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General Marking Guidance

- All candidates must receive the same treatment. Examiners must mark the first candidate in exactly the same way as they mark the last.
- Mark schemes should be applied positively. Candidates must be rewarded for what they have shown they can do rather than penalised for omissions.
- Examiners should mark according to the mark scheme not according to their perception of where the grade boundaries may lie.
- There is no ceiling on achievement. All marks on the mark scheme should be used appropriately.
- All the marks on the mark scheme are designed to be awarded. Examiners should always award full marks if deserved, i.e. if the answer matches the mark scheme. Examiners should also be prepared to award zero marks if the candidate's response is not worthy of credit according to the mark scheme.
- Where some judgement is required, mark schemes will provide the principles by which marks will be awarded and exemplification may be limited.
- When examiners are in doubt regarding the application of the mark scheme to a candidate's response, the team leader must be consulted.
- Crossed out work should be marked UNLESS the candidate has replaced it with an alternative response.

Section A

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1	<p data-bbox="379 439 555 472"><i>The Rover</i></p> <p data-bbox="379 506 1203 539">Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul data-bbox="427 544 1378 1357" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="427 544 1378 685">• the play begins with the lives of the sisters Florinda and Hellena being determined by institutions - the patriarchal family (in the form of their brother, Don Pedro) and the Church (Hellena is destined for the convent)<li data-bbox="427 689 1246 752">• Florinda's dissatisfaction at the choice of husbands, Hellena's determination to escape the convent<li data-bbox="427 757 1270 790">• Florinda and Belvile's plan to escape and be together<li data-bbox="427 795 1378 936">• Angellica's position is complex: Behn's use of characterisation to create a free spirit who seeks independence, and yet is trapped by her dependence on the men who pay her<li data-bbox="427 940 1326 1037">• the attempted rape of Florinda: she is not free to give or withhold consent due to Blunt and Frederick's violent impositions<li data-bbox="427 1041 1278 1104">• carnival freedom seems in stark contrast to restricted England<li data-bbox="427 1108 1378 1357">• contexts of relevance might include the contemporary political situation in England, including restoration of the monarchy and the recent exile of Royalists not free to return; restrictions of class and gender in Behn's society; contemporary and modern productions; reference may also be made to a variety of critical opinions and interpretations of the text and its performance. <p data-bbox="379 1395 1222 1460">These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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Section B

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11	<p data-bbox="384 443 533 472"><i>Top Girls</i></p> <p data-bbox="384 510 1203 539">Candidates may refer to the following in their answers:</p> <ul data-bbox="432 551 1374 1361" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="432 551 1374 719">• deceptions of the historical characters in the opening scene, such as Pope Joan revealing the deceptions she used to achieve success, impersonating a man to rise to Pope; Churchill’s use of dramatic parallelism with the modern characters that follow<li data-bbox="432 730 1374 853">• at the Top Girls agency, Shona - the young women being interviewed – exaggerates her success, pretending to drive a Porsche. She perhaps rightly feels she cannot get ahead otherwise<li data-bbox="432 864 1374 965">• Marlene’s colleagues Win and Nell are remarkably honest (“I’m not very nice”) or somewhat duplicitous (conducting secret affairs with married men)<li data-bbox="432 976 1374 1005">• Marlene’s deception in pretending to be Angie’s aunt<li data-bbox="432 1016 1374 1068">• Joyce’s collaboration in the deception in playing the role of Angie’s mother<li data-bbox="432 1079 1374 1144">• Marlene’s belated and partial recognition of the causes of deception in Angie and Joyce<li data-bbox="432 1155 1374 1361">• contexts of relevance might include the status of women in the workplace and the difficulty of obtaining satisfying work or meaningful promotions; the presentation of relationships in contemporary and modern productions; reference may also be made to a variety of critical opinions and interpretations of the text and its performance. <p data-bbox="384 1402 1222 1460">These are suggestions only. Accept any valid alternative responses.</p>

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