Tutorial Assignment  
Second Year Advanced Level

Write an essay that focuses on Iago’s reflections as expressed in the soliloquy in the selected passage from Shakespeare’s tragic play Othello. You are advised to anchor your answer firmly within the context of this passage so as to be able to relate to the wider thematic concern of motive and action in the play.

That Cassio loves her, I do well believe’t;  
That she loves him, tis apt and of great credit.  
The Moor, howbeit that I endure him not,  
Is of a constant, loving, noble nature,  
And I dare think he'll prove to Desdemona  
A most dear husband. Now, I do love her too;  
Not out of absolute lust, though peradventure  
I stand accountant for as great a sin,  
But partly led to diet my revenge,  
For that I do suspect the lusty Moor  
Hath leap’d into my seat; the thought whereof  
Doth, like a poisonous mineral, gnaw my inwards;  
And nothing can or shall content my soul  
Till I am even’d with him, wife for wife,  
Or failing so, yet that I put the Moor  
At least into a jealousy so strong  
That judgment cannot cure. Which thing to do,  
If this poor trash of Venice, whom I trash  
For his quick hunting, stand the putting on,  
I'll have our Michael Cassio on the hip,  
Abuse him to the Moor in the rank garb--  
For I fear Cassio with my night-cap too--  
Make the Moor thank me, love me and reward me.  
For making him egregiously an ass  
And practising upon his peace and quiet  
Even to madness. Tis here, but yet confused:  
Knavery's plain face is never seen tin used.