



Macbeth

English Past Exam Questions

Ordinary Level

2013

Paper 2 – Section 1 – Question H

3. Answer **ONE** of the following: [Each part carries 30 marks]

(i) ‘Lady Macbeth is the real villain of the play.’

Do you agree with the above statement? Give reasons for your answer, based on your knowledge of the text.

OR

(ii) Write a piece in which you agree or disagree with the following statement:

Shakespeare’s use of horror and the supernatural added to my enjoyment of the play, *Macbeth*.

Support your answer with reference to the play.

OR

(iii) Imagine you are a Scottish noble. Write a letter to a friend who lives abroad. In your letter, outline what life is like now that Macbeth is King and express your hopes for Scotland’s future. You should base your letter on your knowledge of the play.

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Paper 2 – Section 1 – Question G

G **MACBETH** – William Shakespeare

Answer **all** of the questions.

1. (a) In Act 2, scene 3, Macduff discovers Duncan’s body. Describe Macbeth’s reaction to this event. (10)
- (b) Why, in your opinion, does Macbeth decide to murder Banquo? (10)
2. Do you feel pity for Lady Macbeth in the sleepwalking scene in Act 5? Explain your answer. (10)
3. Answer **ONE** of the following: [Each part carries 30 marks]
 - (i) “Although Macbeth is guilty of many evil deeds, he is a brave man.” Would you agree with this opinion of Macbeth? Give reasons for your answer based on your knowledge of the play.

OR

- (ii) You have been invited to play the part of a character in your school’s production of the play *Macbeth*. Describe the qualities of your chosen character which you would wish to make clear to your audience. Support your answer with reference to the text.

OR

- (iii) Macbeth has been arrested for the murder of Duncan. You are to make a speech **either** defending **or** prosecuting him at his trial. Write the speech you would make.