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GCSE English Literature

J352/22 Shakespeare

Time allowed: 50 minutes
plus your additional time allowance

YOU MUST HAVE:
the OCR 12-page Answer Booklet
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INSTRUCTIONS

Use black ink.

**Write your answer in the Answer Booklet.
The question number must be clearly shown.**

Fill in the boxes on the front of the Answer Booklet.

Answer ONE question on the text you have studied.

INFORMATION

The total mark for this paper is 40.

The marks for each question are shown in brackets [].

Quality of extended response will be assessed in questions marked with an asterisk (*).

ADVICE

Read each question carefully before you start your answer.

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SHAKESPEARE

Romeo and Juliet

Choose ONE question.

EITHER

- 1 Explore the ways in which Shakespeare dramatically portrays the relationship between Juliet and Lady Capulet. Refer to this extract from Act 3 Scene 5 and elsewhere in the play. [40]***

In this extract, Juliet's mother tells Juliet her plans for revenge upon the murderer of Tybalt, and Lord Capulet's plans for Juliet's rapid marriage to Paris.

JULIET

Indeed I never shall be satisfied

With Romeo till I behold him—dead—
Is my poor heart so for a kinsman vex'd.
Madam, if you could find out but a man
To bear a poison, I would temper it,
That Romeo should, upon receipt thereof,
Soon sleep in quiet. O, how my heart abhors
To hear him nam'd, and cannot come to him,
To wreak the love I bore my cousin Tybalt
Upon his body that hath slaughter'd him!

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LADY CAPULET

Find thou the means, and I'll find such a man.
But now I'll tell thee joyful tidings, girl.

JULIET

And joy comes well in such a needy time.
What are they, beseech your ladyship?

LADY CAPULET

Well, well, thou hast a careful father, child;
One who, to put thee from thy heaviness,
Hath sorted out a sudden day of joy
That thou expects not, nor I look'd not for.

JULIET

Madam, in happy time, what day is that?

6 **LADY CAPULET**

Marry, my child, early next Thursday morn
The gallant, young, and noble gentleman,
The County Paris, at Saint Peter's Church,
Shall happily make thee there a joyful bride.

JULIET

Now, by Saint Peter's Church, and Peter too,
He shall not make me there a joyful bride.
I wonder at this haste, that I must wed

Ere he that should be husband comes to woo.
I pray you tell my lord and father, madam,
I will not marry yet; and when I do, I swear
It shall be Romeo, whom you know I hate,
Rather than Paris. These are news indeed!

LADY CAPULET

Here comes your father; tell him so yourself,
And see how he will take it at your hands.

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OR

2 ‘Romeo remains an immature and unrealistic character throughout the play.’

To what extent do you agree with this view of Shakespeare’s portrayal of Romeo? Explore at least two moments from the play to support your ideas. [40]*

The Merchant of Venice

Choose ONE question.

EITHER

- 3 Explore the ways in which Shakespeare presents hatred between Shylock and the Christians of Venice. Refer to this extract from Act 2 Scene 5 and elsewhere in the play. [40]***

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In this extract, Shylock has been invited to feast with Antonio and is reluctant to leave Jessica alone while the Christians are celebrating a carnival.

SHYLOCK

**What, are there masques? Hear you me, Jessica:
Lock up my doors, and when you hear the drum,
And the vile squealing of the wry-neck'd fife,
Clamber not you up to the casements then,**

Nor thrust your head into the public street
To gaze on Christian fools with varnish'd faces;
But stop my house's ears – I mean my casements;
Let not the sound of shallow fopp'ry enter
My sober house. By Jacob's staff, I swear
I have no mind of feasting forth to-night;
But I will go. Go you before me, sirrah;
Say I will come.

☞ LAUNCELOT

I will go before, sir. Mistress, look out at window for all this,

There will come a Christian by
Will be worth a Jewess' eye.

[Exit]

SHYLOCK

What says that fool of Hagar's offspring, ha?

JESSICA

His words were 'Farewell, mistress'; nothing else.

