N6 Practice Critical Essay Questions

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

**5.** 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.

**6.** Choose a play in which the conflict between two characters is an 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.