

## Macbeth – Exam Approach (Question (b))

Write about Macbeth and the way he is presented. [25]

- 1) **Macbeth** - Who is Macbeth? What is our initial impression of him?
- 2) **'Worthy gentleman!' 'Brave Macbeth – well he deserves that name.'** – What do these comments about Macbeth show?
- 3) **'bathe in reeking wounds.'** – What does this quote suggest?
- 4) **'Cannot be good, cannot be ill'** – What is Macbeth's initial reaction to the witches?
- 5) **'If chance will have me king, why, chance may crown me, without my stir.'** – What does Macbeth decide about the witches?
- 6) **'Let not light see my black and deep desires'** – After Malcolm is announced as heir, how does Macbeth react?
- 7) **'I am his kinsman...returns to plague the inventor'** – Macbeth still shows some resistance to murdering Duncan, why?
- 8) **The floating dagger** – What does this symbolise/represent?
- 9) **'Macbeth shall sleep no more! What hands are here?'** – How does Macbeth react after the murder? How does the plan start to unravel?
- 10) **Why does Macbeth order the murder of Banquo and his son, Fleance? What does this reveal about Macbeth?**
- 11) **Act 3 is the last time that Macbeth and Lady Macbeth are together** – what does this symbolise?
- 12) **Macbeth: 'Quit my sight!' 'Let the earth hide thee!'** – What does this scene convey about Macbeth at the banquet? Why is this moment significant?
- 13) **'To the weird sisters.'** – Why does Macbeth choose to seek guidance from the witches once again? What does it show about him?
- 14) **The murder of Macduff's family 'His wife, his babes'** – Why is this a significant moment?
- 15) **'I begin to be weary of the sun'** – what is being suggested about Macbeth before the final battle?
- 16) **'I will not...kiss the ground before young Malcolm's feet.'** – What does the quote show about Macbeth?
- 17) **Overall, what does Macbeth represent and symbolise?**