

## Epreuve écrite

Examen de fin d'études secondaires 2006

Section: **A**

Branche: **Anglais (Textes connus)**

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**I. GUIDED COMPREHENSION     *Macbeth*     (30m.)**

LENOX

Those of his chamber, as it seemed, had done 't:  
Their hands and faces were all badged with blood;  
So were their daggers, which, unwiped, we found  
Upon their pillows:  
They stared, and were distracted; no man's life  
Was to be trusted with them.

MACBETH

O! yet I do repent me of my fury  
That I did kill them.

MACDUFF

Wherefore did you so?

MACBETH

Who can be wise, amazed, temperate and furious,  
Loyal and neutral, in a moment? No man:  
The expedition of my violent love  
Outran the pauser reason. – Here lay Duncan,  
His silver skin laced with golden blood;  
And his gashed stabs looked like a breach in nature  
For ruin's wasteful entrance: there, the murderers,  
Steeped in the colours of their trade, their daggers  
Unmannerly breached with gore. Who could refrain,  
That had a heart to love, and in that heart  
Courage, to make 's love known?

LADY MACBETH

[*Fainting*]                      Help me hence, ho!

MACDUFF

Look to the lady.

MALCOLM

[*Aside to DONALBAIN*] Why do we hold our tongues,  
That most may claim this argument for ours?

DONALBAIN

[*Aside to MALCOLM*]      What should be spoken  
Here where our fate, hid in an auger-hole,  
May rush and seize us? Let's away: our tears  
Are not yet brewed.

(ACT TWO, SCENE III)

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**Answer the following questions on the given excerpt from Act Two, Scene III:**

1. How did the king's chamberlains' daggers, hands and faces actually get covered in blood? [5m.]
2. What explanation can be given as to why - as Lenox puts it - the two attendants "stared, and were distracted"? [5m.]
3. What point is Macduff making when he says to Macbeth "Wherefore did you so?" ? [4m.]
4. Write a critical comment on the way in which Macbeth tries to explain his supposedly impulsive reaction. [8m.]
5. Why does Lady Macbeth suddenly faint? (What does this tell us about her personality?) [4m.]
6. Why are Duncan's sons reluctant to express their sorrow at this stage? [4m.]

**II. DEVELOPMENT ESSAY      *Heart of Darkness*      (30m.)**

Choose one of the following two topics and write a well structured and clearly focused essay of between 300 and 400 words about it.

**Please indicate the number of words you have used.**

A. The depiction of women in Joseph Conrad's *Heart of Darkness*.

or

B. To what extent and for what thematic purpose is Conrad's *Heart of Darkness* littered with sick, dead or dying people?