

Read **Text B**, and then answer **Question 1(f)** on the question paper.

Text B: I am a good villain

Peter worked at The National Theatre as an actor. He always appeared on the stage as the villain of the play.

I've been trying to be a good villain that the audience loves to watch. From my personal research, being a villain is not only being an evil guy. Sometimes, I took the role of someone who actually controls the whole plot!

To create a touching villain, we have to make sure that the character appears to be a good guy at first--showing his mercy and gentle deeds in front of others. This will create a surprise or even a shock to the audience when they learn the truth later in the play. Many times, I have to show likeable qualities such as being a funny guy or a loyal soldier. Thus, it becomes logical that other characters do not suspect me, or the villain played by me!

In a show, I played a nobleman who is also respected, in the story, as a hero. This way, when my bad behaviours are revealed later, I become a worthy opponent to the true hero. The moment when he fights with me and finally wins over me will enhance his quality of being the story's hero.

Despite being a villain, I deny being stupid on the stage. I develop the belief that a true villain cannot be a fool--he has to be intelligent enough to cause all of the disasters in the story. Like Iago in Shakespeare's Othello, I love to be someone who is smart enough to mislead even the most respected characters. Iago's persuasive quality is marvellous! If you remember the play, all the main characters end up following the villain's evil plots!

Surely, many best-remembered villains are merciless to even the innocent ones. It seems to become a conventional personality of a bad guy that he might be heartless enough to hurt or kill children or vulnerable ladies. The directors agree that this strengthens the conflict and problems in the plays.

One of the motivations of the villain's evil acts is jealousy. Yes! Even though the character is a general or a brave soldier, he can be jealous of others! I have to admit that I do not prefer acting like I have a green head walking around but I accept that it is a problem that really happens in reality. In addition, the villain may cause problems because of his vengeful mind. Nevertheless, this several times turns out to be his own misunderstanding.

