# KWA-ZULU NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION **GREENBURY SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**ENGLISH HOME LANGUAGE - PAPER 2** 

GRADE

: 11

DATE: 09/06/2016

**MARKS** 

: 80

TIME: 2 1/2 HOURS

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# **INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION:**

1. This question paper consists of THREE SECTIONS:

SECTION A: POETRY [30 MARKS] SECTION B: NOVEL [25 MARKS]

SECTION C: DRAMA [25 MARKS]

2. Answer FIVE QUESTIONS in all : THREE in SECTION A, ONE in SECTION B and ONE in SECTION C as follows:

**SECTION A: POETRY** 

PRESCRIBED POETRY - Answer TWO questions

UNSEEN POETRY - COMPULSORY

SECTION B: NOVEL - Answer ONE question SECTION C: DRAMA - Answer ONE question

- 3. CHOICE OF ANSWERS FOR SECTION B (NOVEL) and SECTION C (DRAMA):
  - Answer ONE essay question and ONE contextual question.
  - If you answer the essay question in SECTION C, you must answer the contextual question in SECTIONC.
  - If you answer the contextual question in SECTION B, you must answer the essay question in SECTION C.

#### 4. LENGTH OF ANSWERS:

- The essay question on Poetry should be answered in about 250-300 words.
- Essay question on the Novel and Drama should be answered in 400-450 words. (Approximately 2 pages)
- The length of answers to contextual questions should be determined by the mark allocation.
- 5. Number your answers according to the number system used in this question paper.
- 6. Suggested time management:

SECTION A: approximately 40 minutes SECTION B: approximately 55 minutes

SECTION C: approximately 55 minutes

7. Aim for conciseness and relevance. Write neatly and legibly

# **SECTION A: POETRY**

## PRESCRIBED POETRY

Answer any TWO of the following questions.

## **QUESTION ONE: POETRY - ESSAY QUESTION**

# A woman is not a potted plant

By Alice Walker

A woman is not a potted plant her roots bound to the confines of her house

> a woman is not a potted plant her leaves trimmed to the contours of her sex

a woman is not
a potted plant
her branches
espaliered
against the fences
of her race
her country
her mother
her man
her trained blossom
turning this way
and

and
that
to follow
the sun
of whoever feeds
and waters
her

a woman
is wilderness
unbounded
holding the future
between each breath
walking the earth
only because
she is free
and not creeper vine
or tree

Nor even honeysuckle or bee.

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With close reference to the structure, imagery and tone, show how the poet affirms a woman's freedom and independence.

The length of the essay should be 250-300 words. (About ONE page)

[10]

OR

# **QUESTION TWO: POETRY - CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

# Anthem<sup>1</sup> for doomed youth (1917)

What passing-bells<sup>2</sup> for these who die as cattle?
Only the monstrous anger of the guns.
Only the stuttering rifles' rapid rattle
Can patter out their hasty orisons.<sup>3</sup>

No mockeries now for them; no prayers nor bells,
Nor any voice of mourning save the choirs –
The shrill, demented choirs of wailing shells; And bugles calling for them from sad shires.

What candles may be held to speed them all?

Not in the hands of boys, but in their eyes
Shall shine the holy glimmers of good-byes.

The pallor of girls brows shall be their pall; Their flowers the tenderness of patient minds, And each slow dusk a drawing-down of blinds.

Wilfred Owen

- 2.1 Explain how the speaker's attitude towards war is effectively captured in the title of the poem. [2]
- 2.2 Account for the poet's use of the rhetorical question at the beginning of stanza 1.
- 2.3 Refer to Lines 2 5 : "Only the monstrous .... hasty orisons."

  Discuss the appropriateness of the imagery used in the above lines. [3]
- 2.4 Refer to lines 12 14 "The pallor ..... drawing-down of blinds."Show how the poet succeeds in conveying a strong anti-war message in the above lines.

[10]

# **QUESTION THREE: POETRY - CONTEXTUAL QUESTIONS**

# Sonnet 130 (1609)

My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun; Coral<sup>1</sup> is far more red than her lips' red; If snow be white, why then her breasts are dun;<sup>2</sup> If hairs be wires,<sup>3</sup> black wires grow on her head.

