

B.A. II (Hons), English
Paper III (Drama)

Topic - A character-sketch of Lady Macbeth -

Lady Macbeth is a very mighty, courageous, ruthless and ambitious heroine of Shakespeare's immortal historical tragedy, entitled Macbeth. She has henpecked her husband in such a peculiar way that her influences have compelled Macbeth to commit the hateful regicide which the Scottish history can never forgive husband and wife. In fact, she appears to be a callous, malicious and mischievous woman when she reads the letter of her husband, regarding the prophecies of the three mysterious witches and the arrival of King Duncan in Macbeth's castle. She reads readers become astonished when Lady Macbeth asks the three dark spirits to make her masculine, unkind hearted and blood thirsty to see her dream of becoming the royal Queen of Scotland true. Her ambitious nature makes her to mastermind the conspiracy of King Duncan's assassination.

Lady Macbeth demonstrates her extraordinary capacity for dissembling when she works as a gracious hostess to welcome King Duncan. On the other hand she conspires against the king. Although Lady Macbeth possesses masculine,

cruel and ambitious personality, yet she displays her sensitive nature of womanhood by not accepting to assassinate the king because she takes after her father. After the heartbreaking murder of King Duncan, she feels mentally retarded and imbalanced. She further instigates to murder Banquo and his son, Fleance. She does so because she has a fear that Banquo's children could be kings according to the prophecy of the three dark spirits. We find that Lady Macbeth is unable to tolerate and handle the worry, guilt and mental stress of killing the king particularly. She is issueless, but spiteful. She wishes that Macbeth's no enemy should remain alive in the world because of any obstacle to the throne of Macbeth in future.

Lady Macbeth is regarded as one of the most famous frightening heroines of Shakespeare. She is a very deceitful lady when the readers read Macbeth.

deeply, they will observe it minutely that she is a notorious slur on fair sex in the world. She appears to be very kind ~~out~~ externally, but she behaves and works like a poisonous snake at heart. She never needs to anything except fortune, ~~no~~ affluence and power to be got any any cost. She feels a pain of guilty woman all the time. Her super courage and stamina are beyond imagination and description.

Lady Macbeth grows fear and tension. She becomes a patient of 'insomnia' which we observe in sleep-walk scene. She is the chief resource of Macbeth's degradation and decline. She becomes a great victim of poetic justice which means tit for tat denoting a revenge.

In act V, she commits a suicide. When Macbeth hears the death of his wife, he finds himself extremely discouraged.

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