**Higher Drama Qs**

Answers to questions on Drama should refer to the text and to such relevant features as characterisation, key scene(s), structure, climax, theme, plot, conflict, setting...

1. Choose a play in which a central character is in conflict with or rejects another character.

Briefly explain the circumstances of the conflict or rejection and go on to discuss the consequences of this conflict or rejection for the play as a whole.

2. Choose a play in which the historical and/or geographical and/or social setting is important to your understanding of the play.

Explain how the dramatist presents the setting and discuss why it is important to your understanding of the play as a whole.

3. Choose a play which has an effective opening or concluding scene.

By briefly referring to details of the scene, explain how the dramatist made it effective and discuss how it contributes to your appreciation of the text as a whole.

4. Choose a play in which a major character's actions influence the emotions of others.

Briefly explain how the dramatist presents these emotions and actions and discuss how this contributes to your understanding of the play as a whole.

5. Choose a play in which there is a scene involving a moment of conflict or of resolution to conflict.

By referring to details of the scene, explain how the dramatist presents this moment and discuss how this contributes to your appreciation of the play as a whole.

6. Choose a play which explores an important issue or issues within society.

Briefly explain the nature of the issue(s) and discuss how the dramatist's presentation of the issue(s) contributed to your appreciation of the play as a whole.

7. Choose a play in which a central character struggles to cope with social convention or financial difficulties or family duties.

Briefly explain the reasons for the character's struggle and discuss how the dramatist's presentation of this struggle enhances your understanding of character and/or theme in the play as a whole.

8. Choose a play in which the concluding scene provides effective clarification of the central concerns.

By referring in detail to the concluding scene, discuss in what ways it is important for your understanding of the play as a whole.

9. Choose a play in which the conflict between two characters in as important feature.

Briefly explain the nature of this conflict and discuss how the dramatist's presentation of this feature enhances your understanding of the play as a whole.

10. Choose a play in which there is a scene which influences the course of future events.

With reference to appropriate techniques, explain how the scene influences the course of events and discuss how it contributes to your appreciation of the text as a whole.

11. Choose a play which deals with the theme of honour or shame or betrayal. With reference to appropriate techniques, explain how the dramatist presents the theme and discuss why it is important to your understanding of the play as a whole.

12. Choose a play in which a major character behaves in an impulsive or calculating or emotional manner.

With reference to appropriate techniques, briefly explain the circumstances surrounding this behaviour and discuss how this behaviour adds to your understanding of the play as a whole.