- I have seen roses damasked,<sup>4</sup> red and white,
  But no such roses see I in her cheeks;
  And in some perfumes is there more delight
  Than in the breath that from my mistress reeks.<sup>5</sup>
  I love to hear her speak, yet well I know
- That music hath a far more pleasing sound;
  I grant I never saw a goddess go;
  My mistress, when she walks, treads on the ground.
  And yet, by heaven, I think my love as rare<sup>6</sup>
  As any she<sup>7</sup> belied<sup>8</sup> with false compare.

William Shakespeare

- 3.1 Refer to Line 1: "My mistress ..... like the sun."

  What impression of the mistress is created in the above line? [2]
- 3.2 Refer to lines 2 4: "Coral is far ..... on her head."Critically discuss the effectiveness of the imagery in the above lines. [3]
- 3.3 Examine lines 7 8: "And in some ..... my mistress reeks."Comment on the impact of the word "reeks" in the context of these lines. [2]
- 3.4 Refer to lines 13 14: "And yet ..... with false compare."

  Discuss how the tone used in these lines reflects the speaker's attitude towards his mistress. [3]

[10]

## Hanging fire (1978)

I am fourteen and my skin has betrayed me the boy I cannot live without still sucks his thumb

- 5 in secret
  how come my knees are
  always so ashy
  what if I die
  before morning
- and momma's in the bedroom with the door closed.

I have to learn how to dance in time for the next party my room is too small for me

- 15 suppose I die before graduation they will sing sad melodies but finally tell the truth about me
  There is nothing I want to do
- 20 and too much that has to be done and momma's in the bedroom with the door closed.
- Nobody even stops to think
  about my side of it
  I should have been on Math Team
  my marks were better than his
  why do I have to be
  the one
- wearing braces
  I have nothing to wear tomorrow
  will I live long enough
  to grow up
  and momma's in the bedroom
- 35 with the door closed.

Audre Lorde

- 4.1 Refer to lines 1 2: "I am fourteen ..... betrayed me."
  Account for the use of the word "betrayed" in the above line.
- 4.2 Account for the repetition of "and momma's ..... door closed" at the end of each stanza. [3]
- 4.3 Refer to lines 19 21: "There is nothing ..... to be done."Show how the contradiction in these lines contribute to your understanding of the poem.
- 4.4 Examine lines 28 35 : "Why do I ..... the door closed."
  By referring to the theme of the poem, show how these lines contribute to the mood of the poem.

[3] [10]

#### **UNSEEN POETRY (COMPULSORY)**

### **QUESTION 5: CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

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At the flick of a knife night plunges sharply on the tender flank of Soweto	ęn.	
Morning shrieks like sirens bloodwet with dew	J	
And the day sprawls empty gaping in deathly surprise like a slit throat.	10	

5.1 Refer to the Title: "Night Knife".
 The poet has changed the expression
 "Night life" to "Night knife".
 Suggest why you think this is appropriate.

[2]
5.2 What does the speaker suggest about Soweto, when he says its 'flank' (line 5) is 'tender' (line 4)?

[2]
5.3 Refer to line 8: "bloodwet with dew".
 Comment, critically, on the contrasting images of 'dew' and 'bloodwet'.

[3]
5.4 Refer to stanza 3, Lines 9 – 12: "And the day ..... a slit throat".
 Show how the diction effectively conveys the suffering of the people of Soweto.

[3]

[10]

TOTAL - SECTION A: [30 MARKS]

# **TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD' - HARPER LEE**

# Answer either question 6 (Essay Question) or question 7 (Contextual Question).

#### **QUESTION 6 – ESSAY QUESTION**

In 'To Kill a Mockingbird' the truth about people is often distorted by unfounded fears and prejudice.

In a well - constructed essay of 350-400 words (1  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 2 pages), critically discuss this statement with specific reference to Boo Radley and other victims of prejudice.

