**Macbeth Act II STUDY GUIDE NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Study Guide is worth 50 points \_\_/50**

**1. What is Macbeth's lie to Banquo about the witches' predictions?**

**a. He says he does not remember what they said.**

**b. He says he does not even think about them.**

**c. He says they made a lucky guess on their predictions, but they are wrong about him ever being king.**

**d. He says only fools and women believe such nonsense.**

**2. What is the signal Lady Macbeth is to give Macbeth to let him know that she has taken care of the guards?**

**a. She will ring a bell.**

**b. She will send a servant to say she is ill and wants to see him.**

**c. She will light three candles in her bedroom window.**

**d. She will stand at the window and whistle like a bird.**

**3. What excuse does Lady Macbeth give for not killing Duncan herself?**

**a. It would diminish Macbeth's power if she did the killing.**

**b. She is not a strong and might not be able to use the knife effectively.**

**c. She saw in a dream that only Macbeth could commit the murder.**

**d. He reminded him of her father sleeping there.**

**4. After Macbeth kills Duncan, he goes to Lady Macbeth and is concerned about not being able to say "Amen." What is her advice to him?**

**a. He should keep trying and soon he will succeed**

**b. It does not matter whether or not he can say it**

**c. They shouldn't think about it or it will make them crazy**

**d. After things calm down he can go to the priest and ask for forgiveness**

**5. Then, Macbeth is worried about hearing a voice saying, "Macbeth does murder sleep." What does Lady Macbeth then tell him to do?**

**a. Have a glass of wine and relax**

**b. Get cleaned up and forget about it**

**c. Have the minstrel come and sing some quiet tunes to put them to sleep**

**d. Go for a walk in the garden and get some fresh air.**

**6. Why won't Macbeth take the daggers back to the scene of the crime?**

**a. He can't bear to look at Duncan again**

**b. He is afraid to be seen and look suspicious**

**c. He thinks it will be bad luck to touch them again**

**d. He says he has done enough; Lady Macbeth can return the daggers**

**7. Who was knocking?**

**a. The servant was bringing a glass of wine to Macbeth's chamber**

**b. Macduff and Lennox were at the gate**

**c. A drunkard who had lost his way home wanted a place to sleep**

**d. A messenger came with a note for Lady Macbeth**

**8. What three things does drinking provoke?**

**a. "Sin, ill tempers, and ruin"**

**b. "Poor health, nightmares, and poverty"**

**c. "Nose-painting, sleep and urine"**

**d. "Fighting, hatred and trouble"**

**9. How does Lennox describe the night, and what is Macbeth's response?**

**a. Lennox says it was a terrible night, and it predicted terrible, confusing times ahead. Macbeth brushes it off and says it was merely a rough night.**

**b. Lennox says it was truly beautiful and peaceful-looking. Macbeth says appearances can be deceiving.**

**c. Lennox says it was an awful night. Macbeth agrees and blames the witches.**

**d. Lennox says it started out looking like an ordinary night. Macbeth disagrees and says it was terrible.**

**10. What did Macduff discover?**

**a. A note containing the outline of a plot to kill Duncan.**

**b. An unlocked gate and a drunk porter**

**c. Another omen -- dead flowers in the garden**

**d. Duncan's body**

**11. Macduff says, "Oh, gentle lady, 'Tis not for you to hear what I can speak. The repetition, in a woman's ear, Would murder as it fell." What is ironic about this?**

**a. He pretended to be brave, but he really wasn't.**

**b. He sounded concerned about Lady Macbeth, but he really thought women were weak and foolish**

**c. He tried to sound upset, but he was glad the king was dead.w**

**d. He didn't know about Lady Macbeth's part in the murder**

**12. What excuse did Macbeth give for killing the guards (grooms)? What is his real reason?**

**a. He was drunk and didn't realize what he had done. He didn't want anyone to suspect Lady Macbeth.**

**b. He did it out of pain and rage, but he actually wanted to be rid of any possible witnesses.**

**c. They were attacking him, and he did it in self-defense. He wanted it to look like a plot to murder him, too.**

**d. The witches predicted it, and he could not help himself. He was afraid they would not be loyal to him once he became king.**

**13. Why do Malcom and Donalbain leave?**

**a. They don't want to be accused of the crime.**

**b. They are going to take the sad news to their mother.**

**c. They are afraid the murderer will be after them, too.**

**d. They want to start making the funeral arrangements.**

**14. Why does Ross not believe Malcom and Donalbain were responsible for Duncan's murder?**

**a. He was with them and knows they are innocent.**

**b. It was against their personal natures and against nature as the ruling force in the universe.**

**c. They know that killing their father would only provoke a fight between themselves, and one or both of them would probably be killed.**

**d. Both are too weak, cowardly, and unambitious to want to be king.**

**15. ORQ**

**How does Macbeth’s attitude contribute to his actions?**

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**How much is Lady Macbeth to blame for Macbeth’s actions?**