

Section A: Shakespeare

Answer **one** question from this section on your chosen text.

Macbeth

Read the following extract from Act 2 Scene 3 of *Macbeth* and then answer the question that follows.

At this point in the play Duncan's sons are considering what they should do to be safe after the death of their father, the king..

Exeunt all but Malcolm and Donalbain.

MALCOLM

What will you do? Let's not consort with them:
To show an unfelt sorrow is an office
Which the false man does easy. I'll to England.

DONALBAIN

To Ireland, I; our separated fortune
Shall keep us both the safer: where we are,
There's daggers in men's smiles: the near in blood,
The nearer bloody.

MALCOLM

This murderous shaft that's shot
Hath not yet lighted, and our safest way
Is to avoid the aim. Therefore, to horse;
And let us not be dainty of leave-taking,
But shift away: there's warrant in that theft
Which steals itself, when there's no mercy left.

Exeunt

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Starting with this extract, explain how far you think Shakespeare presents fear.

Write about:

- how Shakespeare presents fear in this extract
- how Shakespeare presents fear in the play as a whole.

[30 marks] AO4 [4 marks]