

**LESSON NOTES****School: Ba Sangam College****Year/Level: 12****Name: _____****Subject: English****Worksheet 18****Year: _____**

Strand	Reading and Viewing
Sub Strand	Communication Text Types – media, everyday communication, literary texts
Content Learning Outcome	Read and demonstrate understanding of a variety of complex texts.

LITERATURE – DRAMA – JULIUS CAESAR – BY WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**Act II, Scene 111****Artemidorus's Warning****Sequence of events**

- Artemidorus (a teacher of rhetoric) comes onstage, reading to himself a letter that he has written Caesar, warning him to be wary of Brutus, Casca, and the other conspirators.
- He stands along the route that Caesar will take to the Senate, prepared to hand the letter to him as he passes. He is sad to think that the virtue embodied by Caesar may be destroyed by the ambitious envy of the conspirators.
- He remains hopeful, however, that if his letter gets read, Caesar may yet live.
- This scene is important because it would be the second time Caesar is warned about danger. (The first warning coming from the soothsayer).

Questions (5 marks)

1. *How does Artemidorus know about the secrets of the conspirators? (2 marks)*

2. *Do you think he will be able to pass the letter to Caesar? (1 mark)*

3. *Explain the contents of the letter in your own words. (2 marks)*

Act II, Scene 1V

Portia's Fears

Sequence of Events

- Portia sends Brutus' servant to the Senate to observe events and report back to her how Caesar is faring.
- A soothsayer enters, and Portia asks him if Caesar has gone to the Capitol yet. The soothsayer replies that he knows that Caesar has not yet gone; he intends to wait for Caesar along his route, since he wants to say a word to him.
- He goes to the street to wait, hoping Caesar's entourage will let him speak to the great man.

Questions (5 marks)

1. *What details show that Portia is agitated? (1 mark)*

2. *What message does the soothsayer want to give Caesar? (2 marks)*

3. Does *Portia* have some idea about the conspiracy? Give reasons. (2 marks)
