

## Macbeth Act 3- Important Questions

### **Act 3 is extremely important because it marks:**

- Macbeth's transformation from hesitant murderer → active tyrant
- The shift of power from Lady Macbeth → Macbeth
- The rise of guilt as psychological punishment
- The beginning of political rebellion

### **ACT 3 – Important Board Questions**

1. How does Macbeth's character change in Act 3?
2. How does Act 3 show that Macbeth has become a tyrant?
3. What role does Banquo play as a threat to Macbeth?
4. How does Lady Macbeth's influence begin to decline in Act 3?
5. How is Macbeth portrayed as insecure and paranoid in Act 3?
  
6. How does Shakespeare present the theme of insecurity in Act 3?
7. Show how violence leads to more violence in Act 3.
8. How does guilt manifest itself in Act 3?
9. Discuss the theme of fate vs free will in Act 3.
10. How does Act 3 highlight the consequences of ambition?

### **Banquet Scene (VERY IMPORTANT)**

11. What is the significance of Banquo's ghost in the banquet scene?
12. How does the banquet scene expose Macbeth's guilt?
13. How does Lady Macbeth try to control the situation during the banquet?
14. Why is the banquet scene considered a turning point in the play?
  
15. How does Act 3 show that Scotland is suffering under Macbeth's rule?
16. How does Shakespeare prepare the audience for Macbeth's downfall in Act 3?
17. How does Lennox's speech in Act 3 Scene 6 reflect growing rebellion?
  
18. What is the significance of Hecate's warning that "Security is mortals' chiefest enemy"?
19. How do the witches contribute to Macbeth's downfall in Act 3?

### **Most Important**

- Macbeth's insecurity after becoming king
- Banquo as a threat
- Banquet scene & Banquo's ghost
- "I am in blood stepped in so far..." (Turning point)

- Scotland under tyranny (Act 3 Scene 6)

These can be reshaped into multiple answers.