

English test

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KEY STAGE

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LEVELS

4–7

2003

Shakespeare paper: Macbeth

Please read this page, but do not open the booklet until your teacher tells you to start.

Write your name, the name of your school and the title of the play you are writing about on the front cover of your answer booklet.

- The paper is 1 hour 15 minutes long.
- It has two sections:
 - Section A assesses your writing and has 20 marks;
 - Section B assesses your reading and understanding of *Macbeth*, and has 18 marks.
- You should spend about:
 - 30 minutes on Section A**
 - 45 minutes on Section B**
- You should start your answer to Section B on a new page.

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Section A – Writing

You should spend about 30 minutes on this section.

In real life, no one wants to meet a villain like Macbeth, but in books, on stage or on screen, villains can be strangely compelling. After all ...

We all love to hate a villain!

Your English teacher has received the following request:

*Zenith Publishers
May 2003*

Dear English teacher

We are planning to publish a light-hearted book about villains.

For one section, we want short pieces that analyse why villains, despite being threatening, can be so enjoyable to watch or read about.

We would welcome contributions from your pupils, perhaps commenting on a couple of particular villains!

Yours sincerely

*Ros Payne
Commissioning Editor*

Write a contribution for this book.

20 marks including 4 marks for spelling

Turn over for Section B

Section B – Reading

You should spend about 45 minutes on this section.

Macbeth

Act 1 Scene 7, line 28 to the end of the scene
Act 5 Scene 1, lines 16 to 58

What impressions might an audience get of Lady Macbeth from the different ways she speaks and behaves in these extracts?

Support your ideas by referring to the extracts which are printed on the following pages.

18 marks

I would, while it was smiling in my face,
Have plucked my nipple from his boneless gums
And dashed the brains out, had I so sworn
As you have done to this.

MACBETH

If we should fail?

LADY MACBETH

We fail?

But screw your courage to the sticking-place,
And we'll not fail. When Duncan is asleep,
Whereto the rather shall his day's hard journey
Soundly invite him, his two chamberlains
Will I with wine and wassail so convince
That memory, the warder of the brain, 65
Shall be a fume, and the receipt of reason
A limbeck only. When in swinish sleep
Their drenchèd natures lies as in a death,
What cannot you and I perform upon
Th'unguarded Duncan? What not put upon 70
His spongy officers, who shall bear the guilt
Of our great quell?

MACBETH

Bring forth men-children only,
For thy undaunted mettle should compose
Nothing but males. Will it not be received,
When we have marked with blood those sleepy two 75
Of his own chamber and used their very daggers,
That they have done't?

LADY MACBETH

Who dares receive it other,
As we shall make our griefs and clamour roar
Upon his death?

MACBETH

I am settled and bend up
Each corporal agent to this terrible feat. 80
Away, and mock the time with fairest show,
False face must hide what the false heart doth know.

Exeunt

Act 5 Scene 1, lines 16 to 58

In this extract, Lady Macbeth is overheard talking to herself as she sleepwalks.

Enter LADY [MACBETH], with a taper

GENTLEWOMAN	Lo you, here she comes. This is her very guise and, upon my life, fast asleep. Observe her, stand close.	
DOCTOR	How came she by that light?	
GENTLEWOMAN	Why, it stood by her. She has light by her continually, 'tis her command.	20
DOCTOR	You see her eyes are open.	
GENTLEWOMAN	Ay, but their sense are shut.	
DOCTOR	What is it she does now? Look how she rubs her hands.	
GENTLEWOMAN	It is an accustomed action with her, to seem thus washing her hands; I have known her continue in this a quarter of an hour.	25
LADY MACBETH	Yet here's a spot.	
DOCTOR	Hark, she speaks; I will set down what comes from her to satisfy my remembrance the more strongly.	
LADY MACBETH	Out damned spot! Out, I say! One, two. Why then 'tis time to do't. Hell is murky. Fie, my lord, fie, a soldier, and afeard? What need we fear? Who knows it, when none can call our power to account? Yet who would have thought the old man to have had so much blood in him?	30
DOCTOR	Do you mark that?	35
LADY MACBETH	The Thane of Fife had a wife. Where is she now? What, will these hands ne'er be clean? No more o'that, my lord, no more o'that. You mar all with this starting.	
DOCTOR	Go to, go to; you have known what you should not.	
GENTLEWOMAN	She has spoke what she should not, I am sure of that. Heaven knows what she has known.	40

Turn over

LADY MACBETH	Here's the smell of the blood still; all the perfumes of Arabia will not sweeten this little hand. O, O, O.	
DOCTOR	What a sigh is there? The heart is sorely charged.	
GENTLEWOMAN	I would not have such a heart in my bosom for the dignity of the whole body.	45
DOCTOR	Well, well, well –	
GENTLEWOMAN	Pray God it be, sir.	
DOCTOR	This disease is beyond my practice; yet I have known those which have walked in their sleep who have died holily in their beds.	50
LADY MACBETH	Wash your hands, put on your night-gown, look not so pale. I tell you yet again, Banquo's buried; he cannot come out on's grave.	
DOCTOR	Even so?	55
LADY MACBETH	To bed, to bed; there's knocking at the gate. Come, come, come, come, give me your hand; what's done cannot be undone. To bed, to bed, to bed.	

Exit

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