OR

# **QUESTION 7 – CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

# Read the extracts below and then answer the questions that follow.

#### **EXTRACT A**

The doors of the Radley house were closed on weekdays as well as Sundays, and Mr Radley's boy was not seen again for fifteen But there came a day, barely within Jem's memory, when Boo Radley was heard from and was seen by several people, but not 5 by Jem. He said Atticus never talked much about the Radleys: when Jem would question him Atticus's only answer was for him to mind his own business and let the Radleys mind theirs, they had a right to; but when it happened Jem said Atticus shook his head and said, 'Mm, mm, mm.' 10 So Jem received most of his information from Miss Stephanie Crawford, a neighbourhood scold, who said she knew the whole thing. According to Miss Stephanie, Boo was sitting in the living-room cutting some items from The Maycomb Tribune to paste in his scrapbook. His father entered the room. As Mr Radley passed by, Boo drove the scissors into his parent's leg, pulled them out, wiped them on his pants, and resumed his activities. Mrs Radley ran screaming into the street that Arthur was killing them all, but when the sheriff arrived he found Boo still 20 sitting in the living-room, cutting up the Tribune. He was thirtythree years old then. Miss Stephanie said old Mr Radley said no Radley was going to any asylum, when it was suggested that a season in Tuscaloosa might be helpful to Boo. Boo wasn't crazy, he was high-strung at 25 times. It was all right to shut him up, Mr Radley conceded, but insisted that Boo not be charged with anything: he was not a criminal. The sheriff hadn't the heart to put him in jail alongside Negroes, so Boo was locked in the courthouse basement. Boo's transition from the basement to back home was nebulous 30 in Jem's memory. Miss Stephanie Crawford said some of the town council told Mr Radley that if he didn't take Boo back,

Boo would die of mould from the damp. Besides, Boo could not

Nobody knew what form of intimidation Mr Radley employed

to keep Boo out of sight, but Jem figured that Mr Radley kept him chained to the bed most of the time. Atticus said no, it wasn't that sort of thing, that there were other ways of making

live forever on the bounty of the county.

people into ghosts.

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- 7.1. Briefly describe the events that led to Boo Radley not being "seen again for fifteen years." (Lines 2-3). (3)
- 7.2. Refer to lines 6-8: "He said Atticus.....Radleys mind theirs."

  Show how the above statement contributes to your understanding of Atticus's character.

  (4)
- 7.3. Examine lines 23-25: "Miss Stephanie said.....helpful to Boo."

  Discuss what the above lines reveal about Old Mr Radley's attitude towards Boo. (3)
- 7.4. Refer to lines 28-29: "The sheriff hadn't .....the courthouse basement."

  Show how the above statement is related to the theme of racial prejudice. (3)
- 7.5. Explain the meaning of the expression: ".....there were other ways of making people into ghosts." (lines 38-39)

#### **EXTRACT B**

'Everybody who goes home to lunch hold up your hands,' said Miss Caroline, breaking into my new grudge against Calpurnia. The town children did so, and she looked us over. 'Everybody who brings his lunch put it on top of his desk.' Molasses buckets appeared from nowhere, and the ceiling	5
danced with metallic light. Miss Caroline walked up and down the rows peering and poking into lunch containers, nodding if the contents pleased her, frowning a little at others. She stopped at Walter Cunningham's desk. 'Where's yours?' she asked.	
Walter Cunningham's face told everybody in the first grade he had hookworms. His absence of shoes told us how he got them. People caught hookworms going barefooted in barnyards and hog wallows. If Walter had owned any shoes he would have worn	10
them the first day of school and then discarded them until mid- winter. He did have on a clean shirt and neatly mended overalls. 'Did you forget your lunch this morning?' asked Miss Caroline.	15
Walter looked straight ahead. I saw a muscle jump in his skinny jaw.	
'Did you forget it this morning?' asked Miss Caroline. Walter's jaw twitched again. 'Yeb'm,' he finally mumbled. Miss Caroline went to her desk and opened her purse. 'Here's a	20
quarter,' she said to Walter. 'Go and eat downtown today. You can pay me back tomorrow.'	25
Walter shook his head. 'Nome thank you ma'am,' he drawled softly.  Impatience crept into Miss Caroline's voice: 'Here Walter,	, g/m wal
come get it.' Walter shook his head again. When Walter shook his head a third time someone whispered,	30
'Go on and tell her, Scout.'  I turned around and saw most of the town people and the entire bus delegation looking at me. Miss Caroline and I had	
conferred twice already, and they were looking at me in the innocent assurance that familiarity breeds understanding.	35

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7.6.	Refer to lines 1-2: "breaking into my new grudge against Calpurnia."  Describe Calpurnia's role in Scout's life.	(3)
7.7.	Refer to lines 20-22: " Did you forgethe finally mumbled." Explain why Walter lies to Miss Caroline.	(3)
7.8.	Examine lines 34-36: "Miss Caroline andfamiliarity breeds understanding." Critically discuss how Scout's interactions with Miss Caroline contribute to her (Scout's) growth.	(4)

(25)

### SECTION C: DRAMA

Answer ONE question from this section ONLY.

