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Act II Quiz

Wallenberg
Hamlet Quiz Act II, pp. 35-top of 53 (new pages)/pp. 65-top of 83 (old pages)

Grade	Scale	Score
19	20	A
17	18	A-
16	16	B+
15	14	B
14	12	C+
13	10	C
12	8	D+
11	6	D
10	4	F
9	2	F-

★ **Note!** If you do not fill the page numbers in, you will lose a flat 2 points!

P. _____ line _____ 1. Where has Reynaldo just been told he is to go? _____

P. _____ line _____ 2. For what purpose? _____

pp. 36-37 (new) 3. Read the pages carefully. now, explain Polonius' method which
pp. 66-67 (old) is described as "by indirections find directions out." _____

P. _____ line _____ 4. Who has recently been frightened by Hamlet's "antic disposition"? _____

P. _____ line _____ 5. Explain what happened in Ophelia's "closet." _____

6-8. Describe the three theories brought up in Act II as to why it seems Hamlet has gone crazy.
POLONIUS' THEORY: _____

pp. 39, 44-45 (new) 6. GERTRUDE'S THEORY: _____

pp. 69, 74-75 (old) 7. ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDY'S THEORY: _____

p. 42 (new) 8. ROSENCRANTZ & GUILDY'S THEORY: _____

p. 72 (old) _____

pp. 48-49 (new) _____

pp. 78-79 (old) _____

Also **Big Hint!** Skip ahead and read lines 315-350 p. 80 (new) / p. 110 (old).

P. _____ line _____ 9. For what purpose does Claudius enlist the services of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern? _____

P. _____ (new) line _____ 10. Explain in what way Fortinbras' plans to attack Denmark have changed. _____

P. _____ line _____ 11. Explain the plan Polonius and Claudius devise to check out whether Polonius' theory for Hamlet's behavior is on target. _____

pp. 46-47 (new) 12. What might Polonius be wondering when he, in reference to Hamlet's behavior, says: "Though this be madness, yet there is method in't"? _____

P. _____ line _____ 13-15. Hamlet says to R & G, "for there is nothing either good bad but thinking makes it so." He uses a metaphor to describe Denmark which both R & G dismiss. Hamlet's metaphor has something to do with the fact that Claudius has strongly "entrained" Hamlet to stay in Denmark rather than return to Wittenberg. What is Hamlet's metaphor for Denmark? _____

13. Explain in at least 3 ways how this metaphor could possibly be Hamlet's reality. _____

14. _____

15. _____

20. You get one point for your comments, reactions to the reading, the approach we're using for studying Hamlet in class and/or this quiz.

Please respond FULLY below:

- page 50 (new)
page 80 (old)

16. Read carefully Hamlet's long speech in the middle of the page. Where is it that you have heard Hamlet say pretty much this same thing before? P. _____ line _____
What does this mean? Explain.

- pp. 51-52 (new)
pp. 81-82 (old)

17. Read these pages carefully--including the footnotes! Describe what was happening historically that caused these players to show up at Elinore at this time.

- page 52 (new)
page 82 (old)

18. What is Hamlet saying about human nature with his lines (371-376) to R & G?

- pp. 52-53 (new)
pp. 82-83 (old)

19. Some critics believe that Hamlet has a momentary lapse of remembering to be cautious when he says these lines to R & G: "I am but mad north-northwest: when the wind is southerly I know a hawk from a handsaw." What does he SEEM to be saying?

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