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***Macbeth* Text Dependent Questions – Act I**

Scene i

1. What is the dramatic function of the first scene? In other words, how do the details in this scene develop the **mood** of the play?
2. What plan do the witches have?
3. What do the witches mean when they say, “Fair is foul, and foul is fair” in line 12?

Scene ii

4. What report does Duncan receive?
5. By what other country are the Scottish rebels assisted in their attempt to overthrow Duncan?
6. Whose execution does Duncan order and why?
7. Identify a quote that gives an initial **characterization** of Macbeth. Include line numbers.
8. What honor does Duncan plan to give Macbeth?

9. Define **allusion**. Give an example of an allusion from this scene and explain its impact on the scene as a whole.

Scene iii

10. According to what they say, what are the witches capable of doing and what are they incapable of?
11. How does Macbeth describe the day? Of what is this reminiscent?
12. What do the witches prophesy for Macbeth?
13. What do the witches prophesy for Banquo?
14. How does Macbeth react to the prophecies?
15. How does Banquo react to the prophecies?
16. About what does Banquo warn Macbeth concerning “The instruments of darkness” in lines 135-138?

17. Define **aside**. What two thoughts does Macbeth immediately entertain as revealed in his aside in lines 140-155?

Scene iv

18. How does Malcolm describe the Thane of Cawdor's last moments before execution? What is Duncan's reply? Why is this a significant remark with regard to a major theme of the play?

19. What title is given to Malcolm? What does this title imply?

20. Macbeth's words in lines 55-60 carry much significance. Explain how these lines reveal Macbeth's intentions and desires as well as develop a theme. (This aside does the latter in a couple of ways.) Be sure to identify any **figurative language** used also.

21. Where does the King plan to spend the night?

Scene v

22. After she reads his letter, what does Lady Macbeth reveal is her opinion about Macbeth? (Quote it and explain.)

23. Lady Macbeth's nature is introduced in lines 45-61. What specific words and phrases develop her **characterization**?

24. When Lady Macbeth says, “O, never / Shall sun that morrow see!” what is she indicating about their plan for Duncan?
25. What is Lady Macbeth’s advice to Macbeth? Identify and quote the **figurative language** and explain how they develop a **theme** of the text.

Scene vi

26. Define **dramatic irony**. Explain how this entire scene is dramatic irony. (Look at how Duncan and Banquo describe Inverness [Macbeth’s castle] and make contrasts with other known information.)

Scene vii

27. Define **soliloquy**. What decision is Macbeth stating in his soliloquy?
28. What is Macbeth’s **inner conflict**? Use a quote to illustrate each specific reason.
- a.
 - b.
 - c.

d.

29. Define **tragic flaw**. What tragic flaw does Macbeth confess to at the conclusion of his soliloquy?

30. What arguments does Lady Macbeth use to influence Macbeth?

31. Characterize Lady Macbeth and support the **characterization** by quoting something from this scene.

32. Specifically outline their plan to murder the king.