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# GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION ENGLISH LITERATURE <br> Unit 2: Modern Drama (Foundation Tier) 

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Afternoon

Duration: 45 minutes

## INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Write your name, centre number and candidate number in the spaces provided on the answer booklet. Please write clearly and in capital letters.
- Use black ink.
- Read each question carefully. Make sure you know what you have to do before starting your answer.
- Answer one question on the play you have studied.

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- Your Quality of Written Communication is assessed in this paper.
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1 (a) A text extract has been removed due to third party copyright restrictions.

Either 1 (a) What do you find fascinating about this conversation between Dakin and Irwin?
You should consider:

- the relationship between Dakin and Irwin here
- what Irwin says about Dakin's essay.
- what is revealed about their characters.

Or 1 (b) What do you think makes Mrs. Lintott important in the play?
Remember to support your ideas with details from the play.

## HAROLD BRIGHOUSE: Hobson's Choice

2 (a) MAGGIE: Now you've heard what I've said of you tonight. In twenty years you're going to be thought more of than either of your brothers-inlaw.

WILLIE: I heard you say it, Maggie.
MAGGIE: And we're to make it good. I'm not a boaster, Will. And it's to be in less than twenty years, and all.
WILLIE: Well, I dunno. They've a long start on us.
MAGGIE: And you've got me. Your slate's in the bedroom. Bring it out. I'll have this table clear by the time you come back.
She bustles off the last remains of the meal, putting the flowers on the mantel and takes off cloth, placing it over the back of a chair. WILL goes to bedroom and returns with a slate and slate pencil. The slate is covered with writing. He puts it on table.
MAGGIE: Off with your Sunday coat now. You don't want to make a mess of that.

He takes off coat and gets rag from behind screen and brings it back to table.
What are you doing with that mopping rag?
WILLIE: I was going to wash out what's on the slate.
MAGGIE: Let me see it first. That's what you did last night at Tubby's after I 20 came here?
WILLIE: Yes, Maggie.
MAGGIE: (reading): 'There is always room at the top.' (Washing it out.) Your writing's improving, Will. l'll set you a short copy for tonight, because it's getting late and we've a lot to do in the morning. (Writing.) 'Great things grow from small.' Now, then, you can sit down here and copy that.

He takes her place at the table. MAGGIE watches a moment, then goes to fire-place and fingers the flowers.
l'll put these flowers of Mrs Hepworth's behind the fire, Will. We'll not want litter in the place come working time tomorrow.
She takes up basin, stops, looks at wiLL, who is bent over his slate, and takes a flower out, throwing the rest behind the fire and going to bedroom with one.
WILLIE: (looking up): You're saving one.
MAGGIE: (caught in an act of sentiment and apologetically): I thought l'd press it in my Bible for a keepsake, Will. I'm not beyond liking to be reminded of this day.

She looks at screen and yawns.
MAGGIE: Lord, I'm tired. I reckon I'll leave those pots till morning. It's a 40 slackish way of starting, but I don't get married every day.
WILLIE: (industrious at his slate): No.
MAGGIE: I'm for my bed. You finish that copy before you come.
WILLIE: Yes, Maggie.

Exit MAGGIE to bedroom, with the flower. She closes door,45 WILL copies, repeats letters and words as he writes them slowly, finishes, then rises and rakes out fire. He looks shyly at bedroom door, sits and takes his boots off. He rises, boots in hand, moves towards door, hesitates, and turns back, puts boots down at door, then returns to table and takes off his collar. Then hesitates again,50 finally makes up his mind, puts out light, and lies down on sofa with occasional glances at the bedroom door, At first he faces the fire. He is uncomfortable. He turns over and faces the door. In a minute MAGGIE opens the bedroom door. She has a candle and is in a plain calico night-dress. She comes to WILL, shines the light 55 on him, takes him by the ear, and returns with him to bedroom.

Either 2 (a) What do you think makes this such an entertaining and important moment in the play?
You should consider:

- Maggie's words and actions
- Willie's behaviour
- the way the extract ends.

Or 2 (b) What do you find memorable about the relationship between Maggie and her sisters?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play.

