

Hamlet: Previous Exam Questions

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- a.) How far and in what ways do you agree that ‘in the play *Hamlet*, children are destroyed by their parents’?

OR

- b.) How does your reading of *Hamlet* lead you to agree that ‘Claudius is more a figure to be pitied than a villain’?

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- a.) ‘All the characters are prisoners.’ How far and in what ways do you find this comment helpful to your reading of the play *Hamlet*?

OR

- b.) How far do you agree that ‘loyalty is the one redeeming virtue in the play *Hamlet*?’

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- c.) How far and in what ways do you agree that ‘the story of Polonius and his children is a tragedy within a tragedy’?

OR

- d.) ‘Corruption permeates the play *Hamlet* at every level.’ How far and in what ways do you agree?

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- e.) How far and in what ways do you agree that ‘Horatio is crucial to the meaning and effects of the play *Hamlet*’?

OR

- f.) ‘Hamlet avenges his mother, rather than his father.’ How far and in what ways do you agree?