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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:

Marks should be awarded using the full range of marks defined in the mark scheme for the question (however; the use of the full mark range may be limited according to the quality of the candidate responses seen).

GENERIC MARKING PRINCIPLE 6:

Marks awarded are based solely on the requirements as defined in the mark scheme. Marks should not be awarded with grade thresholds or grade descriptors in mind.

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1	<p>Suggest a prop that could be used by <u>either</u> of the PORTLY GENTLEMEN in Scene 3, and say how it could be used for dramatic effect.</p> <p>The stage directions at the opening of Scene 3 mention a collecting tin and a clipboard, so it is likely that most candidates will select one of these and will therefore be awarded a mark for doing so. The second mark is reserved for a suggestion as to how the prop can be used for dramatic effect.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>A suggestion of an appropriate prop for either of the actors playing the PORTLY GENTLEMEN.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A suggestion as to how this prop could be used for dramatic effect.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> </table>	A suggestion of an appropriate prop for either of the actors playing the PORTLY GENTLEMEN.	1 Mark	A suggestion as to how this prop could be used for dramatic effect.	1 Mark	2
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2	<p>Identify <u>one</u> point in the extract where stage technology might be used, and say why it could enhance the drama.</p> <p>There are several moments where stage technology could enhance the drama. Many of the changes of scene – or moments of transformation within scenes – call for quasi-magical visual effects that would be best achieved through technological means. Allow one mark for the identification of where such an effect would be well placed, and a further mark for outlining why.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>An appropriate point in the extract.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>An outline of why it would be effective.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> </table>	An appropriate point in the extract.	1 Mark	An outline of why it would be effective.	1 Mark	2
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4	<p>Look at Scene 21 and suggest <u>two</u> ways in which the actors could convey a strong sense of emotional energy to the audience. Why would each of these be effective?</p> <p>Scene 21 is a fast-moving episode, which sets up a fantasy scene with FRED and WIFE on a flying bed, with SCROOGE and the GHOST intervening for comic effect. This is effectively a type of party game, with SCROOGE enjoying himself. It establishes a new level of emotional intensity by means of rapid pacing and intense interaction between the actors.</p> <p>Allow credit for suggestions as to how the emotional energy of the passage could be conveyed to an audience, and an additional mark for saying why it would be effective.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>A suggestion of a way of conveying emotional energy.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A valid explanation as to why this method would be effective.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">and/or</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A further suggestion of a way of conveying emotional energy.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A valid explanation as to why this method would be effective.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> </table>	A suggestion of a way of conveying emotional energy.	1 Mark	and		A valid explanation as to why this method would be effective.	1 Mark	and/or		A further suggestion of a way of conveying emotional energy.	1 Mark	and		A valid explanation as to why this method would be effective.	1 Mark	4
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5	<p>You are coaching the actors in Scene 19 up to line 740 ('God bless us every one.'). Suggest <u>two</u> aspects you wish them to work on, and say how you think this would improve their performance.</p> <p>Scene 19 establishes the atmosphere of the Cratchit household, with a sense of purposeful bustle in an environment of extreme poverty. Allow for any suggestions that recognise how the actors playing the roles can convey this dramatic significance.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Identification of one aspect to work on.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A valid explanation as to how this would improve performance.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">and/or</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Identification of a further aspect to work on.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">and</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A valid explanation as to how this would improve performance.</td> <td>1 Mark</td> </tr> </table>	Identification of one aspect to work on.	1 Mark	and		A valid explanation as to how this would improve performance.	1 Mark	and/or		Identification of a further aspect to work on.	1 Mark	and		A valid explanation as to how this would improve performance.	1 Mark	4
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6	<p>You have been cast in the role of SCROOGE. How would you convey his changing state of mind in Scene 29?</p> <p>This scene is the culmination of the action, as Scrooge's attitudes and motivations are transformed as a result of his visitation by the three Ghosts. This should capture the emotional journey from the start of the scene, as the Ghost of Christmas Yet To Come shows him his potential future, through to his excitement and elation as he realises that he has the opportunity to change things immediately as he has not missed Christmas Day. The scene opens with Scrooge's residual positivity from his encounter with the Ghost, through his despair, and culminating in his euphoric babble as he realises a new opportunity has been afforded him.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Rudimentary comments about SCROOGE's state of mind.</td> <td>1 mark</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A general comment about SCROOGE's state of mind and rudimentary ideas about how to deliver the speech.</td> <td>2 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Some understanding of SCROOGE's changing state of mind and a competent grasp of how to deliver the speech.</td> <td>3 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A clear understanding of the changes in SCROOGE's changing state of mind, and several suggestions as how to deliver the speech.</td> <td>4 marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A detailed discussion of SCROOGE's changing state of mind, and a thorough understanding of how to deliver the speech.</td> <td>5 marks</td> </tr> </table>	Rudimentary comments about SCROOGE's state of mind.	1 mark	A general comment about SCROOGE's state of mind and rudimentary ideas about how to deliver the speech.	2 marks	Some understanding of SCROOGE's changing state of mind and a competent grasp of how to deliver the speech.	3 marks	A clear understanding of the changes in SCROOGE's changing state of mind, and several suggestions as how to deliver the speech.	4 marks	A detailed discussion of SCROOGE's changing state of mind, and a thorough understanding of how to deliver the speech.	5 marks	5
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	2–4	<i>Simplistic response</i> The response shows little understanding of the role.	
	0/1	No answer/insufficient response to meet the criteria in the band above.	

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10	As a director, how far would you seek to stage the extract as a comedy, and why?		25	
	This dramatisation of Dickens’s novel makes much of the rumbustious, colourful world of the story, emphasising its bizarre elements and heightening the sense of fantasy and humour. The themes of Dickens’s story are fundamentally dark. Responses should reflect this, and also the fact that in this stage version there are numerous comedic passages, which the director has the opportunity to emphasise. Allow credit for outlining cogent reasons for comedic staging – or otherwise – of the extract.			
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	2–4	<i>Simplistic response</i> Shows little understanding of how to direct the extract.	
	0/1	No answer/insufficient response to meet the criteria in the band above.	

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11	<p>As a designer, what methods would you use to distinguish between past, present and future in the extract?</p> <p>The impact of the drama relies heavily on the ability to create a clear sense of time in the staging of the extract. Allow for creative solutions that demonstrate understanding of how design elements can contribute to this.</p>		25
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