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2 hours

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

INSTRUCTIONS

- Answer **two** questions, each on a different set text.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.
- You are reminded of the need for good English and clear presentation in your answers.

INFORMATION

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- All questions are worth equal marks.

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ARTHUR MILLER: *All My Sons*

- 1 **Either** (a) Discuss Miller's dramatic use of symbolism and its effects in *All My Sons*.
- Or** (b) With close reference to detail of language and action, discuss Miller's dramatic presentation of the Kellers' home life in the following episode.

[CHRIS *watches her off.*

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[BERT, on tiptoe, puts his lips to KELLER's ear, then in unbearable embarrassment steps back.]

Act 1

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: *Much Ado About Nothing*

2 **Either** (a) '*Much Ado About Nothing* is more serious than the title would suggest.'

How far do you agree with this comment on the play?

Or (b) With close attention to detail of language, discuss Shakespeare's presentation of Benedick's attitudes at this point in the play.

<i>Don Pedro:</i>	What secret hath held you here, that you followed not to Leonato's?	
<i>Benedick:</i>	I would your Grace would constrain me to tell.	
<i>Don Pedro:</i>	I charge thee on thy allegiance.	
<i>Benedick:</i>	You hear, Count Claudio; I can be secret as a dumb man, I would have you think so; but on my allegiance, mark you this, on my allegiance – he is in love. With who? now that is your Grace's part. Mark how short his answer is: with Hero, Leonato's short daughter.	5
<i>Claudio:</i>	If this were so, so were it utt' red.	10
<i>Benedick:</i>	Like the old tale, my lord: 'It is not so, nor 'twas not so; but, indeed, God forbid it should be so!'	
<i>Claudio:</i>	If my passion change not shortly, God forbid it should be otherwise!	
<i>Don Pedro:</i>	Amen, if you love her; for the lady is very well worthy.	15
<i>Claudio:</i>	You speak this to fetch me in, my lord?	
<i>Don Pedro:</i>	By my troth, I speak my thought.	
<i>Claudio:</i>	And, in faith, my lord, I spoke mine.	
<i>Benedick:</i>	And, by my two faiths and troths, my lord I spoke mine.	
<i>Claudio:</i>	That I love her, I feel.	20
<i>Don Pedro:</i>	That she is worthy, I know.	
<i>Benedick:</i>	That I neither feel how she should be loved, nor know how she should be worthy, is the opinion that fire cannot melt out of me; I will die in it at the stake.	
<i>Don Pedro:</i>	Thou wast ever an obstinate heretic in the despite of beauty.	25
<i>Claudio:</i>	And never could maintain his part but in the force of his will.	
<i>Benedick:</i>	That a woman conceived me, I thank her; that she brought me up, I likewise give her most humble thanks; but that I will have a recheat winded in my forehead, or hang my bugle in an invisible baldrick, all women shall pardon me. Because I will not do them the wrong to mistrust any, I will do myself the right to trust none; and the fine is, for the which I may go the finer, I will live a bachelor.	30
<i>Don Pedro:</i>	I shall see thee, ere I die, look pale with love.	
<i>Benedick:</i>	With anger, with sickness, or with hunger, my lord; not with love. Prove that ever I lose more blood with love than I will get again with drinking, pick out mine eyes with a ballad-maker's pen, and hang me up at the door	40

of a brothel-house for the sign of blind Cupid.

Don Pedro: Well, if ever thou dost fall from this faith, thou wilt prove a notable argument.

Benedick: If I do, hang me in a bottle like a cat, and shoot at me; and he that hits me, let him be clapp'd on the shoulder and call'd Adam. 45

Don Pedro: Well, as time shall try.
'In time the savage bull doth bear the yoke.'

Benedick: The savage bull may; but if ever the sensible Benedick bear it, pluck off the bull's horns and set them in my forehead, and let me be vilely painted; and in such great letters as they write 'Here is good horse to hire' let them signify under my sign 'Here you may see Benedick the married man'. 50
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Claudio: If this should ever happen, thou wouldst be horn-mad.

Don Pedro: Nay, if Cupid have not spent all his quiver in Venice, thou wilt quake for this shortly.

Benedick: I look for an earthquake too, then.

Act 1, Scene 1

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: *Henry IV, Part 2*

- 3 **Either** (a) In what ways, and with what dramatic effects, does Shakespeare contrast Prince Hal with his father during the play?
- Or** (b) With close reference to detail of language, discuss Shakespeare's presentation of the rebels and their situation at the beginning of the play.