# **MACBETH** – William Shakespeare

Answer EITHER QUESTION 8 (essay question) OR QUESTION 9 (contextual question – both extracts A and B).

### **QUESTION 8: MACBETH - ESSAY QUESTION**

"The play 'MACBETH' invites us to look into the world of a man driven by ruthless ambition and tortured by regret."

Critically discuss to what extent you agree with the above assessment.

N.B. Please ensure that you present a critical response. You will be penalised if you present a mere plot of the drama.

Length: 350-400 words. (1 1/2 -2 pages).

[25]

OR

p.t.o. QUESTION 9

#### **QUESTION 9: MACBETH - CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

Read the two extracts below and then answer all the questions that follow.

#### **EXTRACT A**

(*Aside*) Glamis, and thane of Cawdor! The greatest is behind. (*To ROSS and ANGUS*) Thanks for your pains.

(To BANQUO) Do you not hope your children shall be kings, When those that gave the thane of Cawdor to me Promised no less to them?

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#### **BANQUO**

That trusted home
Might yet enkindle you unto the crown,
Besides the thane of Cawdor. But 'tis strange:
And oftentimes, to win us to our harm,
The instruments of darkness tell us truths,
Win us with honest trifles, to betray's
In deepest consequence.
Cousins, a word, I pray you.

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#### **MACBETH**

(*Aside*) Two truths are told, As happy prologues to the swelling act Of the imperial theme. (*Aloud*) I thank you, gentlemen.

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#### (ACT 3, SC 4)

9.1. Refer to lines 1-12.

Explain what Macbeth means by stating 'the greatest is behind' (line 2).

(3)

- 9.2 What insights are gained into the characters of **Macbeth** and **Banquo** from their reactions to the prophecy of the Weird Sisters in the above extract? (3)
- 9.3 Banquo refers to the Weird Sisters as 'the instruments of darkness' (line 10). Do you agree with Banquo's assessment of the Weird Sisters? Substantiate your response.(4)

p.t.o. EXTRACT B

# **EXTRACT B**

LADY MACBETH I pray you speak not; he grows worse and worse; Question enrages him. At once, good night. Stand not upon the order of your going, But I go at once.		
LENNOX Good night, and better health Attend his majesty!	5	
LADY MACBETH A kind good-night to all. [Exeunt Lords and Attendants]		(
MACBETH It will have blood, they say, blood will have blood. Stones have been known to move, and trees to speak; Augurs, and understood relations have By maggot-pies, and choughs, and rooks, brought forth The secret'st man of blood What is the night?	10	
LADY MACBETH Almost at odds with morning, which is which.		
MACBETH How say'st thou, that Macduff denies his person At our great bidding?	15	
LADY MACBETH Did you send to him, sir?		(
MACBETH I hear it by the way. But I will send. There's not a one but is in his house I keep a servant fee'd I will to-morrow (And betimes I will) to the Weird Sisters. More shall they speak; for now I am bent to know, By the worst means, the worst. For mine own good	20	
All causes shall give way. I am in blood Stepped in so far, that, should I wade no more, Returning were as tedious as go o'er.  (ACT 3, SC 4)	25	
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- 9.4 Refer to line 1: 'I pray you speak not; he grows worse and worse'.

  Explain why Lady Macbeth says that Macbeth 'grows worse and worse'? (3)
- 9.5 'It will have blood, they say, blood will have blood.' (L- 9)
  Briefly suggest what Macbeth has finally realised. (2)
- 9.6. Critically comment on why Macbeth mentions Macduff at this point in the play, and Macduff's significance in the play as a whole. (4)
- 9.7 Discuss how Macbeth's visit to the 'Weird Sisters' (L-21) ultimately leads to his downfall. (3)
- 9.8 Identify and explain the effectiveness of the figure of speech in lines 24-26: 'I am in blood ... tedious as go o'er.' (3)

Total: 25

TOTAL = 30 + 25 + 25 [80]

