

Thoroughly answer these questions with direct quotations from the play to support your claim. Use proper citation for prose and verse in drama.

**Act I Scene v**

1. What is the purpose of the letter?
2. What do we learn about Macbeth from Lady Macbeth's reaction to the letter?
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4. Does Lady Macbeth fear Macbeth will not be king if he does not murder Duncan?
5. How does the news about King Duncan's expected arrival affect her? What is she planning?
6. Why does Lady Macbeth pray to be unsexed?
7. What does Shakespeare establish in Macbeth and Lady Macbeth's first exchange when Macbeth arrives home?
8. In what way does Lady Macbeth's advice to Macbeth relate to the "fair is foul" theme?
9. What is Lady Macbeth referring to when she says, "What thou are promised . Yet do I fear thy nature" (I. v. 16). And what does it mean?
10. What does Lady Macbeth's reference to Macbeth as being "... too full o' the milk of human kindness," (I v. 17) suggest about Macbeth?
11. What does Lady Macbeth imply when she states to the messenger, "Thou'rt mad to say it," (I v. 36), when he tells her of Duncan's visit?
12. What are the three distinct points of Lady Macbeth's soliloquy in lines 45 - 61?
13. When Macbeth tells Lady Macbeth, "We will speak further," (I v 83) what does this mean, and show about his resolve?
14. Appearance/Reality is a key motif in the play. Cite the lines in scene vi that reveal this motif.
15. Interpret this quotation:

"Hie thee hither, / That I may pour my spirits in thine ear / And chastise with the valor of my tongue / All that impedes thee " (I. v. 27 – 30)

**Act I Scene vi**

1. Scene vi opens with Duncan praising Macbeth's castle "the castle hath a pleasant seat." (I vi 87). Name the element of drama this is an example of?
2. Interpret the different symbols in this scene.
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3. What is the purpose of this brief scene?
4. How does Lady Macbeth mask her premeditated hypocrisy in her speech?
5. How does this scene contribute to the "fair is foul" theme?

### **Act I Scene vii**

1. Macbeth hesitates to murder Duncan for several reasons. What are his arguments? What does he finally conclude?
2. What consequences does Macbeth fear if he commits the murder?
3. What does Lady Macbeth say in an attempt to goad her husband into the murder?
4. What does Macbeth's soliloquy, "If it were done when 'tis done, then 'twere well" (I. vii. 1) reveal about the state of Macbeth's mind,?
5. When Macbeth says to Lady Macbeth, "Bring forth men-children only," (I vii 84) what is his deeper concern?
6. Note the many times images of babies and mothers are presented in this play. What imagery is presented when Lady Macbeth says "I have given suck, and know/How tender 'tis to love the babe that milks me." (I viii 62 – 63). How is this image shattered?
7. What exposition does Shakespeare give the audience in this scene?