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Answer **two** questions.

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PETER SHAFFER: *Equus*

- 1 **Either** (a) Discuss the role and contribution of Frank and Dora Strang to the play's dramatic action.
- Or** (b) With close reference to its language and action, discuss the importance of this extract to the play as a whole.

Dysart [gently]: What was it? You couldn't? Though you wanted to very much?
Alan [to DYSART]: I couldn't ... see her.
Dysart: What do you mean?
Alan [to DYSART]: Only Him. Every time I kissed her – *He* was in the way.
Dysart: Who? 5
 [Alan turns on his back.]
Alan [to DYSART]: You *know* who! ... When I touched her, I felt *Him*. Under me ... His side, waiting for my hand ... His flanks ... I refused him. I looked. I looked right at her ... and I couldn't do it. When I shut my eyes, I saw *Him* at once. The streaks on his belly ... [With more desperation.] I couldn't feel her flesh at all! I wanted the foam off his neck. His sweaty hide. Not flesh. *Hide! Horse-hide!* ... Then I couldn't even kiss her. 10
 [JILL sits up.]
Jill: What is it?
Alan [dodging her hand]: No! 15
 [He scrambles up and crouches in the corner against the rails, like a little beast in a cage.]
Jill: Alan!
Alan: Stop it!
 [JILL gets up.] 20
Jill: It's all right ... It's all right ... Don't worry about it. It often happens – honest ... There's nothing wrong. I don't mind, you know ... I don't at all.
 [He dashes past her downstage.]
 Alan, look at me ... Alan? ... Alan!
 [He collapses again by the rail.] 25
Alan: Get out! ...
Jill: What?
Alan [soft]: Out!
Jill: There's nothing wrong; believe me! It's very common.
Alan: *Get out!* 30
 [He snatches up the invisible pick.]
 GET OUT!
Jill: Put that down!
Alan: Leave me alone!
Jill: Put that down, Alan. It's very dangerous. Go on, please – drop it. 35
 [He 'drops' it, and turns from her.]
Alan: You ever tell anyone. Just you tell ...
Jill: Who do you think I am? ... I'm your friend – Alan ...
 [She goes towards him.]
 Listen: you don't have to do anything. Try to realize that. Nothing at all. Why don't we just lie here together in the straw. And talk. 40
Alan [low]: Please ...
Jill: Just talk.
Alan: *Please!*
Jill: All right, I'm going ... Let me put my clothes on first. 45
 [She dresses, hastily.]
Alan: You tell anyone! ... Just tell and see ...

Jill: *Oh, stop it! ... I wish you could believe me. It's not in the least important.*
[Pause.]
Anyway, I won't say anything. You know that. You know I won't ... 50
[Pause. He stands with his back to her.]
Good night, then, Alan ... I wish – I really wish –
[He turns on her, hissing. His face is distorted – possessed.
In horrified alarm she turns – fumbles the door open – leaves the barn –
shuts the door hard behind her, and dashes up the tunnel out of sight, past 55
the barely visible figure of NUGGET.]

Act Two

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: *Twelfth Night*

- 2 **Either** (a) Discuss the presentation and significance of different kinds of madness in *Twelfth Night*.
- Or** (b) With close reference to the extract below, explore the dramatic and thematic significance of this episode.

Enter Olivia and Attendants.

