Your notes

GCSE Dance: revision notes

Writing about dance

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Component 2: Dance appreciation

- The written exam lasts 1 hour 30 minutes, is worth 80 marks and 40% of the GCSE.
- It covers knowledge of choreographic processes and performing skills, **critical appreciation** of your own work, and **critical appreciation** of the anthology.

Writing about dance

- **Describe**: what you see, using precise dance vocabulary (actions, space, dynamics and relationships).
- **Analyse**: how the movement and production features create meaning.
- **Interpret**: what the dance communicates, and how it makes the audience feel.
- **Evaluate**: how successful it is, with reasons.

Writing about your own work

- Explain your choreographic intention and how your choices (motifs, devices, structure) communicated it.
- Explain how you used performance skills and how you improved them through rehearsal and feedback.

Key terms

Critical appreciation	Describing, analysing, interpreting and evaluating dance.
Describe	Say what you see.
Analyse	Explain how features create meaning.
Interpret	Explain what the dance communicates.
Evaluate	Judge how successful something is, with reasons.

Quick questions

Cover the answers and test yourself: remembering is what makes it stick.

1. How long is the GCSE Dance written exam?
2. How much of the GCSE is Component 2?
3. What does interpret mean when writing about dance?
4. What does evaluate mean?
5. Which is precise dance vocabulary?
6. What should you explain about your own choreography?
7. How many marks is the written exam?
8. What does analyse mean?

Answers

1. 1 hour 30 minutes
2. 40%
3. Explain what the dance communicates
4. Judge how successful something is, with reasons
5. "A sustained, low-level turn in canon"
6. Your intention and how your choices communicated it
7. 80
8. Explain how features create meaning

What to do next

Practise 10 questions on this topic

Try 3 exam questions, with mark schemes

Read the lesson, one step at a time

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