

RIAM EXAMS
Speech and Drama Senior Certificate Paper

November 2023

Please attempt **FOUR** Questions
Answer Questions 1 and 2, and any two others.

Exam Duration: 2 hours

Candidates must not reference the same material in more than one Question

1. Write a theatre review of a recent professional production that you have seen. This should include a summary, analysis, and evaluation of all relevant aspects of the production.
2. Outline the main elements of vocal expression and their importance in voice production and performance. In answering this question, include your understanding of 'a well-modulated voice'.
3. Choose a poet, playwright, or author that you have studied and give an appreciation of their work. Refer to specific texts / quotes to support your answer.
4. *"All the world's a stage, and the men and women merely players;"* Shakespeare's themes, characters and language are still relevant today. Discuss with reference to at least two of Shakespeare's plays.
5. The art of good verse speaking differs from the speaking of prose. Discuss with reference to specific texts.
6. Irish actors continue to have remarkable success in film, television, and theatre. Choose a specific role that would appeal to you for a stage production and outline how you might prepare for your audition. Describe your approach to building/developing this character.