SHYLOCK

The patch is kind enough, but a huge feeder,
Snail-slow in profit, and he sleeps by day
More than the wild-cat; drones hive not with me,
Therefore I part with him; and part with him
To one that would have him help to waste
His borrowed purse. Well, Jessica, go in;
Perhaps I will return immediately.

Do as I bid you, shut doors after you.

Fast bind, fast find –

A proverb never stale in thrifty mind.

[Exit]

JESSICA

Farewell; and if my fortune be not crost,
I have a father, you a daughter, lost.

OR

- 4 To what extent does an audience find Bassanio a likeable character? Explore at least two moments from the play to support your ideas. [40]***

Macbeth

Choose ONE question.

EITHER

5 How does Shakespeare portray the effect Macbeth has on Scotland? Refer to this extract from Act 2 Scene 4 and elsewhere in the play. [40]*

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In this extract, Ross and the Old Man discuss events after the murder of King Duncan.

OLD MAN

**Threescore and ten I can remember well;
Within the volume of which time I have seen
Hours dreadful and things strange; but this sore night
Hath trifled former knowings.**

ROSS

Ah, good father,
Thou seest, the heavens, as troubled with man's act,
Threatens his bloody stage. By th' clock 'tis day,
And yet dark night strangles the travelling lamp.
Is't night's predominance, or the day's shame,
That darkness does the face of earth entomb,
When living light should kiss it?

→₃ OLD MAN

'Tis unnatural,
Even like the deed that's done. On Tuesday last,
A falcon, tow'ring in her pride of place,
Was by a mousing owl hawk'd at and kill'd.

ROSS

And Duncan's horses – a thing most strange and certain –
Beauteous and swift, the minions of their race,
Turn'd wild in nature, broke their stalls, flung out,

**Contending 'gainst obedience, as they would make
War with mankind.**

OLD MAN

'Tis said they eat each other.

ROSS

**They did so; to the amazement of mine eyes,
That look'd upon't.**

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[Enter MACDUFF]

**Here comes the good Macduff.
How goes the world, sir, now?**

MACDUFF

Why, see you not?

OR

- 6 Explore different ways in which Shakespeare presents betrayal in 'Macbeth'. Explore at least two moments from the play to support your ideas. [40]***

Much Ado About Nothing

Choose ONE question.

EITHER

7 How does Shakespeare dramatically portray the relationship between Hero and Claudio? Refer to this extract from Act 4 Scene 1 and elsewhere in the play. [40]*

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In this extract, Claudio is about to marry Hero, but then accuses her of being unfaithful.

CLAUDIO

**Sweet Prince, you learn me noble thankfulness.
There, Leonato, take her back again;
Give not this rotten orange to your friend;
She's but the sign and semblance of her honour.
Behold how like a maid she blushes here.**

O, what authority and show of truth
Can cunning sin cover itself withal!
Comes not that blood as modest evidence
To witness simple virtue? Would you not swear,
All you that see her, that she were a maid
By these exterior shows? But she is none:
She knows the heat of a luxurious bed;
Her blush is guiltiness, not modesty.

→ LEONATO

→ What do you mean, my lord?

CLAUDIO

Not to be married,
Not to knit my soul to an approved wanton.

LEONATO

Dear, my lord, if you, in your own proof,
Have vanquish'd the resistance of her youth,
And made defeat of her virginity –

CLAUDIO

I know what you would say. If I have known her,
You will say she did embrace me as a husband,
And so extenuate the 'forehand sin.

→
∞ No, Leonato,

I never tempted her with word too large
But, as a brother to his sister, show'd
Bashful sincerity and comely love.

HERO

And seem'd I ever otherwise to you?

CLAUDIO

Out on thee! Seeming! I will write against it.

**You seem to me as Dian in her orb,
As chaste as is the bud ere it be blown;
But you are more intemperate in your blood
Than Venus, or those pamp'ring animals
That rage in savage sensuality.**

HERO

Is my lord well, that he doth speak so wide?

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- 8 How does Shakespeare present Benedick's change of character in 'Much Ado About Nothing'? Explore at least two moments from the play to support your ideas. [40]***

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