**Sailmaker Scottish Set Text – The 8 Mark Question**

**For example [Extract is beginning of scene 1 of the play]:**

Grief is an important theme in this extract. By referring to this extract and elsewhere in the play, explain how the theme of grief is explored.

**Step 1 – 2 Marks**

 **Describe the area of commonality between the extract and the other areas of the play to which you will be referring (2 marks)**

– 1 mark for a simple remark about commonality

– 2 marks for a more well-developed answer.

For example:

Across the play, Grief is explored in a variety of ways.

In this extract, Davie shows that grief can be dealt with by keeping busy and distracting yourself.

Also in Act 1, Alec shows that grief can be dealt with by turning to religion.

In Act 2, Davie shows that grief can lead to alcoholism.

**Step 2 – 2 Marks**

**Make a specific reference (quote or reference) to the extract in front of you in answer to the question (2 marks)**

– 1 mark for quote

– 1 mark for comment/analysis

For example:

* “As long as ye keep movin it doesnae hit ye.”
* Here, Davie is not coping particularly well with his grief at the loss of his wife and is trying, unsuccessfully, to keep his mind off it.

**Step 3 – 4 Marks**

**Make 2 references to other areas of the play and link each one to the question by showing how the same theme/character is explored (2 marks for each)**

For example:

* “… a wee patch of clear blue.”
* Later in the play, Alec has turned to religion as it helps him deal with his grief. He believes his mother is safe in heaven and this gives him comfort.

(2 marks)

* “so ye go and get bevvied? Forget it all.”
* Later in the play, Davie is relying on alcohol and gambling to help him forget that his wife has died. He is not coping well at all and is losing the trust and respect of his son.

(2 marks)

**Laying out your answer**

You should use headings to make it clear to your marker that you know how to answer an 8 mark question. Use the following:

**Commonality** (step 1) (2 marks)

**Extract** (step 2) (2 marks)

**Elsewhere** (step 3) (4 marks)

If you are running out of time, you should still use the headings. Please **use bullet points** in your answer.