

# **Cambridge O Level**

#### LITERATURE IN ENGLISH

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Paper 2 Drama

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1 hour 30 minutes

You must answer on the enclosed answer booklet.

You will need: Answer booklet (enclosed)

# **INSTRUCTIONS**

- Answer two questions.
- Your questions may be on the same play, or on two different plays.
- Follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper, ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

#### **INFORMATION**

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



# LYNN NOTTAGE: Crumbs from the Table of Joy

### Remember to support your ideas with details from the writing.

1 Read this passage carefully, and then answer the question that follows it:

Ermina: Why'd you lose your job?

Lily: Well, babies, a Negro woman with my gumption don't keep work so easily. It's

one of the hazards of being an independent thinker. If I've ever had me a job for more than a few weeks then I knew it was beneath me. You see what I'm

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saying?

Ernie wanna be a movie star.

Ernestine: Hush up!

Ermina:

Lily: 'Darling Angel, the star of stage and screen, the virginal vixen.' [Laughs.]

Ernestine: But I'd change my name to something special. Like 'Sylvie Montgomery.' Or

'Laura Saint Germaine'; that's French.

Lily: Well, pardon me, Miss Bette Davis, when'd you git to be so big and black?

Ermina: Ooooooo.

[ERNESTINE wraps a towel around her hair, feigning brushing long silky hair.]

*Ernestine* [*Playfully*.]: It runs in the family. But don't you worry yourself. When I'm onscreen

I sure can act very white. That's why I'm a star.

Lily: If only they knew you began as a poor colored child.

Ernestine: Imagine that.

[LILY laughs.]

Lily: Imagine that. Miss Bette, I must say, I like ya a wee bit better, just a wee bit

now, as a colored child. When's your next picture? I hear it's a romance.

[A moment.]

Ermina: She ain't never gonna make no romance until she get rid of some of the butt.

[ERNESTINE sucks her teeth.]

Lily: Hush! Romance is overrated. I've known too many women who relinquished

their common sense for a dose of ... romance.

Ermina: Sister, why ain't you been married?

[LILY laughs long and hard.]

Lily: You're just filled with questions. 'Cause I ain't. [Tugs ERMINA's head straight,

wielding the hot comb like a weapon.]

Ermina: Nobody ask you? 30

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my own will, and since the only thing ever willed for me was marriage, I choose not to do it. And why take just one man, when you can have a lifetime full of so many. Listen up, that may be the best advice I give you babies. And you needn't share that little pearl of wisdom with your daddy. Now, Ermina, sit still!

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Ernestine [To audience.]: We were Lily's family now, kinda like buying flowers from a store

without having to plant the seeds.

[ERMINA squirms in the chair.]

Lily: Sit still, don't fight me on this. Choose your battles carefully, chile, a nappy head

in this world might as well fly the white flag and surrender!

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[from Act 1, Scene 3]

How does Nottage make this moment in the play both amusing and serious?

2 In what ways does Nottage's portrayal of Gerte create such a powerful impact in the play?

# **ARTHUR MILLER:** The Crucible

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3	Read this passage	carefully, and then	answer the question	n that follows it:
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Abigail: She makes me drink blood!

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Someone you

know.

[from Act 1]

How does Miller make this such a powerful and significant moment in the play?

4 How does Miller make the relationship between Abigail Williams and John Proctor so disturbing?

# R C SHERRIFF: Journey's End

### Remember to support your ideas with details from the writing.

5 Read this passage carefully, and then answer the question that follows it:

Raleigh: Hullo - Dennis -

Stanhope: Well, Jimmy – [He smiles.] – you got one quickly. [There is silence for a while.

STANHOPE is sitting on a box beside RALEIGH. Presently RALEIGH speaks

again – in a wondering voice.]

Why - how did I get down here? Raleigh:

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Stanhope: Sergeant-major brought you down. [RALEIGH speaks again, vaguely, trying to

recollect.1

Raleigh: Something – hit me in the back – knocked me clean over – sort of – winded

me - I'm all right now. [He tries to rise.]

