



BRANCHE	SECTION	ÉPREUVE ÉCRITE
Anglais (textes connus)	A	Durée de l'épreuve : 2 h 30 Date de l'épreuve : 7 juin 2018

PART ONE: GUIDED COMPREHENSION (30 marks)

Read the following excerpt from *Macbeth* and answer the questions below.

MALCOLM

[*To the Doctor*] Comes the king forth, I pray you?

DOCTOR

Ay, sir; there are a crew of wretched souls
That stay his cure: their malady convinces
The great assay of art; but, at his touch,
Such sanctity hath heaven given his hand,
They presently amend.

MALCOLM

I thank you, doctor.

Exit Doctor

MACDUFF

What's the disease he means?

MALCOLM

'T is called the evil:

A most miraculous work in this good king,
Which often, since my here-remain in England,
I have seen him do. How he solicits heaven,
Himself best knows; but strangely-visited people,
All swoln and ulcerous, pitiful to the eye,
The mere despair of surgery, he cures;
Hanging a golden stamp about their necks,
Put on with holy prayers: and 't is spoken,
To the succeeding royalty he leaves
The healing benediction. With this strange virtue
He hath a heavenly gift of prophecy;
And sundry blessings hang about his throne
That speak him full of grace.

Enter Rosse

MACDUFF

See, who comes here.

MALCOLM

My countryman; but yet I know him not

MACDUFF

My ever-gentle cousin, welcome hither.

MALCOLM

I know him now. Good God betimes remove
The means that makes us strangers!

ROSSE

Sir, amen.

MACDUFF

Stands Scotland where it did?

ROSSE

Alas, poor country!

Almost afraid to know itself. It cannot
Be called our mother, but our grave; where nothing,
But who knows nothing, is once seen to smile;
Where sighs, and groans, and shrieks that rend the air
Are made, not marked; where violent sorrow seems
A modern ecstasy: the dead man's knell
Is there scarce asked for who; and good men's lives
Expire before the flowers in their caps,
Dying or ere they sicken.

1. Situate the excerpt. What is the significance of the setting? (6)
2. How is the King of England portrayed in the excerpt? What is his role in the play? (8)
3. What do Ross's comments suggest about the state of Scotland under Macbeth's rule? What terrible news do they foreshadow? (8)
4. Analyse and comment on Shakespeare's use of imagery in this excerpt. (8)

PART TWO: DEVELOPMENT ESSAY (30 marks)

THE HANDMAID'S TALE

Write a structured and coherent essay on **one** of the following topics. Use between 300 and 400 words – quotations excluded – and indicate the number of words used. Support your arguments with quotes and precise references to the novel.

1. Discuss Atwood's depiction of structures of oppression in the public and in the private life in *The Handmaid's Tale*.
2. 'In Gilead, men are victims, too.' Examine this view of Atwood's presentation of male characters in *The Handmaid's Tale*.