



## DRAMA AND THEATRE STUDIES

### Example Question

Read the excerpt from the beginning of a play (below) and answer the questions at the bottom.

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There is a nice restaurant with a bit of a romantic atmosphere. A woman in a little old lady mask (Sidney) is sitting at the down center table sitting across from an empty chair. A man, Tony, walks up to the table. He stops and gives a funny look at Sidney.

TONY

Uh... I think I have the wrong table?

Sidney speaks in an old lady voice.

SIDNEY

Who you looking for, honey?

TONY

Sidney.

SIDNEY

That's me.

TONY

What?

SIDNEY

I'm Sidney.

TONY

Is this a joke?

SIDNEY

Are you Tony? You're late. I thought you'd be here at 5.

TONY

I've gotta go. Uh... I just wanted to tell you that Tony can't make it.

Tony leaves. Sidney does her regular voice.

SIDNEY

See you later, loser.

### Questions

- 1) If you were directing this play what mood would you want to inspire in your audience during this introductory scene?
- 2) How would you advise Tony to deliver his lines and why?
- 3) What lighting and costume would you suggest for this scene and what would those elements add to it?

### Essay Question

From your experience of plays you have seen or performed, what are the key elements of an excellent performance?