<i>Lord Bardolph:</i>	Who keeps the gate here, ho? [<i>The PORTER opens the gate.</i>]	
	Where is the Earl?	
<i>Porter:</i>	What shall I say you are?	
<i>Lord Bardolph:</i>	Tell thou the Earl That the Lord Bardolph doth attend him here.	5
<i>Porter:</i>	His lordship is walk'd forth into the orchard. Please it your honour knock but at the gate, And he himself will answer. [<i>Enter NORTHUMBERLAND.</i>]	10
<i>Lord Bardolph:</i>	Here comes the Earl. [<i>Exit PORTER.</i>]	
<i>Northumberland:</i>	What news, Lord Bardolph? Every minute now Should be the father of some stratagem. The times are wild; contention, like a horse Full of high feeding, madly hath broke loose And bears down all before him.	15
<i>Lord Bardolph:</i>	Noble Earl, I bring you certain news from Shrewsbury.	
<i>Northumberland:</i>	Good, an God will!	20
<i>Lord Bardolph:</i>	As good as heart can wish. The King is almost wounded to the death; And, in the fortune of my lord your son, Prince Harry slain outright; and both the Blunts Kill'd by the hand of Douglas; young Prince John, And Westmoreland, and Stafford, fled the field; And Harry Monmouth's brawn, the hulk Sir John, Is prisoner to your son. O, such a day, So fought, so followed, and so fairly won, Came not till now to dignify the times, Since Caesar's fortunes!	25 30
<i>Northumberland:</i>	How is this deriv'd? Saw you the field? Came you from Shrewsbury?	
<i>Lord Bardolph:</i>	I spake with one, my lord, that came from thence; A gentleman well bred and of good name, That freely rend' red me these news for true. [<i>Enter TRAVERS.</i>]	35
<i>Northumberland:</i>	Here comes my servant Travers, whom I sent On Tuesday last to listen after news.	
<i>Lord Bardolph:</i>	My lord, I over-rode him on the way; And he is furnish'd with no certainties More than he haply may retail from me.	40
<i>Northumberland:</i>	Now, Travers, what good tidings comes with you?	

- Travers:* My lord, Sir John Umfrevile turn'd me back
With joyful tidings; and, being better hors'd, 45
Out-rode me. After him came spurring hard
A gentleman, almost forspent with speed,
That stopp'd by me to breathe his bloodied horse.
He ask'd the way to Chester; and of him
I did demand what news from Shrewsbury. 50
He told me that rebellion had bad luck,
And that young Harry Percy's spur was cold.
With that he gave his able horse the head
And, bending forward, struck his armed heels
Against the panting sides of his poor jade 55
Up to the rowel-head; and starting so,
He seem'd in running to devour the way,
Staying no longer question.
- Northumberland:* Ha! Again:
Said he young Harry Percy's spur was cold? 60
Of Hotspur, Coldspur? that rebellion
Had met ill luck?
- Lord Bardolph:* My lord, I'll tell you what:
If my young lord your son have not the day,
Upon mine honour, for a silken point 65
I'll give my barony. Never talk of it.
- Northumberland:* Why should that gentleman that rode by Travers
Give then such instances of loss?
- Lord Bardolph:* Who – he?
He was some hilding fellow that had stol'n 70
The horse he rode on and, upon my life,
Spoke at a venture. Look, here comes more news.
[Enter MORTON.]
- Northumberland:* Yea, this man's brow, like to a title-leaf,
Foretells the nature of a tragic volume. 75
So looks the strand whereon the imperious flood
Hath left a witness'd usurpation.
Say, Morton, didst thou come from Shrewsbury?
- Morton:* I ran from Shrewsbury, my noble lord;
Where hateful death put on his ugliest mask 80
To fright our party.
- Northumberland:* How doth my son and brother?
Thou tremblest; and the whiteness in thy cheek
Is apter than thy tongue to tell thy errand. 85
Even such a man, so faint, so spiritless,
So dull, so dead in look, so woe-begone,
Drew Priam's curtain in the dead of night
And would have told him half his Troy was burnt;
But Priam found the fire ere he his tongue,
And I my Percy's death ere thou report'st it. 90
This thou wouldst say: 'Your son did thus and thus;
Your brother thus; so fought the noble Douglas' –
Stopping my greedy ear with their bold deeds;
But in the end, to stop my ear indeed,
Thou hast a sigh to blow away this praise, 95
Ending with 'Brother, son, and all, are dead'.

Act 1, Scene 1

WOLE SOYINKA: *Death and the King's Horseman*

4 **Either** (a) In what ways, and with what dramatic effects, does Soyinka explore different kinds of language in the play?

Or (b) With close reference to detail of language and action, discuss Soyinka's presentation of Elesin and his relationship with the Praise-Singer in the following episode.

Elesin: You're like a jealous wife.

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*He
performs like a born raconteur, infecting his retinue
with his humour and energy.]*

Scene 1

TENNESSEE WILLIAMS: *Sweet Bird of Youth*

- 5 **Either** (a) Discuss Williams's dramatic presentation of violence and the threat of violence in the play.
- Or** (b) With close reference to detail of language and action, discuss Williams's dramatic presentation of Chance's attempt to blackmail Princess in the following extract.

Princess: Chance, come here.

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Chance: Here. [*Throws the checkbook toward the bed.*]

Act 1, Scene 1

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