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Group Performance

DEVISED DRAMA

The syllabus for Devised Drama Group examinations is the same for ordinary regulated, regulated Group Performance and non-regulated examinations.

Devised Drama: Entry Level

Preparatory Grade – (10 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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| 1. Devise a scene around an object of choice. (Time limit 4 minutes) | 90 |
| 2. The Examiner will question the Learners in role. | 10 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Introductory Grade – (10 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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|---|----|
| 1. Devise a short scene in either: (Time limit 4 minutes) | 90 |
| • Magical Kingdom | |
| • On a beach | |
| • In a playground | |
| 2. The Examiner will question the Learners in role. | 10 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Preliminary Grade – (10 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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| 1. Devise a short scene based on a character with special or magical powers (Time limit 4 minutes) | 90 |
| 2. The Examiner will question the Learners in role. | 10 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Transition Grade – (10 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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|---|----|
| 1. Devise a scene involving a box, a map or key. (Time limit 4 minutes) | 90 |
| 2. The Examiner will question the Learners in role. | 10 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Devised Drama: Level 1 - Foundation

Grade 1 – (15 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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|--|----|
| 1. Devise a scene based on lost and found. (Time limit 4 minutes) | 45 |
| 2. Perform a contrasting scene with a prop of choice
(Time limit 4 minutes) | 45 |
| 3. Discuss the storyline of the scenes with the examiner. | 10 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Grade 2 – (15 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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| 1. Devise a scene based on one of the following:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairground • Garden • Airport (Time limit 4 minutes) | 45 |
| 2. Devise a scene based on an emotion (Time limit 4 minutes) | 45 |
| 3. Discuss the storyline of the scenes with the examiner. | 10 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Grade 3 – Foundation Medal (15 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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|--|----|
| 1. Devise a scene based on a well-known proverb or different historical period. (Time limit 4 minutes) | 45 |
| 2. Perform the scene again with a different outcome/meaning.
(Time limit 4 minutes) | 45 |
| 3. Discuss the storyline of the scenes with the examiner. | 10 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Devised Drama: Level 2 - Intermediate

Grade 4 – (20 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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| 1. Devise a scene based on one of the following: (Time limit 6 minutes) | 40 |
| • The secret | |
| • The memory | |
| • The diary | |
| 2. Devise a scene inspired by a picture or letter. (Time limit 6 minutes) | 40 |
| 3. Discuss the scenes and structure needed in devised drama. | 20 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Grade 5 – (20 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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|---|----|
| 1. Devise a scene based on either: (Time limit 6 minutes) | 40 |
| • Greed | |
| • Jealousy | |
| • Love | |
| • Hate | |
| 2. Devise a scene involving media (Time limit 6 minutes) | 40 |
| 3. Discuss the scenes and structure needed in devised drama | 20 |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Devised Drama: Level 3 - Advanced

Grade 6 – Bronze Medal (25 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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| 1. Devise a scene on a theme of conflict or war. (Time limit 8 minutes) | 40 |
| 2. Devise a scene that involves changes of status. (Time limit 8 minutes) | 40 |
| 3. Discuss with the Examiner: | 20 |
| • The scenes | |
| • The characters | |
| • The process when devising original work | |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Grade 7 – Silver Medal (25 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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|--|----|
| 1. Devise a scene using a piece of text visual image or music as your stimulus. (Time limit 8 minutes) | 40 |
| 2. Devise a scene based on a recent news event. (Time limit 8 minutes) | 40 |
| 3. Discuss with the Examiner: | 20 |
| • Individual roles and their research. | |
| • The preparation and construction of the piece | |
| • The research into the stimulus | |
| • The considerations when using factual material as opposed to fictional | |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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Grade 8 – Gold Medal (30 minutes)

Marks Awarded

Learners should:

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| 1. Devise a scene based on a historical or political event. (Time limit 7 minutes) | 35 |
| 2. Devise a scene based on an individual who is key to the event you have chosen. (Time limit 7 minutes) | 35 |
| 3. Devise a scene as a journalist reporting the event. (Time limit 7 minutes) | 10 |
| 4. Discuss with the Examiner: | 20 |
| • Why they choose the event | |
| • The explorative strategies used | |
| • Their research and how they reached the final performances | |

Total Marks Awarded	100
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