

## Act I and Act II Questions English 10-5

**Directions:** To receive full credit on this assignment, you must produce your highest level of work in all paragraphs. Full sentences with correct grammar, spelling, punctuation and capitalization. Cite your quotations in the following manner:

- When citing Shakespeare plays, list the ACT, SCENE, and LINES in parenthetical citations (page numbers are NOT included), separated by periods. Enclose the citation in parentheses. For example: (Macbeth 1.3.14-17) refers to Act 1, Scene 3, Lines 14 to 17 of Macbeth.

1) Throughout his play, Shakespeare uses a thematic topic of Nature, the Unnatural and Human Behavior. Find one quote of your choice that covers this thematic topic and explain/ explore what it means in context. For example: “the Earth hath bubbles, as the earth does” (Macbeth 1.3)

2) After Banquo exits, Macbeth sees a dagger floating in front of him (Macbeth 1.4). Explain whether you think the dagger is real or imagined. Perhaps it may be brought upon by unnatural forces? What are the implications (conclusion we come to) of both possibilities? How does the dagger’s being real or imagined affect your interpretation of Macbeth’s psychological state at this point in the play? Does the dagger’s being real or imagined change the play? Why/why not?

3) Macbeth seems inconsolable after he kills the king (Macbeth 2.2). Using textual evidence to support your response, discuss how Shakespeare uses water imagery to emphasize the different reactions of Lady Macbeth and Macbeth to the murder.