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Paper 2 Drama

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45 minutes

No Additional Materials are required.

#### **READ THESE INSTRUCTIONS FIRST**

An answer booklet is provided inside this question paper. You should follow the instructions on the front cover of the answer booklet. If you need additional answer paper ask the invigilator for a continuation booklet.

Answer one question.

All questions in this paper carry equal marks.



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#### ARTHUR MILLER: A View from the Bridge

# Remember to support your ideas with details from the text.

**Either 1** Read this passage, and then answer the question that follows it:

Beatrice [comes to him, now the subject is opened]: What's the matter with you?

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Eddie: I'll be in right away. Go ahead. [He walks off.]

[From Act 1]

How does Miller make this conversation between Eddie and Beatrice so revealing?

Or 2 Explore the ways in which Miller's writing makes Marco such a memorable character in the play.

# WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE: Julius Caesar

# Remember to support your ideas with details from the text.

# **Either 3** Read this passage, and then answer the question that follows it:

Brutus:	No, not an oath. If not the face of men, The sufferance of our souls, the time's abuse, If these be motives weak, break off betimes,	
	And every man hence to his idle bed. So let high-sighted tyranny range on, Till each man drop by lottery. But if these, As I am sure they do, bear fire enough To kindle cowards, and to steel with valour	5
	The melting spirits of women, then, countrymen, What need we any spur but our own cause To prick us to redress? What other bond Than secret Romans that have spoke the word And will not palter? And what other oath Than honesty to honesty engag'd	10
	That this shall be or we will fall for it? Swear priests and cowards and men cautelous, Old feeble carrions and such suffering souls That welcome wrongs; unto bad causes swear Such creatures as men doubt; but do not stain	15
	The even virtue of our enterprise, Nor th' insuppressive mettle of our spirits, To think that or our cause or our performance Did need an oath; when every drop of blood	20
	That every Roman bears, and nobly bears, Is guilty of a several bastardy, If he do break the smallest particle Of any promise that hath pass'd from him.	25
Cassius:	But what of Cicero? Shall we sound him? I think he will stand very strong with us.	
Casca:	Let us not leave him out.	30
Cinna:	No, by no means.	
Metellus:	O, let us have him; for his silver hairs Will purchase us a good opinion, And buy men's voices to commend our deeds. It shall be said his judgment rul'd our hands; Our youths and wildness shall no whit appear, But all be buried in his gravity.	35
Brutus:	O, name him not! Let us not break with him; For he will never follow any thing That other men begin.	40
Cassius:	Then leave him out.	
Casca:	Indeed he is not fit.	
Decius:	Shall no man else be touch'd but only Caesar?	
Cassius:	Decius well ura'd I think it is not meet	

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Mark Antony, so well belov'd of Caesar,

Should outlive Caesar. We shall find of him A shrewd contriver; and you know his means, If he improve them, may well stretch so far As to annoy us all; which to prevent, Let Antony and Caesar fall together.

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Brutus: Our course will seem too bloody, Caius Cassius,

To cut the head off and then hack the limbs – Like wrath in death and envy afterwards;

For Antony is but a limb of Caesar.

Let's be sacrificers, but not butchers, Caius. 55

We all stand up against the spirit of Caesar, And in the spirit of men there is no blood. O that we then could come by Caesar's spirit,

And not dismember Caesar! But, alas,

Caesar must bleed for it! 60

[From Act 2, Scene 1]

How does Shakespeare memorably portray Brutus at this moment in the play?

**Or 4** What vivid impressions of Portia and Calphurnia does Shakespeare's writing create for you?

# **AUGUST WILSON: Fences**

# Remember to support your ideas with details from the text.

# Either 5 Read this passage, and then answer the question that follows it:

Cory:	You crazy! You know that?	
Troy:	Go on now! You got the devil in you. Get on away from me!	
Cory:	You just a crazy old man talking about I got the devil in me.	
Troy:	Yeah, I'm crazy! If you don't get on the other side of that yard I'm gonna show you how crazy I am! Go on get the hell out of my yard.	5
Cory:	It ain't your yard. You took Uncle Gabe's money he got from the army to buy this house and then you put him out.	
Troy	[TROY advances on CORY.]: Get your black ass out of my yard!	10
	[TROY's advance backs CORY up against the tree. CORY grabs up the bat.]	
Cory:	I ain't going nowhere! Come on put me out! I ain't scared of you.	15
Troy:	That's my bat!	
Cory:	Come on!	
Troy:	Put my bat down!	
Cory:	Come on, put me out.	
	[CORY swings at TROY, who backs across the yard.]	20
	What's the matter? You so bad put me out!	
	[TROY advances toward CORY.]	
Cory	[Backing up.]: Come on! Come on!	
Troy:	You're gonna have to use it! You wanna draw that bat back on me you're gonna have to use it.	25
Cory:	Come on! Come on!	
	[CORY swings the bat at TROY a second time. He misses. TROY continues to advance toward him.]	
Troy:	You're gonna have to kill me! You wanna draw that bat back on me. You're gonna have to kill me.	30
	[CORY, backed up against the tree, can go no farther. TROY taunts him. He sticks out his head and offers him a target.]	
	Come on! Come on!	
	[CORY is unable to swing the bat. TROY grabs it.]	
Troy:	Then I'll show you.	35
	[CORY and TROY struggle over the bat. The struggle is fierce and fully engaged. TROY ultimately is the stronger, and takes the bat from CORY and stands over him ready to swing. He stops himself.]	
	Go on and get away from around my house.	40

[CORY, stung by his defeat, picks himself up, walks slowly out of the yard and up the alley.]

Cory: Tell Mama I'll be back for my things.

*Troy:* They'll be on the other side of that fence.

[CORY exits.] 45

Troy: I can't taste nothing. Helluljah! I can't taste nothing no more. [TROY assumes a batting posture and begins to taunt Death, the fastball in the outside corner.] Come on! It's between you and me now! Come on! Anytime you want! Come on! I be

ready for you ... but I ain't gonna be easy. 50

[The lights go down on the scene.]

[From Act 2, Scene 4]

How does Wilson make this such a powerfully dramatic moment in the play?

Or 6 Explore the ways in which Wilson makes Gabe such a memorable character in the play.

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