

**QUIZ on HAMLET Act III pp.114-123 old/84-93 new**

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1. After reading Claudius' soliloquy carefully, why, according to Claudius, would God have difficulty forgiving him for the murder? See p. 114 (old)/84 (new).

2. Look carefully at lines 57-64 from p. 114 (old)/84 (new). What is Shakespeare saying about consequences and what differences there are on earth compared to heaven? Write your answer to the right of the quote. Feel free to circle, draw arrows, etc. on the actual text of the quote to explain your answer.

*Offense's gilded hand may shove by justice,  
And oft 'tis seen the wicked prize itself  
Buys out the law. But 'tis not so above.  
There is no shuffling; there the action lies  
In his true nature, and we ourselves compelled,  
Even to the teeth and forehead of our faults,  
To give in evidence."*

3. When he accidentally comes in right after the king's soliloquy, why does Hamlet decide NOT to kill Claudius? Look carefully at Hamlet's 5th soliloquy on p. 115 (old)/85 (new).

4. Look carefully at these lines 97-98 from p. 115 (old)/85 (new).

*"My words fly up, my thoughts remain below.  
Words without thoughts never to heaven go."*

What incredibly tragic moment/situation do these lines suggest has just occurred?

5. Explain the irony in lines 10-11 from p. 116 (old)/86 (new).

6. Read carefully lines 19-21 pp. 116-117 (old)/pp. 86-87 (new). What is Hamlet mainly trying to accomplish in this scene with his mother?

7-8. Read carefully p. 117 (old)/p. 87 new. (Specifically, lines 24, 29-30, 32-33 will help!)

7. Who does Hamlet think is hidden behind the arras? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Give evidence of your answer by citing some actual lines and their page and line numbers below.

9-10. Hamlet shows the queen two pictures on p. 118 (old)/p. 88 (new). Who is pictured?

9.) \_\_\_\_\_ and 10.) \_\_\_\_\_  
"this fair mountain" "like a mildewed ear . . . this moor"

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11-12. Read carefully Gertrude's lines on p. 119 (old)/pp. 89 (new).

11. Comment on what these lines seem to be saying.

Specifically, think about these questions to guide your response:

What is her reaction to what Hamlet is saying? Is this a change? Do you think she was actually in on the murder? What does this scene imply is the next step for Gertrude?

12. Give evidence of your answer by citing some actual lines and their page and line numbers below.

13. Specifically, why does the ghost come in exactly when he does?

(See p. 120 (old)/p. 90 (new), lines 111-112)

14-15. Explain why you think it is only Hamlet who sees the ghost this time. Give at least 2 possible reasons.

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16. What is the queen's take on Hamlet's revealing to her that he has just seen his father's ghost?

17. After the ghost leaves, Hamlet tells his mother there is a place to which she ABSOLUTELY is NOT supposed to go. What is this place? \_\_\_\_\_ Cite evidence! lines \_\_\_\_\_ p. \_\_\_\_\_ (old)  
OR p. \_\_\_\_\_ (new)

18-19. Read carefully the lines 173-180 below which come from p. 122 old/92 new. Some scholars believe they are among the most important lines in the play in terms of Hamlet's mission and understanding of life.

Explain these lines and discuss their significance. (I will read your answer to this question carefully!)  
Write your answer to the right of the quote. Feel free to circle, draw arrows, etc. on the actual text of the quote to explain your answer.

*"For this same lord,  
I do repent; but heaven hath pleased it so,  
to punish me with this, and this with me,  
That I must be their scourge and minister.  
I will bestow him and answer well  
The death I gave him. So again, good night.  
I must be cruel only to be kind.  
Thus bad begins, and worse remains behind."*

20. What is she absolutely NOT supposed to tell Claudius? \_\_\_\_\_

21-22. Who, with "letters sealed," will accompany Hamlet to England? 21. \_\_\_\_\_

22. What do you think the letters might say? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Whose guts does Hamlet say he has to "lug into the neighbor room"? \_\_\_\_\_

24-25. Please comment on the play so far AND/OR list any questions/parts in the reading that goes along with this quiz that you want to be sure we go over well in class.

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