

Examination Practice – Component 2 Extract Question

Section A (i) – spend approximately 30 minutes

Othello – Act 3 scene 111 lines 291 to 322 (pages 80/81)

By focusing closely on the literary and linguistic techniques used, discuss Shakespeare's presentation of Iago, Emilia and their relationship. (24)

IAGO

How now! What do you here alone?

EMILIA

Do not you chide; I have a thing for you.

IAGO

A thing for me? It is a common thing!

EMILIA

Ha!

IAGO

To have a foolish wife.

EMILIA

O, is that all? What will you give me now
For that same handkerchief?

IAGO

What handkerchief?

EMILIA

What handkerchief?
Why that the Moor first gave to Desdemona;
That which so often you did bid me steal.

IAGO

Hast stole it from her?

EMILIA

No, faith; she let it drop by negligence,
And, to the advantage, I, being here, took't up.
Look, here it is.

IAGO

A good wench! Give it me.

EMILIA

What will you do with't, that you have been
so earnest
To have me filch it?

IAGO

Why, what's that to you?

[Snatching it.]

EMILIA

If it be not for some purpose of import,
Give me't again. Poor lady, she'll run mad
When she shall lack it.

IAGO

Be not acknown on't; I have use for it.
Go, leave me.