Steady, old boy. Just lie there guietly for a bit. Stanhope:

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Raleigh: I'll be better if I get up and walk about. It happened once before – I got kicked

in just the same place at rugger; it – it soon wore off. It – it just numbs you for

a bit. [There is a pause.] What's that rumbling noise?

Stanhope: The guns are making a bit of a row.

Our guns? Raleigh:

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Stanhope: No. Mostly theirs. [Again there is silence in the dugout. A very faint rose light

is beginning to glow in the dawn sky. RALEIGH speaks again – uneasily.]

Raleigh: I say - Dennis -

Stanhope: Yes, old boy?

It – it hasn't gone through, has it? It only just hit me? – and knocked me down? Raleigh:

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Stanhope: It's just gone through a bit, Jimmy.

Raleigh: I won't have to – go on lying here?

Stanhope: I'm going to have you taken away.

Away? Where? Raleigh:

Down to the dressing-station – then hospital – then home. [He smiles.] You've 25 Stanhope:

got a Blighty one, Jimmy.

Raleigh: But I – I can't go home just for – for a knock in the back. [He stirs restlessly.]

I'm certain I'll be better if - if I get up. [He tries to raise himself, and gives a

sudden cry.]Oh – God! It does hurt!

Stanhope: It's bound to hurt, Jimmy. 30

What's – on my legs? Something holding them down – Raleigh:

Stanhope: It's all right, old chap; it's just the shock – numbed them. [Again there is a pause.

When RALEIGH speaks, there is a different note in his voice.]

Raleigh: It's awfully decent of you to bother, Dennis. I feel rotten lying here – everybody

else – up there.

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Stanhope: It's not your fault, Jimmy.

Raleigh: So – damn – silly – getting hit. [Pause.] Is there – just a drop of water?

Stanhope [Rising quickly]: Sure. I've got some here. [He pours some water into the mug

and brings it to RALEIGH. Cheerfully.] Got some tea-leaves in it. D'you mind?

Raleigh: No. That's all right – thanks – [STANHOPE holds the mug to RALEIGH's lips, 40

and the boy drinks.] I say, Dennis, don't you wait – if – if you want to be getting

on.

Stanhope: It's quite all right, Jimmy.

Raleigh: Can you stay for a bit?

Stanhope: Of course I can. 45

Raleigh [Faintly.]: Thanks awfully. [There is quiet in the dugout for a long time.

STANHOPE sits with one hand on RALEIGH's arm, and RALEIGH lies very

still. Presently he speaks again - hardly above a whisper.] Dennis -

Stanhope: Yes, old boy?

Raleigh: Could we have a light? It's – It's so frightfully dark and cold.

[from Act 3, Scene 3]

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How does Sherriff make this such a moving moment in the play?

**6** Explore how Sherriff powerfully portrays the friendship between Stanhope and Osborne.

# **WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: Twelfth Night**

### Remember to support your ideas with details from the writing.

7 Read this passage carefully, and then answer the question that follows it:

[OLIVIA's garden.]

[Enter OLIVIA and MARIA.]

Olivia: I have sent after him; he says he'll come.

How shall I feast him? What bestow of him?

For youth is bought more oft than begg'd or borrow'd.

I speak too loud.

Where's Malvolio? He is sad and civil,

And suits well for a servant with my fortunes.

Where is Malvolio?

Maria: He's coming, madam; but in very strange manner. He is sure possess'd, madam. 10

Olivia: Why, what's the matter? Does he rave?

Maria: No, madam, he does nothing but smile. Your ladyship were best to have some

guard about you if he come; for sure the man is tainted in's wits.

Olivia: Go call him hither. [Exit MARIA.]

I am as mad as he, 15

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If sad and merry madness equal be [Re-enter MARIA with MALVOLIO.]

How now, Malvolio!

Malvolio: Sweet lady, ho, ho.

Olivia: Smil'st thou? 20

I sent for thee upon a sad occasion.

Malvolio: Sad, lady? I could be sad. This does make some obstruction in the blood, this

cross-gartering; but what of that? If it please the eye of one, it is with me as the

very true sonnet is: 'Please one and please all'.