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Grade 11 - June 2016 - Poetry Suggested Answes. QUESTION 1 - ESCAY Structure - the lines are organised in the shape of a plant - Storyly embadded, growing wright and sturdy without restrictions, No control this is symbolised by lines that are different in length - begins and end of the end at the end of the en Speakets Jeelings of pride in the fee and independent of the pendent with the pendent wit Imager Symbolism - to extended metapher of comparing and particular of particular of the particular o a woman's true nature: She is not established interpretation which read to be supported in the property of the supported in the support in dependent of country man mary " she is not 1 BloSsoms Hut go seeking the Seeking the 1 Sem Le Cauble She dollars of the state of the of Seedon as all things are will as a beautiful to the seedon and the seedon as a seedon a independent unlike her things de need nobady. Tone - Conviction / Containty / emphatises to Central Idea of her freedom and independence. A Be guide de by DOE rubric / ESS ay must a considerate de la cons (10)

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Question Three - My mistress' eyes -. 3.1. The pact is being realistic that his mittress/ lover is not a Goddes / 8/a is idealised - 8/a 13 ordinary Chuman and be alluder Laction of the second contraction of the sec 3,2; He is realised to the contract of the con that her hips are not as red as red as coral form are her breakts at white like snow, Valle to a proposition of the pr ( ) 3.3' He implied that the breath has a bad ordon/sinell - 'reeks' imples an manufacture something of the sound of the so 3:4. The Love in the rhyming confidence and the rhyming confidence and the allowing and the respective of the respective the transfer of the second of It underlines he distike he has for exaggerated concert/Love he the way C1/2 x 2 points (0)

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Unseen Poen SI. Night life alluder to Sun, excitement happiness jouful time! This is not true for the residents of Source who are exposed to he dangers of life in Soweto - life is cheap and easily lost Hence 'Knife' is apt represent danger Violence I crime 5.2 · Suggests / Implies that he people living or the edges are very university is unsatisfied to the edge of the ed 5.3' "Deus" - Suggestive of a new dawn implier uno conce purity of to early morning Bloodwet' implier danger sticky wet becarte of Glood Mat ha been sted. The colour contract of water (clear) and blood at the second of the Hard Ac The poet converse to the ready that understand the second of the second Turing de significant (1/2×2 points) 5.4" The people of Soweto have at Some politi ben victime of the war have lost loved ones to crime "hence I tex lives are "empty" - berett Sprauls' alludes to the seriousness of the a de servicio de la constitución de la constitución

gaping and in deathly surprise Personification macabre image highlights the misery.

Lues - nothing to look Surgard to 11 L Henry of How I bare, naked, image of slit throat the indifference affects to Harmonia and the second STA

# SUGGESTED ANSWERS QUESTION 6 - ESSAY QUESTION \* Pubils: to write a well-constructed. essay which may focus on the following character and in the control of the 1. Boo-Radley - perceived as a mad; civel and territying morster yet he is a dente soul who years to love and friendship. thin of his father bride and distoited convictions victim of social prejudice Victim of the towns gossib and speculation. Exaggrated stories about him brely tries to make contact with the children small attis brave - protects Jem and Sout from harm, innocent - likened to a no chingbid - gente harmoni harmless Klatter Conningham - Scouts behaviour towards him reflects class prejudice; Scout still has to learn to "ctimb into his skin! - learn empothy/composition. May contrate a symbol of brejudice intoterance and racion in many of the inhabitants represent or gymbolise different aftitudes and values bufils to cité incidents. Caroline Frsher - abstract teach - ignorant the reality of the lives of the children H. Consult literary Essay rubnic

# QUESTION 7 - SUGGESTED ANSWERS

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Fig. 1. Sold Mill Fadley Rescription of the second of the

7.4. The sheriff displays racial prejudice in refusing to place Boo Cayang white man)

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got along on what they had 1.7.8 Miss Coroline initially styles Scouts perpetant joy - her first day at school edes it a new heaving extension of which is a few heaving extension of which is a few heaving and her about the contract of th write. Tries to make Sout Conformal Later bunishes Scatt for doing a good deed deplaining bloomer the individuation Societ; lemploys unstituble methods of teaching that is unrelated to her publish experiences Inflexible - has a foor relationship with Sent and he our pupils hopes und standing iano ant of the reality of the hives of the 1 children she teaches the teacher negatively affects Stouts growth is she mealises that school cannot teach her much 19,000 1/2 However, Atticus helps her to try your see things from stor peoples newpout! "Court its 1 (215) I another perais shin to kroup on and it ". solds in his bold of the six i distance history I'm and in a comment of the south of the south and religion of no some was a contraction of mother late to F. F. into the sol sensol love to point box sites and with sed is soon i town of stori lieur The file the cold in all parties of a distance to the decision was the