- Duke:* Here comes the Countess; now heaven walks on earth.
But for thee, fellow – fellow, thy words are madness.
Three months this youth hath tended upon me –
But more of that anon. Take him aside. 5
- Olivia:* What would my lord, but that he may not have,
Wherein Olivia may seem serviceable?
Cesario, you do not keep promise with me.
- Viola:* Madam?
- Duke:* Gracious Olivia – 10
- Olivia:* What do you say, Cesario? Good my lord –
- Viola:* My lord would speak; my duty hushes me.
- Olivia:* If it be aught to the old tune, my lord,
It is as fat and fulsome to mine ear
As howling after music. 15
- Duke:* Still so cruel?
- Olivia:* Still so constant, lord.
- Duke:* What, to perverseness? You uncivil lady,
To whose ingrate and unauspicious altars
My soul the faithfull'st off'rings hath breath'd out 20
That e'er devotion tender'd! What shall I do?
- Olivia:* Even what it please my lord, that shall become him.
- Duke:* Why should I not, had I the heart to do it,
Like to the Egyptian thief at point of death,
Kill what I love? – a savage jealousy 25
That sometime savours nobly. But hear me this:
Since you to non-regardance cast my faith,
And that I partly know the instrument
That screws me from my true place in your favour,
Live you the marble-breasted tyrant still; 30
But this your minion, whom I know you love,
And whom, by heaven I swear, I tender dearly,
Him will I tear out of that cruel eye
Where he sits crowned in his master's spite.
Come, boy, with me; my thoughts are ripe in mischief: 35
I'll sacrifice the lamb that I do love
To spite a raven's heart within a dove.
- Viola:* And I, most jocund, apt, and willingly,
To do you rest, a thousand deaths would die.
- Olivia:* Where goes Cesario? 40
- Viola:* After him I love.
More than I love these eyes, more than my life,
More, by all mores, than e'er I shall love wife.
If I do feign, you witnesses above
Punish my life for tainting of my love! 45
- Olivia:* Ay me, detested! How am I beguil'd!
- Viola:* Who does beguile you? Who does do you wrong?

Olivia: Hast thou forgot thyself? Is it so long?
Call forth the holy father. [Exit an Attendant.

Duke: Come, away! 50

Olivia: Whither, my lord? Cesario, husband, stay.

Duke: Husband?

Olivia: Ay, husband; can he that deny?

Duke: Her husband, sirrah?

Viola: No, my lord, not I. 55

Act 5, Scene 1

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: *Henry IV, Part 1*

- 3 **Either** (a) 'A son who is the theme of honour's tongue;
Amongst a grove, the very straightest plant.'

To what extent would you agree with Henry IV's assessment of Hotspur?

- Or** (b) With close reference to language, compare and contrast the two images of Prince Henry that emerge from the following extract.

<i>Poins:</i>	Now, my good sweet honey lord, ride with us to-morrow. I have a jest to execute that I cannot manage alone. Falstaff, Bardolph, Peto, and Gadshill, shall rob those men that we have already waylaid; yourself and I will not be there; and when they have the booty, if you and I do not rob them, cut this head off from my shoulders.	5
<i>Prince:</i>	How shall we part with them in setting forth?	
<i>Poins:</i>	Why, we will set forth before or after them, and appoint them a place of meeting, wherein it is at our pleasure to fail; and then will they adventure upon the exploit themselves; which they shall have no sooner achieved but we'll set upon them.	10
<i>Prince:</i>	Yea, but 'tis like that they will know us by our horses, by our habits, and by every other appointment, to be ourselves.	
<i>Poins:</i>	Tut! our horses they shall not see – I'll tie them in the wood; our vizards we will change after we leave them; and, sirrah, I have cases of buckram for the nonce, to immask our noted outward garments.	15
<i>Prince:</i>	Yea, but I doubt they will be too hard for us.	
<i>Poins:</i>	Well, for two of them, I know them to be as true-bred cowards as ever turn'd back; and for the third, if he fight longer than he sees reason, I'll forswear arms. The virtue of this jest will be the incomprehensible lies that this same fat rogue will tell us when we meet at supper: how thirty, at least, he fought with; what wards, what blows, what extremities he endured; and in the reproof of this lives the jest.	20 25
<i>Prince:</i>	Well, I'll go with thee. Provide us all things necessary, and meet me to-morrow night in Eastcheap; there I'll sup. Farewell.	
<i>Poins:</i>	Farewell, my lord. <i>[Exit Poins.]</i>	
<i>Prince:</i>	I know you all, and will awhile uphold The unyok'd humour of your idleness; Yet herein will I imitate the sun, Who doth permit the base contagious clouds To smother up his beauty from the world, That, when he please again to be himself, Being wanted, he may be more wond'ring at By breaking through the foul and ugly mists Of vapours that did seem to strangle him. If all the year were playing holidays, To sport would be as tedious as to work; But when they seldom come, they wish'd-for come, And nothing pleaseth but rare accidents. So, when this loose behaviour I throw off And pay the debt I never promised, By how much better than my word I am, By so much shall I falsify men's hopes;	30 35 40 45

And, like bright metal on a sullen ground,
My reformation, glitt'ring o'er my fault,
Shall show more goodly and attract more eyes
Than that which hath no foil to set it off.
I'll so offend to make offence a skill,
Redeeming time when men think least I will.

