**Respond to the following questions. Provide detail, examples, and explanations from the play.**

**Act I.iv**

1. How would you describe the mood and atmosphere of the first few lines of the scene? How does this contrast with Hamlet’s mood?
2. In lines 8-38, how does Hamlet describe Claudius and his impact on the kingdom? Contrast this with the Ghost’s entry (39) and Hamlet’s reaction to it.
3. The Ghost beckons. Contrast Horatio and Marcellus’ words with Hamlet’s words (39-92). How would you describe Hamlet in this scene?

**Act I.v**

1. Is Hamlet surprised by the Ghost’s revelation of the murder and request for revenge? Why or why not?
2. How was Old Hamlet killed?
3. Compare Hamlet’s first response to the ghost’s call for revenge (29-30) with his statement at the end of the scene (190-191). How do you account for the difference between these two responses?
4. What hints do we get in the scene that might suggest Hamlet himself may be hallucinating the ghost? What might suggest otherwise? What do you think?
5. What does Hamlet’s mention of an “antic disposition” suggest about his future plans?