**‘Sailmaker’ – 8 Mark Question**

**Commonality Notes**

* These notes highlight different characters/themes which may be asked about in the 8 mark question.
* To answer the first ‘2 mark Commonality’ section of your 8 mark answer, you will need to **connect the passage you have been given with another part of the play**.
* This means you will need to be able to recognise how a character progresses or changes, or how a theme is developed in different ways.

**Characters & Relationships**

**Alec**

* Starts off dependant – becomes independent.
* Immature – mature
* Respects Davie – less respect
* Religious – not religious

**Davie**

* Proud – ashamed
* Dependable – drunk and erratic
* Poor – burning furniture to stay warm
* Can’t share emotion – tries to but unsuccessfully

**Alec and Davie**

* Close – drift apart
* Pride – shame
* Dependant – independent

**Themes**

**Social Class**

* Language – Alec – educated – Davie – colloquial
* Alec and Ian – school
* Alec – advice to get a good education and job
* Alec loses job
* Alcohol/gambling
* Extreme poverty at the end of play

**Religion**

* Alec coping with grief
* Sectarianism – football
* Alec – bible group
* Davie – disagrees with sectarianism
* Buddhism in final scene – burning furniture

**Grief/Loss**

* Alec – thoughtful, in pain, alone
* Davie – can’t share emotions, keeping active
* Alec – panics at bible group when asked question
* Davie – drinking
* Davie – moving on

**Family Relationships**

* Alec and Davie (as per other notes)
* Alec and Ian – close and drift apart when Alec goes to new school
* Alec and Billy – support each other, close, but Billy eventually has to move away.

**Symbolism (this is unlikely to be a question on it’s own)**

**Object Symbol of… Change**

Sailmaking tools Pride Burnt to show end of trade

Toy boat Hope, Alec’s faith in father Put in Glory Hole when job lost

Burnt to show end of childhood

Furniture Davie’s wife and marriage Burnt to show end of marriage

Blue medal Alec’s sensitivity and religion

Comics Childhood Burnt to show end of childhood