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[Exit.

Act 1, Scene 2

TOM STOPPARD: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*

- 4 **Either** (a) Discuss Stoppard's treatment of the theme of death in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead*.
- Or** (b) With close reference to the passage below, show what dramatic effects Stoppard creates by having his own characters react to Shakespeare's lines.

Gertrude: Good [*fractional suspense*] gentlemen ... [*They both bow.*]
He hath much talked of you,

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Guil [the nursemaid] There! ... and we'll soon be home and dry ... and high and dry ... [*rapidly*] Has it ever happened to you that all of a sudden and for no reason at all you haven't the faintest idea how to spell the word – 'wife' – or 'house' – because when you write it down you just can't remember ever having seen those letters in that order before ...?

Act 1

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ARTHUR MILLER: *A View from the Bridge*

- 5 **Either** (a) Discuss the role and dramatic significance of Beatrice and her marriage to Eddie.
- Or** (b) How, and with what effects, does Miller dramatise a clash of cultural values and attitudes in this episode from the play?

There is a pause of darkness before the lights rise, on the reception room of a prison. MARCO is seated; ALFIERI, CATHERINE, and RODOLPHO standing.

Alfieri: I'm waiting, Marco, what do you say?

Rodolpho: Marco never hurt anybody.

Alfieri: I can bail you out until your hearing comes up. But I'm not going to do it, you understand me? Unless I have your promise. You're an honourable man, I will believe your promise. Now what do you say? 5

Marco: In my country he would be dead now. He would not live this long.

Alfieri: All right, Rodolpho – you come with me now.

Rodolpho: No! Please, Mister. Marco – promise the man. Please, I want you to watch the wedding. How can I be married and you're in here? Please, you're not going to do anything; you know you're not. 10
[MARCO is silent.]

Catherine [kneeling left of MARCO]: Marco, don't you understand? He can't bail you out if you're gonna do something bad. To hell with Eddie. Nobody is gonna talk to him again if he lives to a hundred. Everybody knows you spit in his face, that's enough, isn't it? Give me the satisfaction – I want you at the wedding. You got a wife and kids, Marco. You could be workin' till the hearing comes up, instead of layin' around here. 15

Marco [to ALFIERI]: I have no chance? 20

Alfieri [crosses to behind MARCO]: No, Marco. You're going back. The hearing is a formality, that's all.

Marco: But him? There is a chance, eh?

Alfieri: When she marries him he can start to become an American. They permit that, if the wife is born here. 25

Marco [looking at RODOLPHO]: Well – we did something. [He lays a palm on RODOLPHO's arm and RODOLPHO covers it.]

Rodolpho: Marco, tell the man.

Marco [pulling his hand away]: What will I tell him? He knows such a promise is dishonourable. 30

Alfieri: To promise not to kill is not dishonourable.

Marco [looking at ALFIERI]: No?

Alfieri: No.

Marco [gesturing with his head – this is a new idea]: Then what is done with such a man? 35

Alfieri: Nothing. If he obeys the law, he lives. That's all.

Marco [rises, turns to ALFIERI]: The law? All the law is not in a book.

Alfieri: Yes. In a book. There is no other law.

Marco [his anger rising]: He degraded my brother. My blood. He robbed my children, he mocks my work. I work to come here, mister! 40

Alfieri: I know, Marco –

Marco: There is no law for that? Where is the law for that?

Alfieri: There is none.

Marco [shaking his head, sitting]: I don't understand this country.

Alfieri: Well? What is your answer? You have five or six weeks you could work. Or else you sit here. What do you say to me? 45

Marco [lowers his eyes. It almost seems he is ashamed]: All right.

- Alfieri:* You won't touch him. This is your promise.
[*Slight pause.*]
- Marco:* Maybe he wants to apologize to me. 50
[*MARCO is staring away. ALFIERI takes one of his hands.*]
- Alfieri:* This is not God, Marco. You hear? Only God makes justice.
- Marco:* All right.
- Alfieri* [*nodding, not with assurance*]: Good! Catherine, Rodolpho, Marco, let us go.
[*CATHERINE kisses RODOLPHO and MARCO, then kisses ALFIERI's hand*] 55
- Catherine:* I'll get Beatrice and meet you at the church.
[*She leaves quickly.*
MARCO rises. RODOLPHO suddenly embraces him. MARCO pats him on the back and RODOLPHO exits after CATHERINE. MARCO faces ALFIERI.] 60
- Alfieri:* Only God, Marco.
[*MARCO turns and walks out. ALFIERI with a certain processional tread leaves the stage. The lights dim out.*]

Act Two

OSCAR WILDE: *The Importance of Being Earnest*

- 6 **Either** (a) How, and with what effects, does Wilde satirise education and learning in *The Importance of Being Earnest*?
- Or** (b) With particular attention to the extract below, show how Wilde presents the relationship between Jack and Algernon.

