

Macbeth

Answer both **2 1** and **2 2**.

You are advised to spend about 20 minutes on **2 1**, and about 40 minutes on **2 2**.

2 1 Read the extract on the opposite page. Then answer the following question.

Look at how the characters speak and behave here. How do you think an audience might respond to this part of the play? Refer closely to details from the extract to support your answer. [15]

* **2 2** Write about the relationship between Macbeth and Lady Macbeth and how it is presented at different points in the play. [25]

**5 of this question's marks are allocated for accuracy in spelling, punctuation and the use of vocabulary and sentence structures.*

ROSS Your castle is surprised; your wife and babes
Savagely slaughtered. To relate the manner,
Were on the quarry of these murdered deer
To add the death of you.

MALCOLM Merciful heaven!
What! man; ne'er pull your hat upon your brows,
Give sorrow words; the grief that does not speak
Whispers the o'er-fraught heart, and bids it break.

MACDUFF My children too?

ROSS Wife, children, servants, all
That could be found.

MACDUFF And I must be from thence!
My wife killed too!

ROSS I have said.

MALCOLM Be comforted.
Let's make us medicines of our great revenge,
To cure this deadly grief.

MACDUFF He has no children. All my pretty ones?
Did you say all? O hell-kite! All?
What, all my pretty chickens and their dam
At one fell swoop?

MALCOLM Dispute it like a man.

MACDUFF I shall do so;
But I must also feel it as a man:
I cannot but remember such things were
That were most precious to me. Did heaven look on,
And would not take their part? Sinful Macduff,
They were all struck for thee. Naught that I am,
Not for their own demerits, but for mine,
Fell slaughter on their souls. Heaven rest them now.

MALCOLM Be this the whetstone of your sword, let grief
Convert to anger; blunt not the heart, enrage it.