Olivia: Why, how dost thou, man? What is the matter with thee? 25

Malvolio: Not black in my mind, though yellow in my legs. It did come to his hands, and

commands shall be executed. I think we do know the sweet Roman hand.

Olivia: Wilt thou go to bed, Malvolio?

*Malvolio*: To bed? Ay, sweetheart, and I'll come to thee.

Olivia: God comfort thee! Why dost thou smile so, and kiss thy hand so oft? 30

Maria: How do you, Malvolio?

Malvolio: At your request? Yes, nightingales answer daws!

*Maria*: Why appear you with this ridiculous boldness before my lady?

Malvolio: 'Be not afraid of greatness.' 'Twas well writ.

Olivia: What mean'st thou by that, Malvolio? 35

Malvolio: 'Some are born great,' -

Olivia: Ha?

Malvolio: 'Some achieve greatness,' -

Olivia: What say'st thou?

Malvolio: 'And some have greatness thrust upon them.' 40

Olivia: Heaven restore thee!

Malvolio: 'Remember who commended thy yellow stockings,' -

Olivia: Thy yellow stockings?

Malvolio: 'And wish'd to see thee cross-garter'd.'

Olivia: Cross-garter'd? 45

Malvolio: 'Go to, thou art made, if thou desir'st to be so;' -

Olivia: Am I made?

Malvolio: 'If not, let me see thee a servant still.'

Olivia: Why, this is very midsummer madness.

[from Act 3, Scene 4]

How does Shakespeare make this such a dramatic moment in the play?

8 In what ways does Shakespeare make Feste such a fascinating character?

#### WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: Othello

### Remember to support your ideas with details from the writing.

**9** Read this passage carefully, and then answer the question that follows it:

Othello: Will you walk, sir? O, Desdemona!

Desdemona: My lord?

Othello: Get you to bed on th' instant; I will be return'd forthwith. Dispatch your attendant

there. Look't be done.

Desdemona: I will, my lord.

[Exeunt OTHELLO, LODOVICO, and Attendants.]

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Emilia: How goes it now? He looks gentler than he did.

Desdemona: He says he will return incontinent.

He hath commanded me to go to bed,

And bade me to dismiss you. 10

Emilia: Dismiss me!

Desdemona: It was his bidding; therefore, good Emilia,

Give me my nightly wearing, and adieu.

We must not now displease him.

Emilia: I would you had never seen him.

Desdemona: So would not I: my love doth so approve him

That even his stubbornness, his checks, his frowns – Prithee unpin me – have grace and favour in them.

Emilia: I have laid those sheets you bade me on the bed.

Desdemona: All's one. Good faith, how foolish are our minds!

If I do die before thee, prithee shroud me

In one of these same sheets.

Emilia: Come, come, you talk.

Desdemona: My mother had a maid call'd Barbary:

She was in love; and he she lov'd prov'd mad,
And did forsake her. She had a song of 'willow';

An old thing 'twas, but it express'd her fortune, And she died singing it. That song to-night Will not go from my mind; — I have much to do

But to go hang my head all at one side
And sing it like poor Barbary. Prithee dispatch.

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Emilia: Shall I go fetch your night-gown?

Desdemona: No, unpin me here.

This Lodovico is a proper man.

Emilia: A very handsome man. 35

Desdemona: He speaks well.

Emilia: I know a lady in Venice would have walk'd barefoot to Palestine for a touch of

his nether lip.

Desdemona [Sings.]: The poor soul sat sighing by a sycamore tree.

Sing all a green willow; 40

Her hand on her bosom, her head on her knee.

Sing willow, willow, willow.

The fresh streams ran by her, and murmur'd her moans;

Sing willow, willow, willow;

Her salt tears fell from her and soft'ned the stones; 45

Sing willow -

Lay by these -

willow, willow. -

Prithee, hie thee; he'll come anon. -

Sing all a green willow must be my garland. 50

Let nobody blame him; his scorn I approve – Nay, that's not next. Hark! who is't that knocks?

Emilia: It is the wind.

[from Act 4, Scene 3]

In what ways does Shakespeare make this such a sad moment in the play?

10 How does Shakespeare's portrayal of Cassio contribute to the dramatic impact of the play?

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