIS.	4–5 marks	Band 2	A broad explanation of how to play the role of BEN SILVERMAN to show his nervousness in the presence of AL LEWIS.	2–3 marks	Band 3	A general description of BEN SILVERMAN's character.	1 mark	Band 4	No creditable response.	0 marks	5
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4	Read the passage from line 189 [‘Falls into chair, exhausted’] to line 259 [‘I hope this works out’]. How could the actors playing WILLIE CLARK and BEN SILVERMAN emphasise their different views about WILLIE working again with AL LEWIS? BEN contacts AL LEWIS to set up a meeting. This would force WILLIE to reengage with his past working partnership with AL LEWIS, which ended without warning when AL LEWIS announced his retirement at the end of a performance. Allow credit for any appropriate suggestions about timing, pacing, vocal intensity, pacing, proxemics, etc. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Band 1</td><td>A detailed discussion of how to emphasise the different views of the two men, supported by close reference to the passage.</td><td>4–5 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 2</td><td>A broad explanation of how to emphasise the different views of the two men, supported by some reference to the passage.</td><td>2–3 marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 3</td><td>A general description of the differences between the two men.</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 discussion of how to emphasise the different views of the two men, supported by close reference to the passage.	4–5 marks	Band 2	A broad explanation of how to emphasise the different views of the two men, supported by some reference to the passage.	2–3 marks	Band 3	A general description of the differences between the two men.	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. We are told in the stage directions at the opening that the play is set in a two-room apartment in an old hotel, with a window looking over Broadway. We also learn that there is an old leather chair and a television in the living area. The set has a prominent bathroom door and the mirror, which are important aspects here. Allow any set design description that can be supported from the passage. 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.</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.	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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6	Read the passage from line 350 ['Sooo ... what do you think?'] to line 466 ['... why are we changing it?']. How would you direct this passage to reveal <u>both</u> the tension <u>and</u> the humour of the situation? This is the climax of the extract. WILLIE CLARK and AL LEWIS are brought together again for the first time in eleven years, and they attempt to rehearse their act. The rehearsal is heavily punctuated with petty tensions and attempts to settle old scores, all of which need to be well controlled so that the pacing of the passage is maintained. Allow all directorial suggestions that would maximise the dramatic impact of these. Note: If candidates refer to only one aspect, restrict the mark to a maximum of Band 3. <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Band 1</td><td>Offers detailed insight into the passage and provides a perceptive discussion of how to direct it to reveal both the tension and the humour.</td><td>9–10 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 2</td><td>Offers insight into the passage and provides a range of practical ideas about how to direct it to reveal both the tension and humour.</td><td>7–8 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 3</td><td>Shows understanding of the passage and provides some specific examples of how to direct it.</td><td>5–6 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 4</td><td>Shows some understanding of the passage and provides some general suggestions as to how to direct it.</td><td>3–4 Marks</td></tr> <tr> <td>Band 5</td><td>Makes general points about the passage.</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	Offers detailed insight into the passage and provides a perceptive discussion of how to direct it to reveal both the tension and the humour.	9–10 Marks	Band 2	Offers insight into the passage and provides a range of practical ideas about how to direct it to reveal both the tension and humour.	7–8 Marks	Band 3	Shows understanding of the passage and provides some specific examples of how to direct it.	5–6 Marks	Band 4	Shows some understanding of the passage and provides some general suggestions as to how to direct it.	3–4 Marks	Band 5	Makes general points about the passage.	1–2 Marks	Band 6	No creditable response.	0 Marks	10
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9	How would you direct the actors playing COMMENTATOR 1 and COMMENTATOR 2 to achieve dramatic impact on the audience? Make close reference to specific lines from the extract in your answer. The COMMENTATORS are a dramatic means for building up the tension, commenting on the action, and moving it along. They are allocated a ‘mobile commentary box’, which allows a great deal of scope for the style of performance, but they need not be bound by that. There is also considerable potential for the two actors to build on each other’s performance in pacing, pick-up of lines, physical proximity, etc. Allow any workable suggestions that can be justified from the text. <table><tr><td> <i>Shows a sophisticated practical understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A comprehensive and effective explanation of how to direct the two actors. - Excellent, practical suggestions, with sustained and detailed reference to the extract. </td><td> Band 1 13–15 Marks </td></tr><tr><td> <i>Shows detailed practical understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - An assured and mainly effective explanation of how to direct the two actors. - Practical suggestions, with consistently appropriate reference to the extract. </td><td> Band 2 10–12 Marks </td></tr><tr><td> <i>Shows broad understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A competent explanation of how to direct the two actors. - Some practical suggestions, with some appropriate reference to the extract. </td><td> Band 3 7–9 Marks </td></tr><tr><td> <i>Shows partial understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A variable explanation of how to direct the two actors. - A narrow range of practical suggestions, with occasional reference to the extract. </td><td> Band 4 4–6 Marks </td></tr><tr><td> <i>Shows little understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A confused, incomplete, or narrative description of how to direct the two actors. - Minimal reference to the extract. </td><td> Band 5 1–3 Marks </td></tr><tr><td>No creditable response.</td><td> Band 6 0 Marks </td></tr></table>	<i>Shows a sophisticated practical understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A comprehensive and effective explanation of how to direct the two actors. - Excellent, practical suggestions, with sustained and detailed reference to the extract.	Band 1 13–15 Marks	<i>Shows detailed practical understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - An assured and mainly effective explanation of how to direct the two actors. - Practical suggestions, with consistently appropriate reference to the extract.	Band 2 10–12 Marks	<i>Shows broad understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A competent explanation of how to direct the two actors. - Some practical suggestions, with some appropriate reference to the extract.	Band 3 7–9 Marks	<i>Shows partial understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A variable explanation of how to direct the two actors. - A narrow range of practical suggestions, with occasional reference to the extract.	Band 4 4–6 Marks	<i>Shows little understanding of how to direct the actors</i> - A confused, incomplete, or narrative description of how to direct the two actors. - Minimal reference to the extract.	Band 5 1–3 Marks	No creditable response.	Band 6 0 Marks	15
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