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A Level English Literature

H472/01 Drama and poetry pre-1900

Time allowed: 2 hours 30 minutes



You must have:

- the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet

INSTRUCTIONS

- Use black ink.
- Write your answer to each question in the Answer Booklet. The question numbers must be clearly shown.
- Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.
- Answer **one** question in Section 1 and **one** in Section 2.
- All questions in Section 1 have two parts, (a) and (b). Answer **both** parts of the question on the text you have studied.
- Answer **one** question on the texts you have studied in Section 2.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is **60**.
- The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].
- This document has **20** pages.

ADVICE

- Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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	And by my body's action teach my mind A most inherent baseness.	
VOLUMNIA	At thy choice, then. To beg of thee, it is my more dishonour Than thou of them. Come all to ruin. Let Thy mother rather feel thy pride than fear Thy dangerous stoutness; for I mock at death With as big heart as thou. Do as thou list. Thy valiantness was mine, thou suck'dst it from me; But owe thy pride thyself.	40
CORIOLANUS	Pray be content. Mother, I am going to the market-place; Chide me no more. I'll mountebank their loves, Cog their hearts from them, and come home belov'd Of all the trades in Rome. Look, I am going. Commend me to my wife. I'll return consul, Or never trust to what my tongue can do I' th' way of flattery further.	45
VOLUMNIA	Do your will.	[Exit.
COMINIUS	Away! The tribunes do attend you. Arm yourself To answer mildly; for they are prepar'd With accusations, as I hear, more strong Than are upon you yet.	55
CORIOLANUS	The word is 'mildly'. Pray you let us go. Let them accuse me by invention; I Will answer in mine honour.	60
MENENIUS	Ay, but mildly.	
CORIOLANUS	Well, mildly be it then – mildly.	[Exeunt.

And

(b) 'Coriolanus is unable to adjust to the demands of Roman politics.'

Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, show how far you agree with this view of the role of Coriolanus in the play *Coriolanus*.

Remember to support your answer with reference to different interpretations.

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2 *Hamlet*

Answer **both** parts (a) and (b).

- (a) Discuss the following passage from Act 2 Scene 2, exploring Shakespeare's use of language and its dramatic effects. [15]

HAMLET	O God, I could be bounded in a nutshell and count myself a king of infinite space, were it not that I have bad dreams.	
GUILDENSTERN	Which dreams indeed are ambition; for the very substance of the ambitious is merely the shadow of a dream.	
HAMLET	A dream itself is but a shadow.	5
ROSENCRANTZ	Truly, and I hold ambition of so airy and light a quality that it is but a shadow's shadow.	
HAMLET	Then are our beggars bodies, and our monarchs and outstretch'd heroes the beggars' shadows. Shall we to th' court? for, by my fay, I cannot reason.	10
BOTH	We'll wait upon you.	
HAMLET	No such matter. I will not sort you with the rest of my servants; for, to speak to you like an honest man, I am most dreadfully attended. But, in the beaten way of friendship, what make you at Elsinore?	
ROSENCRANTZ	To visit you, my lord; no other occasion.	15
HAMLET	Beggar that I am, I am even poor in thanks; but I thank you; and sure, dear friends, my thanks are too dear a half-penny. Were you not sent for? Is it your own inclining? Is it a free visitation? Come, come, deal justly with me. Come, come; nay, speak.	
GUILDENSTERN	What should we say, my lord?	20
HAMLET	Why any thing. But to th' purpose: you were sent for; and there is a kind of confession in your looks, which your modesties have not craft enough to colour; I know the good King and Queen have sent for you.	
ROSENCRANTZ	To what end, my lord?	
HAMLET	That you must teach me. But let me conjure you by the rights of our fellowship, by the consonancy of our youth, by the obligation of our ever-preserved love, and by what more dear a better proposer can charge you withal, be even and direct with me, whether you were sent for or no?	25
ROSENCRANTZ	[<i>Aside to Guildenstern</i>] What say you?	30
HAMLET	[<i>Aside</i>] Nay, then, I have an eye of you. – If you love me, hold not off.	
GUILDENSTERN	My lord, we were sent for.	
HAMLET	I will tell you why; so shall my anticipation prevent your discovery, and your secrecy to the King and Queen moult no feather. I have of late – but wherefore I know not – lost all my mirth, forgone all custom of exercises; and indeed it goes so heavily with my disposition that this goodly frame, the earth, seems to me a sterile promontory; this most excellent canopy the air, look you, this brave o'er-hanging firmament, this majestical roof fretted with golden fire – why, it appeareth no other thing to me than a foul and pestilent congregation of vapours. What a piece of work is a man! How noble in reason! how infinite in faculties! in form and moving, how express and admirable! in action, how like an angel! in apprehension, how like a god! the beauty of the world! the paragon of animals! And yet, to me, what is this quintessence of dust? Man delights not me – no, nor woman neither, though by your smiling you seem to say so.	35
ROSENCRANTZ	My lord, there was no such stuff in my thoughts.	40
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And

(b) 'It is hard to be loyal in the world of *Hamlet* – even to one's friends.'

Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, show how far you agree with this view of loyalty in the play *Hamlet*.

Remember to support your answer with reference to different interpretations.

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She, Claudio, that you wrong'd, look you restore.
 Joy to you, Mariana! Love her, Angelo;
 I have confess'd her, and I know her virtue. 50
 Thanks, good friend Escalus, for thy much goodness;
 There's more behind that is more grate. 55
 Thanks, Provost, for thy care and secrecy;
 We shall employ thee in a worthier place.
 Forgive him, Angelo, that brought you home
 The head of Ragozine for Claudio's: 60
 Th' offence pardons itself. Dear Isabel,
 I have a motion much imports your good;
 Whereto if you'll a willing ear incline,
 What's mine is yours, and what is yours is mine. 60
 So, bring us to our palace, where we'll show
 What's yet behind that's meet you all should know.

[Exeunt.]

And

(b) 'The conclusion of the play – like the rest of it – is full of uncomfortable moral choices.'

Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, show how far you agree with this view of *Measure for Measure*.

Remember to support your answer with reference to different interpretations.

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4 *Richard III*

Answer **both** parts (a) and (b).

- (a) Discuss the following passage from Act 3 Scene 5, exploring Shakespeare's use of language and its dramatic effects. [15]

Enter GLOUCESTER and BUCKINGHAM in rotten armour, marvellous ill-favoured.

GLOUCESTER	Come, cousin, canst thou quake and change thy colour, Murder thy breath in middle of a word, And then again begin, and stop again, As if thou were distraught and mad with terror?	5
BUCKINGHAM	Tut, I can counterfeit the deep tragedian; Speak and look back, and pry on every side, Tremble and start at wagging of a straw, Intending deep suspicion. Ghastly looks Are at my service, like enforced smiles; And both are ready in their offices At any time to grace my stratagems. But what, is Catesby gone?	10
GLOUCESTER	He is; and, see, he brings the mayor along.	

Enter the Lord Mayor and CATESBY. 15

BUCKINGHAM	Lord Mayor –	
GLOUCESTER	Look to the drawbridge there!	
BUCKINGHAM	Hark! a drum.	
GLOUCESTER	Catesby, o'erlook the walls.	
BUCKINGHAM	Lord Mayor, the reason we have sent–	20
GLOUCESTER	Look back, defend thee; here are enemies.	
BUCKINGHAM	God and our innocence defend and guard us!	

Enter LOVELL and RATCLIFF, with Hastings' head.

GLOUCESTER	Be patient; they are friends – Ratcliff and Lovell.	
LOVELL	Here is the head of that ignoble traitor, The dangerous and unsuspected Hastings.	25
GLOUCESTER	So dear I lov'd the man that I must weep. I took him for the plainest harmless creature That breath'd upon the earth a Christian; Made him my book, wherein my soul recorded The history of all her secret thoughts. So smooth he daub'd his vice with show of virtue That, his apparent open guilt omitted, I mean his conversation with Shore's wife – He liv'd from all attainder of suspects.	30
BUCKINGHAM	Well, well, he was the covert'st shelt'rd traitor That ever liv'd. Would you imagine, or almost believe – Were't not that by great preservation We live to tell it – that the subtle traitor This day had plotted, in the council-house, To murder me and my good Lord of Gloucester. Had he done so?	35
MAYOR		40

GLOUCESTER	What! think you we are Turks or Infidels? Or that we would, against the form of law, Proceed thus rashly in the villain's death But that the extreme peril of the case, The peace of England and our persons' safety, Enforc'd us to this execution?	45
MAYOR	Now, fair befall you! He deserv'd his death; And your good Graces both have well proceeded To warn false traitors from the like attempts. I never look'd for better at his hands After he once fell in with Mistress Shore.	50

And

(b) 'Lies and deception drive the action of the play from beginning to end.'

Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, show how far you agree with this view of the play *Richard III*.

Remember to support your answer with reference to different interpretations.

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TRINCULO	That's more to me than my wetting; yet this is your harmless fairy, monster.	45
STEPHANO	I will fetch off my bottle, though I be o'er ears for my labour.	
CALIBAN	Prithce, my king, be quiet. Seest thou here, This is the mouth o' th' cell; no noise, and enter. Do that good mischief which may make this island Thine own for ever, and I, thy Caliban, For aye thy foot-licker.	50
STEPHANO	Give me thy hand. I do begin to have bloody thoughts.	
TRINCULO	O King Stephano! O peer! O worthy Stephano! Look what a wardrobe here is for thee!	
CALIBAN	Let it alone, thou fool; it is but trash.	55
TRINCULO	O, ho, monster; we know what belongs to a frippery. O King Stephano!	
STEPHANO	Put off that gown, Trinculo; by this hand, I'll have that gown.	
TRINCULO	Thy Grace shall have it.	
CALIBAN	The dropsy drown this fool! What do you mean To dote thus on such luggage? Let't alone, And do the murder first.	60

And

(b) 'The play's magic highlights the weaknesses of its characters.'

Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, show how far you agree with this view of the effect of magic in *The Tempest*.

Remember to support your answer with reference to different interpretations.

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6 *Twelfth Night*

Answer **both** parts (a) and (b).

- (a) Discuss the following passage from Act 5 Scene 1, exploring Shakespeare's use of language and its dramatic effects. [15]

Re-enter FABIAN, with MALVOLIO.

DUKE	Is this the madman?	
OLIVIA	Ay, my lord, this same.	
MALVOLIO	How now, Malvolio! Madam, you have done me wrong, Notorious wrong.	5
OLIVIA	Have I, Malvolio? No.	
MALVOLIO	Lady, you have. Pray you peruse that letter. You must not now deny it is your hand; Write from it if you can, in hand or phrase; Or say 'tis not your seal, not your invention; You can say none of this. Well, grant it then, And tell me, in the modesty of honour, Why you have given me such clear lights of favour, Bade me come smiling and cross-garter'd to you, To put on yellow stockings, and to frown Upon Sir Toby and the lighter people; And, acting this in an obedient hope, Why have you suffer'd me to be imprison'd, Kept in a dark house, visited by the priest, And made the most notorious geck and gull That e'er invention play'd on? Tell me why.	10
OLIVIA	Alas, Malvolio, this is not my writing, Though, I confess, much like the character; But out of question 'tis Maria's hand. And now I do bethink me, it was she First told me – thou wast mad; then cam'st in smiling, And in such forms which here were pre-suppos'd Upon thee in the letter. Prithee, be content; This practice hath most shrewdly pass'd upon thee, But, when we know the grounds and authors of it, Thou shalt be both the plaintiff and the judge Of thine own cause.	15
FABIAN	Good madam, hear me speak, And let no quarrel nor no brawl to come Taint the condition of this present hour, Which I have wond'ered at. In hope it shall not, Most freely I confess myself and Toby Set this device against Malvolio here, Upon some stubborn and uncourteous parts We had conceiv'd against him. Maria writ The letter, at Sir Toby's great importance, In recompense whereof he hath married her. How with a sportful malice it was follow'd May rather pluck on laughter than revenge, If that the injuries be justly weigh'd That have on both sides pass'd.	20
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OLIVIA	Alas, poor fool, how have they baffl'd thee!	
CLOWN	Why, 'Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrown upon them'. I was one, sir, in this interlude – one Sir Topas, sir; but that's all one. 'By the Lord, fool, I am not mad!' But do you remember – 'Madam, why laugh you at such a barren rascal? An you smile not, he's gagg'd'? And thus the whirligig of time brings in his revenges.	50
MALVOLIO	I'll be reveng'd on the whole pack of you.	[Exit.
OLIVIA	He hath been most notoriously abus'd.	55

And

(b) 'By the end of the play no one is deceived.'

Using your knowledge of the play as a whole, show how far you agree with this view of *Twelfth Night*.

Remember to support your answer with reference to different interpretations.

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Section 2 – Drama and Poetry pre-1900

Answer **one** question from this section. You should spend about 1 hour and 15 minutes on this section.

In your answer, you should refer to one drama text and one poetry text from the following lists:

Drama	Poetry
Christopher Marlowe: <i>Edward II</i> John Webster: <i>The Duchess of Malfi</i> Oliver Goldsmith: <i>She Stoops to Conquer</i> Henrik Ibsen: <i>A Doll's House</i> Oscar Wilde: <i>An Ideal Husband</i>	Geoffrey Chaucer: <i>The Merchant's Prologue and Tale</i> John Milton: <i>Paradise Lost Books 9 & 10</i> Samuel Taylor Coleridge: <i>Selected Poems</i> Alfred, Lord Tennyson: <i>Maud</i> Christina Rossetti: <i>Selected Poems</i>

7 *'In literature passionate words often accompany foolish behaviour.'*

In the light of this view, consider ways in which writers explore passionate words and the actions that accompany them. In your answer, compare one drama text and one poetry text from the above lists.

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Or

8 *'Literature often views wisdom as a very rare virtue.'*

In the light of this view, consider ways in which writers explore wisdom. In your answer, compare one drama text and one poetry text from the above lists.

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Or

9 *'Literature suggests there is little harm in ambition.'*

In the light of this view, consider ways in which writers explore the effects of ambition. In your answer, compare one drama text and one poetry text from the above lists.

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Or

10 *'Differences of opinion are unavoidable in human societies.'*

In the light of this view, consider ways in which writers explore clashes of opinion. In your answer, compare one drama text and one poetry text from the above lists.

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Or

11 *'We all have secrets.'*

In the light of this view, consider ways in which writers explore secrets and secrecy. In your answer, compare one drama text and one poetry text from the above lists.

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Or

12 *'When literature confronts a problem, it should raise questions, not provide answers.'*

In the light of this view, consider ways in which writers explore complex issues. In your answer, compare one drama text and one poetry text from the above lists.

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