**All My Sons – Questions from Bagrut Exams**

**Summer 2016 Moed Bet**

9. At the end of Act I, Kate says, "Be smart now, Joe... Be smart." She says this because (–).

(i) Chris wants to marry Ann

(ii) George is coming to see them

(iii) the neighbors are asking questions

(iv) Steve is getting out of jail (5 points)

10. In Act II, Kate tells Chris that Ann "doesn't belong here." Why does Kate say this? ANSWER: ................................................................................................

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11. Do you think Kate should also be held responsible for Joe's crime? Discuss. Give information from the play to support your answer. ANSWER: ................................................................................................ .................................................................................................................

12. Why is George an important character in the play? Give information from the play to support your answer. ANSWER: ................................................................................................................................................................................................................. (10 points)

13. For this question, choose ONE of the thinking skills Use this thinking skill when answering the question. (10 points for the content of the answer, 5 points for the correct use of the thinking skill)

Jim says to Kate at the beginning of Act III, "In a peculiar way, Frank is right — every man does have a star. The star of one's honesty. And you spend your life groping for it, but once it's out it never lights again." Explain what he means by this in relation to Chris. Give information from the play to support your answer. Thinking skill I chose: ............................................................................ ANSWER: ................................................................................................

**Summer 2015**

9. In Act I Mother says to Ann, "As long as you're here, Annie, I want to ask you never to say that again." What did Ann say?

(i) She wants Chris to move away from the family.

(ii) Larry might have flown a plane with cracked cylinder heads.

(iii) She believes that Larry is living on an island somewhere.

(iv) Everyone should forgive her father for what he did. (5 points)

10. In Act III we learn that Dr. Jim Bayliss made a compromise in his life that makes him unhappy. What was that compromise?

(i) He agreed to move next door to the Kellers.

(ii) He decided to stop doing medical research.

(iii) He stopped being friends with Chris.

(iv) He helped Joe send Steve to jail. (5 points)

11.When George arrives at the Keller home in Act II, Kate calls him "Georgie". She also says, "You don't hate us, George, I know you, you can't fool me, I diapered you." What is Kate trying to achieve by talking this way to George? Explain................................................................ (10 points)

12. In Act III Ann reveals Larry's letter to the Kellers. This is a turning point in the play. Explain why. ANSWER:...................................................................................................................(10 points)

13. For this question, choose ONE of the thinking skills Use this thinking skill when answering the question. (10 points for the content of the answer, 5 points for the correct use of the thinking skill) In Act I Joe Keller explains Steve's decision to send out the cylinder heads. He says, "The man was a fool, but don't make a murderer out of him." Why do you think that Joe makes excuses for Steve? Give information from the play to support your answer. Thinking skill I chose: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ANSWER:

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**C. ALL MY SONS** / Arthur Miller

**11.** George says about Steve, **"He's like that now. He'd like to take every**

**man who made money in the war and put him up against a wall."**

How has Steve changed?

(i) He now understands what they did wrong during the war.

(ii) He knows that he shouldn't blame Keller.

(iii) He is sorry he didn't make more money during the war.

(iv) He wants to go back to work in the factory.

**12.** Joe Keller says that Steve Deever is **"a little man."** Give ONE examplethat Joe gives to prove this.

ANSWER: ................................................................................................. (5 points)

**13.** Kate says about George: **"All these years he never even sent a postcard**

**to Steve... Suddenly he takes an airplane from New York to see him."**What is she worried about?

ANSWER: ................................................................................................. (10 points)

**14. a.** Chris: **"Tell me, George. What happened? The court record**

**was good enough for you all these years, why isn't it good now? Why did you believe it all these years?"**

George: **"Because you believed it... That's the truth, Chris."**What does the above quote tell us about the relationship betweenChris and George?

NOTE: For this question use ONE of the thinking skills Thinking skill I chose:.............................................

ANSWER: .......................................................................................... (10 points)

**15.** Keller: **"A daughter is a daughter, and a father is a father."a.** What does Keller mean by this ?ANSWER: ..........................................................................................(7 points)**b.** Compare this view to that of George and Ann towards their father,Steve. ANSWER: ..........................................................................................

Bridging Suggested length: 80-100 words.

**21. ALL MY SONS** / Arthur Miller

When the play *All My Sons* first opened after World War II in 1947, Americans admired the returning soldiers as heroes. There were also feelings of anger towardsthe civilian businessmen who had profited from the war effort. The businessmen themselves had deep feelings of guilt, especially the ones whose sons had fought

and died during the war.Make a connection between the above description and the play. Give information

from the play to support your answer.

**Winter 2013**

**PART II** (35 points)

Answer the questions for either **(C)** *(All My Sons)* OR **(D)** *(The Wave)*.

**C. ALL MY SONS** / Arthur Miller

Answer questions **11-13** and either question **14** OR question **15**.

**11.** In Act I Chris says to Keller, **"We've made a terrible mistake with Mother"**

because he thinks that (–).

i) they shouldn't have planted the tree in the yard

ii) they shouldn't have let her talk to the neighbors

iii) they shouldn't have let her believe Larry is alive

iv) they shouldn't have let her think Steve was guilty

(5 points)

**12. "Keller: Say, I ain't got time to get sick. Mother: He hasn't been laid up in fifteen years.Keller: Except my flu during the war.Mother: Huhh?"** What effect does this dialogue have on George?

ANSWER: ..........................................................................................................(5 points)

**13.** At the beginning of Act II Sue complains to Ann about Chris's **"phoney idealism"**.What does she mean by this? Support your answer with information from the play.

ANSWER: ..........................................................................................................

**14. a.** In Act I Keller says to Chris, **"I want a new sign over the plant –Christopher Keller, Incorporated."** Chris answers, **"J.O. Keller is good enough."**

Why doesn't Chris want his name on the business? Support your answer with information from the play.

NOTE: For this question use ONE of the thinking skills Thinking skill I chose:.......................................................

ANSWER: ..................................................................................................

**15.** In Act III Keller says to Mother: **"I'm askin' you. What am I, a stranger?I thought I had a family here. What happened to my family?" a.** Why does Joe feel this way?

ANSWER: ................................................................................................. (7 points)

**Summer 2011**

**3. ALL MY SONS** / Arthur Miller

Answer questions **a**-**c** and either question **d** OR question **e**.

**a.** How does the family find out the truth about Larry's death? ANSWER: ....................................................................

(5 points) **b**. Why did Larry commit suicide? ANSWER: ........................................................................................ (5 points)

**c. Keller: "Sure, he was my son. But I think to him they were all my sons."**What does Keller mean by this statement about Larry? ANSWER: ........................................................................................................ (10 points)

Answer question **d** or **e**.

NOTE: For question **d** use ONE of the thinking skills **d.** (1) "Like father like son" is a popular saying, which means that a son is often similar to his father. Do you think this is true about Chris and his father? Explain.

Thinking skill I chose........................................................ANSWER \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**e. Jim: "Money-money-money. You say it long enough it doesn't mean anything."**

Discuss the role of money in the play from the perspective of TWO characters.