## ARTHUR MILLER: A View from the Bridge

3 (a) EDDIE: You wait, Marco, you see some real fights here. You ever do any boxing?
MARCO: No, I never.
EDDIE [to RODOLPHO]: Betcha you have done some, heh?
RODOLPHO: No.
EDDIE: Well, come on, l'll teach you.
BEATRICE: What's he got to learn that for?
EDDIE: Ya can't tell, one a these days somebody's liable to step on his foot or sump'm. Come on, Rodolpho, I show you a couple a passes. [He stands below table.]
BEATRICE: Go ahead, Rodolpho. He's a good boxer, he could teach you.
RODOLPHO [embarrassed]: Well, I don't know how to - [He moves down to EDDIE.]
EDDIE: Just put your hands up. Like this, see? That's right. That's very good, keep your left up because you lead with the left, see, like this. [He gently moves his left into RODOLPHO's face.] See? Now what you gotta do is you gotta block me, so when I come in like that you - [RODOLPHO parries his left.] Hey, that's very good! [RODOLPHO laughs.] All right, now come into me. Come on.
RODOLPHO: I don't want to hit you, Eddie.
EDDIE: Don't pity me, come on. Throw it, l'll show you how to block it. [RODOLPHO jabs at him, laughing. The others join.] 'at's it. Come on again. For the jaw right here. [RODOLPHO jabs with more assurance.] Very good!
BEATRICE [to MARCO]: He's very good! [EDDIE crosses directly upstage of RODOLPHO.]
EDDIE: Sure, he's great! Come on, kid, put sump'm behind it, you can't hurt me. [RODOLPHO, more seriously, jabs at EDDIE's jaw and grazes it.] Attaboy.
[CATHERINE comes from the kitchen, watches.]
Now I'm gonna hit you, so block me, see?
CATHERINE [with beginning alarm]: What are they doin'? [They are lightly boxing now.]
BEATRICE [- she senses only the comradeship in it now]: He's teachin' him; he's very good!
EDDIE: Sure, he's terrific! Look at him go! [RODOLPHO lands a blow.] 'at's it! Now, watch out, here I come, Danish! [He feints with his left hand and lands with his right. It mildly staggers RODOLPHO. MARCO rises.]40

CATHERINE [rushing to RODOLPHO]: Eddie!
EDDIE: Why? I didn't hurt him. Did I hurt you, kid? [He rubs the back of his hand across his mouth.]
RODOLPHO: No, no, he didn't hurt me. [To EDDIE with a certain gleam and a smile] I was only surprised.
BEATRICE [pulling EDDIE down into the rocker]: That's enough, Eddie; he did pretty good, though.
EDDIE: Yeah. [Rubbing his fists together] He could be very good, Marco. I'll teach him again.
[MARCO nods at him dubiously.]
RODOLPHO: Dance, Catherine. Come. [He takes her hand; they go to phonograph and start it. It plays Paper Doll.
RODOLPHO takes her in his arms. They dance. EDDIE in thought sits in his chair, and MARCO takes a chair, places it in front of EDDIE, and looks down at it. BEATRICE and EDDIE55 watch him.]
MARCO: Can you lift this chair?
EDDIE: What do you mean?
MARCO: From here. [He gets on one knee with one hand behind his back, and grasps the bottom of one of the chair legs but does not 60 raise it.]
EDDIE: Sure, why not? [He comes to the chair, kneels, grasps the leg, raises the chair one inch, but it leans over to the floor.] Gee, that's hard. I never knew that. [He tries again, and again fails.] It's on an angle, that's why, heh?
MARCO: Here.
[He kneels, grasps, and with strain slowly raises chair higher and higher, getting to his feet now. RODOLPHO and CATHERINE have stopped dancing as MARCO raises the chair over his head.
MARCO is face to face with EDDIE, a strained tension gripping his eyes and jaw, his neck stiff, the chair raised like a weapon over EDDIE's head - and he transforms what might appear like a glare of warning into a smile of triumph, and EDDIE's grin vanishes as he absorbs his look.]

Either 3 (a) What do you think makes this such a dramatic conclusion to Act 1?
You should consider:

- Eddie's behaviour and state of mind
- the reactions of Rodolpho, Catherine and Beatrice
- Marco's behaviour at the end of the extract.

Or 3 (b) What do you think makes Alfieri such an important character in the play?
Remember to support your ideas with details from the play.

