

School Certificate Examination.

6 SHAKESPEARE: *Hamlet*.

FRIDAY, JULY 15TH, 1949. 1½ HOURS.

[Candidates must answer Question 1, and **three** of the Questions 2 to 6.]

X 1. Read the following passages and the questions beneath them. Write answers to the questions on **two** of the passages only. Confine your answers *strictly* to the questions.

A.

Take this from this, if this be otherwise
If circumstances lead me, I will find
Where truth is hid, though it were hid indeed
Within the centre.

- (a) Who speaks and to whom?
- (b) What does *each* "this" mean in the first line?
- (c) What is the "centre" referred to?
- (d) What does he advise should be done to find the truth?

B.

Would not this, sir, and a forest of feathers, if the rest of my fortunes turn Turk with me, with two Provincial roses on my razed shoes, get me a fellowship in a cry of players, sir?

- (a) Who speaks and to whom?
- (b) What success is he alluding to?
- (c) Explain "forest of feathers," "two Provincial roses on my razed shoes."
- (d) What does he mean by "his fortunes turning Turk"?

[Turn over

Never believe it;

I am more an antique Roman than a Dane;

Here's yet some liquor left.

- (a) Who speaks and to whom?
 (b) What is the speaker intending to do and by what means?
 (c) Why does he call himself a Roman?
 (d) What had he just been asked to do?

2. Describe in detail what happens in the play performed by the visiting actors, or in the duel.

3. What does Hamlet say about himself in the course of the play?

4. What is the dramatic importance of (a) Fortinbras, (b) Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?

5. Give, in your own words, the substance of what the king says when he addresses Hamlet for the first time or when he tries to pray.

6. Rewrite in clear MODERN ENGLISH:

The single and peculiar life is bound
 With all the strength and armour of the mind
 To keep itself from noyance; but much more
 That spirit upon whose weal depends and rests
 The lives of many. The cease of majesty
 Dies not alone, but like a gulf doth draw
 What's near it with it; it is a massy wheel,
 Fix'd on the summit of the highest mount,
 To whose huge spokes ten thousand lesser things
 Are mortis'd and adjoin'd; which, when it falls,
 Each small annexment, petty consequence,
 Attends the boisterous ruin.