**Quotes Test on ‘Hamlet’ Act 3**

For each of the following quotes state

* Who is speaking [1 mark]
* To whom they are speaking [1 mark]
* The context of the quote [3 marks]

1. ‘I do wish

That your good beauties be the happy cause

Of Hamlet’s wildness;’

1. ‘O! ‘tis too true;

How smart a lash that speech doth give my conscience!

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O heavy burden!’

1. ‘To be or not to be: that is the question:

Whether ‘tis nobler in the mind to suffer

The slings and arrows of outrageous fortune,

Or to take arms against a sea of troubles,

And by opposing end them?’

1. ‘’Tis a consummation devoutly to be wish’d.’
2. ‘For in that sleep of death what dreams may come,

When we have shuffled off this mortal coil,

Must give us pause.’

1. ‘For who would bear the whips and scorns of time,

The oppressor’s wrong, the proud man’s contumely,

The pang’s of disprized love, the law’s delay

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When he himself might his quietus make

With a bare bodkin?’

1. ‘Who would fardels bear

To grunt and sweat under a weary life,

But that the dread of something after death,

That undiscovered country, from whose bourn

No traveller returns.....

Makes us bear the ills we have

Than fly off to others we know not of?’

1. ‘Thus conscience does makes coward of us all.’
2. ‘I did love thee once.’ ‘I loved you not.’
3. ‘Get thee to a nunnery. Wouldst thou be a breeder of sinners?’
4. ‘Marry a fool; for wise men know well enough what monsters you make of them.’
5. ‘I have heard of your paintings too, well enough.’
6. ‘We shall have no more marriages; those that are married already, all but one, shall live;.’
7. ‘O! What a noble mind is here o’erthrown:

The courtier’s, soldier’s, scholar’s, eye, tongue, sword;

The expectancy and rose of the fair state.’

1. ‘O! Woe is me,

To have seen what I have seen, see what I see.’

1. ‘Love! His affections do not that way tend;’
2. ‘There’s something in his soul

O’er which his melancholy sits on brood;

.......the hatch and the disclose

Will be some danger;’

1. ‘He shall with speed to England’
2. ‘Madness in great ones must not unwatched go.’
3. ‘Be not too tame neither, but let your own discretion be your tutor: suit the action to the word, the word to the action;’
4. ‘Observe my uncle.’
5. ‘Tis brief, my lord’

‘As woman’s love.’

1. ‘The lady doth protests too much, methinks.’
2. ‘I’ll take the ghost’s word for a thousand pound.’
3. ‘Though you can fret me, you cannot play upon me.’
4. ‘They fool me to the top of my bent.’
5. ‘’Tis now the very witching time of night,

When churchyards yawn, and hell itself breathes out

Contagion to this world: now could I drink hot blood,

And do such bitter business as the day

Would quake to look on....

O heart! Lose not thy nature; let not ever

The soul of Nero enter this firm bosom;

Let me be cruel, not unnatural;

I will speak daggers to her, but use none;

My tongue and soul in this be hypocrites;

How in my words soever she be shent,

To give them seals never, my soul, consent!’

**Act III Scene iii**

1. “I like him not nor stands it safe with us to let his madness range.”
2. “O my offence is rank, it smells to heaven;

It hath the primal eldest curse upon’t;

A brother’s murder! Pray can I not,”

1. “Forgive me my foul murder?

That cannot be; since I am still possess’d

Of those effects for which I did the murder,

My crown, mine own ambition, and my queen.

May one be pardoned and retain the offence?”

1. “Now might I do it pat, now he is praying;

And now I’ll do’t: and so he goes to heaven;

And so I am reveng’d....

A villain kills my father; and for that,

I, his sole son, do this same villain send

To heaven.

Why this is hire and salary, not revenge.”

1. “He took my father grossly....

With all his crimes broad blown.”

1. “And am I then revenged,

To take him in the purging of his soul,

When he is fit and season’d for his passage?

1. Up, sword, and know thou a more horrid hent;

When he is drunk asleep, or in his rage,

Or in the incestuous pleasure of his bed....”

1. “My words fly up, my thoughts remain below:

Words without thoughts never to heaven go.”

**Act III Scene iv**

1. “Hamlet, thou hast thy father much offended”

“Mother, you have my father much offended”

1. “O what a rash and bloody deed is this!”

“Almost as bad, good mother,

As kill a king and marry with his brother”

1. “Thou wretched, rash, intruding fool, farewell”
2. “Let me wring your heart”
3. “An act that blurs the grace and blush of modesty.....

Makes marriage vows as false as dicers’ oaths”

1. “A combination and a form indeed,

Where every god did seem to set his seal,

To give the world assurance of a man.

This was your husband.”......

Here is your husband; like a mildew’d ear,

Blasting his wholesome brother.”

1. “O Hamlet speak no more;

Thou turn’st my eye into my very soul;

And there I see such black and grained spots

As will not leave there tinct.”

1. “Nay, but to live

In the rank sweat of an enseamed bed,

Stew’d in corruption”

1. “These words like daggers enter in mine ears.”
2. “Do you not come your tardy son to chide?”
3. “To whet thy almost blunted purpose.”
4. “This is the very coinage of your brain.”
5. “Confess yourself to heaven;

Repent what’s past.”

1. “O Hamlet thou hast cleft my heart in twain.”

“O throw away the worser part of it.....

Go not to my uncle’s bed.”

1. “I do repent: but heaven hath pleas’d it so,

To punish me with this, and this with me,

That I must be their scourge and minister.

I will bestow him and will answer well

The death I gave him.”

1. “I essentially am not in madness

But mad in craft.”

1. “Be thou assur’d, if words be made of breath,

And breath of life, I have no life to breathe

What thou hast said to me.”

1. “Whom I will trust as I will adders fang’d.”
2. I’ll lug his guts into the neighbour room.”