## J B PRIESTLEY: An Inspector Calls

4 (a) GERALD: I hope you don't mind my coming back?
MRS BIRLING: No, of course not, Gerald.
GERALD: I had a special reason for coming. When did that Inspector go?
SHEILA: Only a few minutes ago. He put us all through it -
MRS BIRLING: (warningly) Sheila!
SHEILA: Gerald might as well know.
BIRLING: (hastily) Now - now - we needn't bother him with all that stuff.
SHEILA: All right. (To GERALD) But we're all in it - up to the neck. It got worse after you left.
GERALD: How did he behave?
SHEILA: He was - frightening.
BIRLING: If you ask me, he behaved in a very peculiar and suspicious manner.
MRS BIRLING: The rude way he spoke to Mr Birling and me - it was quite extraordinary!
GERALD: $\mathrm{Hm}-\mathrm{hm}$ ! They all look enquiringly at GERALD.
BIRLING: (excitedly) You know something. What is it?
GERALD: (slowly) That man wasn't a police officer.
BIRLING: (astounded) What?
MRS BIRLING: Are you certain?
GERALD: I'm almost certain. That's what I came back to tell you.
BIRLING: (excitedly) Good lad! You asked about him, eh?
GERALD: Yes. I met a police sergeant I know down the road. I asked him about this Inspector Goole and described the chap carefully to him. He swore there wasn't any Inspector Goole or anybody like him on the force here.
BIRLING: You didn't tell him -
GERALD: (cutting in) No, no. I passed it off by saying l'd been having an argument with somebody. But the point is - this sergeant was dead certain they hadn't any inspector at all like the chap who came here.
BIRLING: (excitedly) By Jingo! A fake!
MRS BIRLING: (triumphantly) Didn't I tell you? Didn't I say I couldn't imagine a real police inspector talking like that to us?
GERALD: Well you were right. There isn't any such inspector. We've been had.
BIRLING: (beginning to move) l'm going to make certain of this.
MRS BIRLING: What are you going to do?
BIRLING: $\quad$ Ring up the Chief Constable - Colonel Roberts.
MRS BIRLING: Careful what you say, dear.
BIRLING: (now at telephone) Of course. (At telephone.) Brumley eight seven five two. (To the others as he waits.) I was going to do this anyhow. I've had my suspicions all along. (At telephone.) Colonel Roberts, please. Mr Arthur Birling here ... Oh, Roberts - Birling here. Sorry to ring you up so late, but can you tell me if an Inspector Goole has joined your staff lately ... Goole. G-O-O-L-E ... a new man ... tall, clean-shaven (Here he can describe the appearance of the actor playing the part of the INSPECTOR) I see ... yes ... well, that settles it ... No, just a little argument we were having here ... Goodnight. (He puts down the telephone50 and looks at the others.) There's no Inspector Goole on the police. That man definitely wasn't a police inspector. As Gerald says - we've been had.

MRS BIRLING: I felt it all the time. He never talked like one. He never even looked like one.
BIRLING: This makes a difference, y'know. In fact, it makes all the difference.
GERALD: Of course!
SHEILA: (bitterly) I suppose we're all nice people now.
BIRLING: If you've nothing more sensible than that to say, Sheila, you'd 60 better keep quiet.
ERIC: $\quad$ She's right, though.
BIRLING: (angrily) And you'd better keep quiet anyhow. If that had been a police inspector and he'd heard you confess -
MRS BIRLING: (warningly) Arthur - careful! 65
BIRLING: (hastily) Yes, yes.
SHEILA: You see, Gerald, you haven't to know the rest of our crimes and idiocies.
GERALD: That's all right, I don't want to.

Either 4 (a) What do you think makes this such a dramatic and important moment in the play?
You should consider:

- Gerald's news about the Inspector
- the reactions of Mr and Mrs Birling
- the reactions of Eric and Sheila.

Or 4 (b) Explore ONE or TWO moments in the play when you think the Inspector's presence on the stage is particularly powerful.

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play.

## WILLY RUSSELL: Educating Rita

5 (a)
(a) RITA bursts through the door out of breath

FRANK: What are you doing here? (He looks at his watch) It's Thursday, you ...
RITA: (moving over to the desk; quickly) I know I shouldn't be here, it's me dinner hour, but listen, l've gorra tell someone, have y' got a few minutes, can y' spare ...?
FRANK: (alarmed) My God, what is it?
RITA: I had to come an' tell y', Frank, last night, I went to the theatre! A proper one, a professional theatre.
FRANK gets up and switches off the radio and then returns to the swivel chair
FRANK: (sighing) For God's sake, you had me worried, I thought it was something serious.
RITA: No, listen, it was. I went out an' got me ticket, it was Shakespeare, I thought it was gonna be dead borin' ..
FRANK: Then why did you go in the first place?
RITA: I wanted to find out. But listen, it wasn't borin', it was bleedin' great,
FRANK: (smiling) Come on, which one was it? RITA moves URC
RITA: '... Out, out, brief candle!
Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player
That struts and frets his hour upon the stage
And then is heard no more. It is a tale Told by an idiot, full of sound and fury Signifying nothing.'

