



BRANCHE	SECTION	ÉPREUVE ÉCRITE
Anglais : textes connus	A	<i>Durée de l'épreuve</i> 2 h 30
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PART ONE: GUIDED COMPREHENSION (30 marks)

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

LADY MACBETH

Was the hope drunk
Wherein you dressed yourself? Hath it slept since?
And wakes it now to look so green and pale
At what it did so freely? From this time,
Such I account thy love. Art thou afeard
To be the same in thine own act and valour
As thou art in desire? Wouldst thou have that
Which thou esteem'st the ornament of life,
And live a coward in thine own esteem,
Letting I dare not wait upon I would,
Like the poor cat i'th'adage?

MACBETH

Prithee, peace.
I dare do all that may become a man;
Who dares do more is none.

1. Situate the extract. Describe the situation in which this dialogue takes place. (5)
2. What arguments does Lady Macbeth use to persuade Macbeth to her point of view? In how far do you think are these arguments justified, fair and effective? (12)
3. What impression are we given of Lady Macbeth in this extract? (8)
4. Explain what Macbeth means in the last two lines. (5)

PART TWO: DEVELOPMENT ESSAY (30 marks)

The Handmaid's Tale

Write a well-structured essay of 300-400 words on one of the following topics. Indicate the number of words used.

1. 'There is more than one kind of freedom, said Aunt Lydia. Freedom to and freedom from. In the days of Anarchy it was freedom to. Now you are being given freedom from'. Examine the quality of life for women in the light of Aunt Lydia's statement, illustrating the methods used to 'protect' women.
2. How does the Gileadean government use the constant potential of surveillance to keep its citizens in line? Do you think Offred should have taken more risks to better her situation, or was she doing the best she could given the circumstances?