**National 5 Critical Essay – Questions**

Choose a play that builds to a climax.

Describe how the playwright builds up to a climax and then, by referring to appropriate techniques, go on to explain why the climax is vital to the play as a whole.

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Choose a play where your attitude to the main character changes as the play progresses.

By referring to appropriate techniques, show how the character’s nature is portrayed, then go on to show how our attitude changes towards her/him.

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Choose a play in which the main character experiences conflict.

By referring to appropriate techniques, explain what the conflict is, then go on to show how the playwright’s portrayal of the conflict influences our response to the play.

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Choose a play that has an effective opening.

Describe briefly this opening and then, by referring to appropriate techniques, show how the playwright makes the opening effective.

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Choose a play in which the playwright portrays a central relationship that changes or develops.

By referring to appropriate techniques, explain the nature of this relationship, then go on to show how the playwright portrays the development of this relationship.

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Choose a play which explores a theme that made an impression on you.

Explain briefly what the theme is then, by referring to appropriate techniques, show how the writer explores this theme.