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E OTHELLO – William Shakespeare

- (i) “Desdemona and Emilia are weak characters who fail to gain our sympathy.”

To what extent do you agree or disagree with this view of Desdemona and Emilia? Support your answer with reference to the play, *Othello*.

OR

- (ii) “The values evident in *Othello* have a profound influence on the outcome of the play.”

Discuss this view, supporting your answer with reference to at least two of the values evident in the text.

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- (i) “Othello’s foolishness rather than Iago’s cleverness leads to the tragedy of Shakespeare’s *Othello*.”

Discuss this statement supporting your answer with the aid of suitable reference to the text.

OR

- (ii) “Shakespeare’s play *Othello* demonstrates the weakness of human judgement.”

Discuss this statement supporting your answer with the aid of suitable reference to the text.

