

Summer 2023 English Literature GCSE AQA

Paper 1		
Section A		
Shakespeare 'Macbeth'		AQA 'Macbeth' study guide + key quotations
34 marks		Key quotations sheet
Act 1	Learn key quotations. What is happening in each quote? How is the character/ theme presented? What is Shakespeare's message?	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene 1 -The play opens with the witches. They plan to 'meet' with Macbeth on a heath and he returns home from a battle. • Scene 2 - 'Brave' Macbeth on the battlefield. Duncan announces Macbeth will be the new Thane of Cawdor. • Scene 3 – Macbeth and Banquo meet the witches and are told the prophecies • Scene 4 – Duncan makes his oldest son Malcolm heir to the throne • Scene 5 – Lady Macbeth reads and reacts to Macbeth's letter • Scene 6 – Duncan arrives at Macbeth's castle • Scene 7 – Macbeth worries about killing Duncan but Lady Macbeth continues to persuade 	Pg 11 - 23
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene 1 – Macbeth believes he sees a dagger as he goes to commit regicide • Scene 2 – Macbeth returns to his wife with the daggers and she criticises him for it and takes them back herself, framing the guards for the murder • Scene 3 – Macduff and Malcolm arrive at Macbeth's castle and discover the body of the king. • Scene 4 – Unnatural weather and events symbolise the horror of the night 	Pg 24 - 32
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene 1 – Macbeth is concerned about the threat of Banquo and meets two murderers to kill him • Scene 2 – Macbeth is consumed by guilt and worry • Scene 3 – Banquo is killed, Fleance escapes • Scene 4 – Banquo's ghost appears at the banquet • Scene 5 – The audience meet the witches again with the witch in charge Hecate • Scene 6 – Lennox reports that Macduff has gone to seek military help in England 	Pg 33-41
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene 1 – The witches show Macbeth the apparitions • Scene 2 – The killing of the Macduff family • Scene 3 – Macduff is told of the killing of his family and vows to kill Macbeth 	Pg 42-51
Act 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scene 1 – Lady Macbeth descends into madness due to guilt • Scene 2 – Armies are gathering in Birnam wood • Scene 3 – Macbeth is preparing to defend the castle and his behaviour is becoming increasingly erratic • Scene 4 – Audience realise that the witches tricked Macbeth when they told him he was safe unless the wood walked to the castle. • Scene 5- Macbeth hears the news that his wife is dead • Scene 6 – The battle begins • Scene 7 – Young Siward dies • Scene 8 – Macbeth is killed by Macduff • Scene 9 – The natural order is restored as Malcolm announces his coronation 	Pg 52 - 63
Act 3		
Act 4		
Act 5		

Characters	Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Duncan, Banquo, Macduff, Malcolm	Pg 64-70
	Themes and context	Power and Kingship, Ambition, Trust and Loyalty, Evil and the Supernatural, Sin and Guilt, Nature and Chaos, Men and Women, Madness and Sleep, Appearance and Reality. Jacobean context.

Section B

Dickens 'A Christmas Carol'

30 marks

AQA 'A Christmas Carol' Study Guide + key quotations

	Learn key quotations. What is happening in each quote? How is the character/ theme presented? What is Dickens' message?	Key quotations sheet
Stave 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marley is dead • The weather is foggy • Scrooge is a work mistreating his employee and Fred invites Scrooge to Christmas dinner. Scrooge refuses to go. • The portly gentlemen ask Scrooge for a donation to charity, and he refuses • Bob Cratchit wants the day off work on Christmas Day and Scrooge agrees reluctantly • The Ghost of Marley arrives to warn Scrooge to redeem and informs him that he will be visited by 3 spirits 	Pg 12 – 21
Stave 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ghost of Christmas Past visits Scrooge • The ghost takes Scrooge to revisit a memory of his childhood • The ghost takes Scrooge to see his former benevolent employer Fezziwig • The ghosts takes Scrooge to observe his ex-fiancé Belle, when she ended their engagement and then again when she is married with family 	Pg 22- 33
Stave 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The ghost of Christmas Present visits Scrooge • The ghost takes Scrooge around the streets of London • The ghost takes Scrooge to see the Cratchits eat Christmas dinner • The ghost takes Scrooge to Fred's house • The ghost reveals Ignorance and Want from under his gown • The ghost dies and at the end of the Stave the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come appears 	Pg 34- 43
Stave 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come takes Scrooge to the 'beetling shop' to see possessions that belonged to the dead sold for profit • The ghost takes Scrooge to see a corpse lying on a bed in a bare room • The ghost takes Scrooge to see the Cratchit family's reaction to the death of Tiny Tim • The ghost takes Scrooge to see his own grave and Scrooge realises the places that he has been are all about his own death 	Pg 44 -55
Stave 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrooge wakes up on Christmas morning and is joyful at being redeemed • Scrooge arranges for a 'prize turkey' to be delivered to the Cratchits • Scrooge meets the portly gentlemen again and this time makes a donation • Scrooge enjoys the carol singing • Scrooge goes to Fred's house for Christmas dinner • Scrooge raises Bob's wage and is said to be benevolent for the rest of his life 	Pg56 – 63
Characters	Scrooge, The Ghosts including Marley, The Cratchits, Fezziwig, Fred, Belle	Pg 64- 69

Themes and context	Social Responsibility, Christmas Spirit, Redemption, Greed, Poverty, Family, Victorian context.	Pg70-73
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