**Macbeth act I Multiple Choice**

*Identify the letter of the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question.*

**Recalling and Interpreting** (The Tragedy of Macbeth, Act 1)

Which of the following best describes the mood of scene 1, in which the witches appear?

1. confusion and upset c. lighthearted wonder
2. horror and shock d. uneasiness and gloom

Macbeth's actions on the battlefield show him to be all of the following EXCEPT

1. superstitious. c. recklessly brave.
2. loyal to the king. d. capable of great violence.

The king views the Thane of Cawdor with angry contempt because of his

a. greed. c. cowardliness.  
b. disloyalty. d. incompetence.

Upon hearing the witches' prophecies, Macbeth experiences all of the following EXCEPT

a thrilling fear. b. a desire for more details. c. scornful disbelief. d. the temptation to murder.

this act, what causes Macbeth's nervousness and fear?  
facing enemies in battle c. being tempted to commit murder being made Thane of Cawdor d. coming face to face with witches

scene 5, Lady Macbeth's immediate reaction upon reading her husband's letter is to express doubt about her own determination. c. Macbeth's ambition.  
the witches' prophecies. d. Macbeth's strength of will.

Lady Macbeth says that she would sooner murder

1. doubt her husband.
2. go back on an oath.

Lady Macbeth asks spirits to help her

1. make a decision.
2. trick her husband.

her own infant than  
c. behave in a dishonest way.  
d. give away her husband's plan.

c. overcome temptation.  
d. be as cruel as she needs to be.

Macbeth is reluctant to kill Duncan at Macbeth's castle because of a "double trust," by which he means that Duncan

1. is both his king and his guest.
2. and his two sons are his guests.
3. commands both Macbeth and Lady Macbeth.
4. has named him both Thane of Cawdor and Thane of Glamis.

Macbeth and Lady Macbeth intend to get away with murder by making it seem that the king a. committed suicide. c. was murdered by others.  
b. died of natural causes. d. deserved what happened to him.

In an aside in scene 3, Banquo wonders whether "the devil can speak true," referring to statements made by a. himself. c. the witches.  
b. Macbeth. d. the Thane of Ross.

What does Duncan's son Malcolm, "the Prince of Cumberland," represent to Macbeth?

1. a "peerless kinsman" c. an enemy not to be tangled with
2. an obstacle to the throne d. a model whose deeds he should imitate

When Duncan arrives at Inverness (Macbeth's castle), his mood is one of

1. excitement. c. doubtful worry.
2. impatience. d. peaceful happiness.

Lady Macbeth clearly believes that her husband's murder of Duncan would be

a. manly. c. cowardly. b. difficult. d. dangerous.

**Short Answer**

**Interpreting and Evaluating** (The Tragedy of Macbeth, Act 1)  
When a play is performed, lighting, music, costumes, props, and even how the actors move are used to aid in establishing atmosphere. Summarize each scene below and note what atmosphere you think is appropriate. Then note two things that might be done in staging that scene to help establish the atmosphere.

1. Scene 4
2. Scene 7

**Essay**

**Evaluating and Connecting** (The Tragedy of Macbeth, Act 1)

1. In scene 7, what approaches, or strategies, does Lady Macbeth use to try to change Macbeth's mind about assassinating Duncan? Why does Macbeth finally agree?