Jack: Cecily! What on earth do you mean? What do you mean, Algy, by Cecily! I don't know any one of the name of Cecily.
[Enter LANE.]

Algernon: Bring me that cigarette case Mr Worthing left in the smoking-room the last time he dined here. 5

Lane: Yes, sir.
[LANE goes out.]

Jack: Do you mean to say you have had my cigarette case all this time? I wish to goodness you had let me know. I have been writing frantic letters to Scotland Yard about it. I was very nearly offering a large reward. 10

Algernon: Well, I wish you would offer one. I happen to be more than usually hard up.

Jack: There is no good offering a large reward now that the thing is found.
[Enter LANE with the cigarette case on a salver. ALGERNON takes it at once. LANE goes out.] 15

Algernon: I think that is rather mean of you, Ernest, I must say. [Opens case and examines it.] However, it makes no matter, for, now that I look at the inscription inside, I find that the thing isn't yours after all.

Jack: Of course it's mine. [Moving to him.] You have seen me with it a hundred times, and you have no right whatsoever to read what is written inside. It is a very ungentlemanly thing to read a private cigarette case. 20

Algernon: Oh! it is absurd to have a hard and fast rule about what one should read and what one shouldn't. More than half of modern culture depends on what one shouldn't read.

Jack: I am quite aware of the fact, and I don't propose to discuss modern culture. It isn't the sort of thing one should talk of in private. I simply want my cigarette case back. 25

Algernon: Yes; but this isn't your cigarette case. This cigarette case is a present from someone of the name of Cecily, and you said you didn't know anyone of that name. 30

Jack: Well, if you want to know, Cecily happens to be my aunt.

Algernon: Your aunt!

Jack: Yes. Charming old lady she is, too. Lives at Tunbridge Wells. Just give it back to me, Algy.

Algernon [retreating to back of sofa]: But why does she call herself little Cecily if she is your aunt and lives at Tunbridge Wells? [Reading.] 'From little Cecily with her fondest love.' 35

Jack [moving to sofa and kneeling upon it]: My dear fellow, what on earth is there in that? Some aunts are tall, some aunts are not tall. That is a matter that surely an aunt may be allowed to decide for herself. You seem to think that every aunt should be exactly like your aunt! That is absurd. For Heaven's sake give me back my cigarette case. [Follows ALGERNON round the room.] 40

Algernon: Yes. But why does your aunt call you her uncle? 'From little Cecily, with her fondest love to her dear Uncle Jack.' There is no objection, I admit, to an aunt being a small aunt, but why an aunt, no matter what her size may be, should call her own nephew her uncle, I can't quite make out. 45

- Besides, your name isn't Jack at all; it is Ernest.
- Jack:* It isn't Ernest; it's Jack.
- Algernon:* You have always told me it was Ernest. I have introduced you to every one as Ernest. You answer to the name of Ernest. You look as if your name was Ernest. You are the most earnest-looking person I ever saw in my life. It is perfectly absurd your saying that your name isn't Ernest. It's on your cards. Here is one of them. [*Taking it from case.*] 'Mr Ernest Worthing, B.4, The Albany.' I'll keep this as a proof that your name is Ernest if ever you attempt to deny it to me, or to Gwendolen, or to anyone else. [*Puts the card in his pocket.*] 50
- Jack:* Well, my name is Ernest in town and Jack in the country, and the cigarette case was given to me in the country.
- Algernon:* Yes, but that does not account for the fact that your small Aunt Cecily, who lives at Tunbridge Wells, calls you her dear uncle. Come, old boy, you had much better have the thing out at once. 55
- Jack:* My dear Algy, you talk exactly as if you were a dentist. It is very vulgar to talk like a dentist when one isn't a dentist. It produces a false impression. 60
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Act 1

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