

GCSE Drama Examination Information

Subject Content:

1. Understanding drama
2. Devising drama
3. Texts in practice

Subject	Exam board	Exam Board Specification Title	Link to specification
GCSE Drama	AQA	DRAMA (8261)	Specification

Assessment:

Component 1: Understanding drama
What's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Knowledge and understanding of drama and theatre• Study of one set play from a choice of nine• Analysis and evaluation of the work of live theatre makers
How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 1 hour and 45 minutes• Open book• 80 marks• 40% of GCSE
Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A: multiple choice (4 marks)• Section B: four questions on a given extract from the set play chosen (44 marks)

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- **Section C:** one question (from a choice) on the work of theatre makers in a single live theatre production (32 marks)

Component 2: Devising drama (Practical)

What's assessed

- Process of creating devised drama
- Performance of devised drama (students may contribute as performer or designer)
- Analysis and evaluation of own work

How it's assessed

- Devising log (60 marks)
- Devised performance (20 marks)
- 80 marks in total
- 40% of GCSE

This component is marked by teachers and moderated by AQA.

Component 3:

What's assessed

- Performance of two extracts from one play (students may contribute as performer or designer)

Free choice of play but it must contrast with the set play chosen for Component 1

How it's assessed

- Performance of Extract 1 (20 marks) and Extract 2 (20 marks)

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- 40 marks in total
- 20% of GCSE

This component is marked by AQA.