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## General Certificate of Education

## Dance DAN4

## 6231 Unit 4

## Mark Scheme

## 2005 examination - June series

Mark schemes are prepared by the Principal Examiner and considered, together with the relevant questions, by a panel of subject teachers. This mark scheme includes any amendments made at the standardisation meeting attended by all examiners and is the scheme which was used by them in this examination. The standardisation meeting ensures that the mark scheme covers the candidates' responses to questions and that every examiner understands and applies it in the same correct way. As preparation for the standardisation meeting each examiner analyses a number of candidates' scripts: alternative answers not already covered by the mark scheme are discussed at the meeting and legislated for. If, after this meeting, examiners encounter unusual answers which have not been discussed at the meeting they are required to refer these to the Principal Examiner.

It must be stressed that a mark scheme is a working document, in many cases further developed and expanded on the basis of candidates' reactions to a particular paper. Assumptions about future mark schemes on the basis of one year's document should be avoided; whilst the guiding principles of assessment remain constant, details will change, depending on the content of a particular examination paper.

## Unit 4

## Group Choreography

60 marks

| (1) | Choreograph a dance based on 'Marsyas' (2002) by Anish Kapoor. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Embodiment of imagery, eg, vertical / horizontal, stretched 'skin' (of the sculpture) | 10 marks |
|  | Spatial dimensions, eg, capturing the swooping long funnel of Marsyas and/or the expansive openings at three points | 10 marks |
|  | Evocative dynamic content | 8 marks |
|  | Originality or appropriate adaptation of movement material | 6 marks |
|  | Coherence, structure of the dance | 6 marks |
|  | Sensitive use of skills, attributes of dancers | 8 marks |
|  | Appropriateness and use of music/sound/silence | 6 marks |
|  | Authority/economy/significance of dance statement | 6 marks |
|  | Total | 60 marks |
| (2) | Choreograph a dance using the musical accompaniment Michi (1995) by Evelyn Glennie. |  |
|  | Evocation of the musical structure, rhythm, phrasing | 10 marks |
|  | Establishment of appropriate style (in whichever genre) | 4 marks |
|  | Dynamics of the dance in relation to the rhythm or phrasing of music: matching, embellishing, counterpointing | 12 marks |
|  | Spatial pattern: shape, line (actual and implied) | 8 marks |
|  | Originality or appropriate adaptation of movement material | 6 marks |
|  | Coherence, structure of the dance | 6 marks |
|  | Sensitive use of skills, attributes of dancers | 8 marks |
|  | Authority/economy/significance of dance statement | 6 marks |
|  | Total | 60 marks |
| (3) | Choreograph a dance based upon an historical or political event occurring between 1950 and 2005. |  |
|  | Impact of the opening and closing of the event | 8 marks |
|  | Clarity of the unfolding event, eg, message, incidents, scenario drawn from the true story | 12 marks |
|  | Evocative dynamic content | 8 marks |
|  | Originality or appropriate adaptation of movement material | 6 marks |
|  | Coherence, structure of the dance | 6 marks |
|  | Sensitive use of skills, attributes of dancers | 8 marks |
|  | Appropriateness and use of music/sound/silence | 6 marks |
|  | Authority/economy/significance of dance statement | 6 marks |
|  | Total | 60 marks |
| (4) | Choreograph a dance using rope, which can be held and manipulated safely by the dancers |  |
|  | Imaginative use of the rope, eg, as an anchoring point; as a tool for manipulating objects/the dancer's body | 8 marks |
|  | Efficient and effective use of the rope | 8 marks |
|  | Creation of incidents or appropriate scenario | 6 marks |
|  | Evocative dynamic content | 6 marks |
|  | Originality or appropriate adaptation of movement material | 6 marks |
|  | Coherence, structure of the dance | 6 marks |
|  | Sensitive use of skills, attributes of dancers | 8 marks |
|  | Appropriateness and use of music/sound/silence | 6 marks |
|  | Authority/economy/significance of dance statement | 6 marks |
|  | Total | 60 marks |