FRANK: (deliberately) Ah, Romeo and Juliet.
RITA: (moving towards FRANK) Tch. Frank! Be serious. I learnt that today from the book. (She produces a copy of 'Macbeth') Look, I went out an' bought the book. Isn't it great? What I couldn't get over is how excitin' it was.
FRANK puts his feet up on the desk
RITA: Wasn't his wife a cow, eh? An' that fantastic bit where he meets Macduff an' he thinks he's all invincible. I was on the edge of me seat at that bit. I wanted to shout out an' tell Macbeth, warn him.
FRANK: You didn't, did you?
RITA: Nah. Y' can't do that in a theatre, can y'? It was dead good. It was like a thriller.
FRANK: Yes. You'll have to go and see more.
RITA: I'm goin' to. Macbeth's a tragedy, isn't it? FRANK nods40

RITA: Right.
RITA smiles at FRANK and he smiles back at her
Well I just - I just had to tell someone who'd understand.
FRANK: I'm honoured that you chose me
RITA: (moving towards the door) Well, I better get back. l've left a customer with a perm lotion. If I don't get a move on there'll be another tragedy.
FRANK: No. There won't be a tragedy.
RITA: There will, y' know. I know this woman; she's dead fussy. If her perm doesn't come out right there'll be blood an' guts everywhere.
FRANK: Which might be quite tragic -
He throws her the apple from his desk which she catches

- but it won't be a tragedy.

RITA: What?
FRANK: Well - erm - look; the tragedy of the drama has nothing to do with the sort of tragic event you're talking about. Macbeth is flawed by his ambition - yes?
RITA: (going and sitting in the chair by the desk) Yeh. Go on. (She starts to eat the apple)
FRANK: Erm - it's that flaw which forces him to take the inevitable steps towards his own doom. You see? RITA offers him the can of soft drink. He takes it and looks at it
FRANK: (Putting the can down on the desk) No thanks. Whereas, Rita, a woman's hair being reduced to an inch of stubble, or - or the sort of thing you read in the paper that's reported as being tragic, "Man Killed By Falling Tree", is not a tragedy.
RITA: It is for the poor sod under the tree.
FRANK: Yes, it's tragic, absolutely tragic. But it's not a tragedy in the way that Macbeth is a tragedy. Tragedy in dramatic terms is inevitable, preordained. Look, now, even without ever having heard the story of Macbeth you wanted to shout out, to warn him and prevent him going on, didn't you? But you wouldn't have been able to stop him would you?
RITA: No.
FRANK: Why?
RITA: They would have thrown me out the theatre.

Either 5 (a) What do you think makes this such an entertaining and important moment in the play?
You should consider:

- the situation here
- Rita's reactions to her first visit to a theatre
- Frank's response to her.

Or $\quad 5$ (b) Do you think that Rita changes for the better?
Remember to support your ideas with details from the play.

## R C SHERRIFF: Journey's End

6 (a)

|  | [A man appears in the trench and comes down the steps - a small, <br> slightly built man in the early twenties, with a little moustache and a <br> pallid face.] |
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| STANHOPE: |  |
| [looking hard at the newcomer]: Well, Hibbert? |  |

He seems to think a lot of you.
STANHOPE: [looking up quickly at OSBORNE and laughing]: Yes, l'm his hero.
OSBORNE: It's quite natural.
STANHOPE: You think so?
OSBORNE: Small boys at school generally have their heroes.
STANHOPE: Yes. Small boys at school do.
OSBORNE: Often it goes on as long as -
STANHOPE: - as long as the hero's a hero.
OSBORNE: It often goes on all through life.

Either 6 (a) What do you think makes this such a dramatic and important moment in the play?
You should consider:

- Stanhope's reactions to Hibbert
- his relationship with Osborne
- what Stanhope and Osborne say about Raleigh.

Or 6 (b) What do you think makes the final scene (Act 3 Scene 3) of the play so dramatic and moving for you?

Remember to support your ideas with details from the play.

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