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Introduction

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Unit 3 series overview

This unit is an opportunity for candidates to demonstrate a clear appreciation of key practitioners in the performing arts and their influences on style and repertoire.

The choice of practitioner will most likely relate to previous areas of study, or specific styles and genres of work that have inspired and motivated candidates in their own performance work.

Each series, for the assessment of Unit 3, a statement is given and responses, both written and practical should fully consider the given statement.

The statement for this series can be seen below, under Question 1.

There is no predetermined or correct interpretation of the statement and responses can be justified using original thought or use opinions based on valid information sources. There is no right or wrong interpretation.

The assessment is split into two equally weighted tasks, the written report, and the practical demonstration.

Overall, this series some engaging work was seen in relation to the statement.

| <i>Candidates who did well on this paper generally did the following:</i> | <i>Candidates who did less well on this paper generally did the following:</i> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrated comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the practitioner and their influence • used effective research skills to support their comments and opinions • related their thinking and findings directly and consistently to the given statement • presented their work in a clearly structured manner • demonstrated accomplished technical ability in their practical work. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gave brief and generic biographical information on the practitioner, without understanding the influence this had on the work • did not inform their thinking through any meaningful research practice • did not relate their comments to the given statement • did not have a clear structure for their work • demonstrated basic or limited technical ability in their practical work. |

Question 1

'The origins of a distinctive style could be a matter of opinion'

In response to the statement above:

- 1 Produce a report that evaluates the work and influences of **one** practitioner in response to the statement above.

(Guide of 1000 – 1500 words)

[30]

The response must be supported with thorough knowledge and understanding in relation to the chosen practitioner. This needs to include more than the basic biographical facts, and ideally is sophisticated in how wider context links to the statement. Although the wider context of where and when a practitioner lived and worked will have some relevance, it is most helpful when the information is analysed to support the links to the statement that are being made. An understanding of the chosen practitioner's work is helpful to refer to, rather than just who they were, and facts and comments should be supported with specific examples. The report will preferably read as well-informed, and therefore the information sources used should be relevant and valid. The given statement must be central to the response. It will also be helpful to demonstrate evaluation skills and to draw conclusions rather than only offer a broad reference to the practitioners work when referring to the statement. The written report is best presented with a clear and logical structure, so the thinking can be easily followed.

Question 2

- 2 Present a practical demonstration showing **two** contrasting pieces in response to the statement above. This may or may not include the work of the practitioner evaluated in Question 1.

(5 – 8 minutes)

[30]

The practical demonstration is a chance to perform two contrasting pieces. The contrast can be across, or within a discipline. The contrast can come from style, genre, discipline or contrast in mood, atmosphere, and/or artistic intentions. It will be helpful to think how the pieces being performed prove or disprove the statement. It will also be helpful for a practical demonstration to include skills and techniques that are already developed to an adequate standard, even if applying the skills to new material, to be able to demonstrate accomplished technical ability. The practical demonstration can include an introduction to the two pieces but does not need to explain why or how they meet the criteria. The choice of the performance material is important, for the practical demonstration to have relevance to the statement.

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