

Macbeth Act 4- Important Questions

1. "The prophecies in Act 4 give Macbeth confidence but actually lead to his downfall." Discuss.
2. How does Shakespeare use the apparitions to mislead Macbeth in Act 4?
3. Show how Act 4 presents Macbeth as a ruthless tyrant rather than a brave warrior.
4. How does the murder of Macduff's family contribute to Macbeth's destruction?
5. Discuss the importance of Act 4 as a turning point in the play.
6. How does Shakespeare contrast Lady Macbeth and Lady Macduff in Act 4?
7. Describe Macduff's reaction to the death of his family. How does it prepare the audience for the final conflict?
8. "False security is Macbeth's greatest weakness." Explain with reference to Act 4.

9. With reference to the scene of the witches and the apparitions, explain how the atmosphere of fear and mystery is created.
10. Explain the significance of:
 - "Beware Macduff."
 - "None of woman born shall harm Macbeth."
 - "Till Birnam Wood to Dunsinane Hill shall come."
11. What is the significance of the procession of eight kings?
12. Explain the dramatic irony in the witches' prophecies.
13. With reference to Malcolm's testing of Macduff, show how appearance and reality are explored.

14. How does Act 4 show Macbeth's moral decline?
15. Discuss Lady Macduff as a symbol of innocence and domestic love.
16. Examine Macduff as a patriot in Act 4.
17. How does Malcolm prove himself a wise and cautious leader?
18. Show how the witches manipulate Macbeth through half-truths.

19. How is the theme of appearance vs reality developed in Act 4?

- 20. Discuss the role of supernatural forces in influencing Macbeth's actions.**
- 21. How does Shakespeare show the suffering of Scotland under Macbeth's rule?**
- 22. Examine the theme of innocence versus cruelty in Act 4.**
- 23. How does Act 4 build suspense before the climax?**