

Summer 2023 English Literature GCSE AQA

Paper 1

Section A

Shakespeare 'Macbeth'

34 marks

AQA 'Macbeth' study guide

Act 1	<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
Act 2	<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
Act 3	<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
Act 4	<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 5	<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
Characters	Macbeth, Lady Macbeth, Duncan, Banquo, Macduff, Malcolm	Pg 64-70
Themes	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.	Pg 71-75

Section B

Dickens 'A Christmas Carol'

30 marks

AQA 'A Christmas Carol' Study Guide

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	Social Responsibility, Christmas Spirit, Redemption, Greed, Poverty, Family	Pg70-73