**Hamlet
Past Leaving Certificate Questions**

**1.** ‘We admire Hamlet as much for his weaknesses as for his strengths'.
         Write a response to this view of the character of Hamlet, supporting your points by reference to the text.

**2**. “Revenge and justice are finely balanced themes in the play, Hamlet.”

           Discuss this statement, supporting your answer with suitable reference to the text.   (2011)

**3.** “Claudius can be seen as both a heartless villain and a character with some    redeeming qualities in the play, Hamlet.”

  Discuss both aspects of this statement, supporting your answer with suitable reference to the text (2011)

**4.** “In their deadly conflict Hamlet and Claudius are two unscrupulous and clever adversaries”.

   Discuss this statement, supporting your answer by quotation from or reference to the play.

**5.** Consider the qualities of the play, Hamlet, which account for its popularity as a play throughout the ages. Support your answer by quotation from or reference to the play.

**6.** Discuss the importance of the character, Horatio, in the play Hamlet.
 Support your answer by quotation from or reference to the play.

**7.** “Horror and disgust at his mother’s behaviour, and a spreading and deepening of that horror and disgust to include all life, dominates the soul of Hamlet”.

   Discuss this view of Hamlet’s character, supporting your answer with suitable reference to the text.