#### MEMO - GR 11 P2 - MACBETH: 2016: HALF-YEARLY EXAM

#### **QUESTION 8: ESSAY**

#### **POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- 1. Mac the hero provide qualities of a hero.
- 2. Witches' prophecy
- 3. Contrast Mac and Banquo's reaction to the Witches
- 4. Mac's vaulting ambition
- 5. Influence of the Witches
- 6. Murders of KD, Banquo, L Macduff and children
- 7. Influence of L Macbeth
- 8. Mac's soliloquies turmoil in his mind
- 9. Mac's kinship rule of tyranny slaughter and bloodshed
- 10. The prophecies of the Apparitions
- 11 Macbeth's regret at helping Banquo's issue; his regret at LM's death; his regret at slaughtering Macduff's family; his regret at becoming King

NB: This is merely a guide. Be guided by the depth of candidates' responses.

Proper structure – Paragraphing – Clear intro, body, conclusion. Paragraphs for each new idea in Body

Use of quotations

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LIT. ESSAY - MARKING RUBRIC - Refer to it from your Master File.

## **QUESTION 9: MACBETH - CONTEXTUAL QUESTION**

- 9.1. Mac's greatest honour and achievements ,i.e, Thane of Glamis and Cawdor are complete he has been bestowed the great honour of the title 'Thane of Cawdor'. Secondly, the kingship is still to come to him ,i.e, becoming King of Scotland. [3]
- 9.2 Banquo is not afraid of the Witches but he senses the danger. He does not trust them and he rightly surmises that they are evil. Macbeth regards the Witches as credible and is in awe of them. He is already thinking of the kingship 'prologues to the swelling act of the imperial'. [3]
- 9.3 YES. The Witches are aligned with the powers of darkness. Their whole intention is to trap those who have the propensity to commit acts of evil. In Macbeth, they find their ideal candidate who eventually becomes a bloodthirsty tyrant and a butcher. They utter half-truths to trap and manipulate their victims and are often on a quest to destroy and harm others. Banquo is deeply suspicious of them and intuitively comprehends their evil intentions. (Accept other reasonable answers.) [4]
- 9.4. Mac's behaviour at his banquet is becoming increasingly erratic. He does not attend to his guests properly. He undergoes several forms of madness when he scolds Banquo for not attending his banquet, knowing the latter is dead, is extremely upset at seeing Banquo's ghost, he reveals a guilty conscience and confuses reality and illusion. He suffers mental aberrations. [3]
- 9.5 Mac has realised that when one indulges in killing, then it results in more killing. He realises the law of an eye for an eye. Those who shed blood will have their blood shed. [2]
- 9.6 Macduff has refused to attend Mac's banquet even after Mac commanded Macduff to attend. This is an open act of defiance against Mac and a personal insult to him. This will have consequences for Macduff. After the first Apparition warns Mac to beware of Macduff, Mac slaughters Macduff's family and confiscates his lands and possessions. Macduff is not born of woman in the traditional sense, therefore, Macduff will become Mac's nemesis, and will finally avenge his family by killing the tyrant. [4]

- 9.7 When Mac visits the Witches, they show him three Apparitions who speak ambiguously to him. Mac interprets their prophecies literally and feels reassured that what they convey is the truth and he can never be defeated. The first Apparition warns him to beware Macduff, the second that he will not be vanquished by any man born of woman and the third that he will only be defeated when Birnham Wood comes to Dunsinane Hill. Eventually these prophecies are fulfilled and Macbeth is killed by Macduff. [3]
- 9.8 Metaphor. Macbeth compares himself to being steeped in the middle of a river of blood so deep that it would be pointless for him to turn back from this course of action as it would be to cross to the other shore. He might as well continue to indulge in bloodshed. [3] **TOTAL: 25**