



## Shakespeare Multiple Choice Quiz

Name / Team: \_\_\_\_\_

**Question 1.** In which year was William Shakespeare born?

- (a) 1534 (b) 1564 (c) 1594

**Question 2.** In which town or city in England was Shakespeare born?

- (a) Stratford-upon-Avon (b) Warwick (c) London

**Question 3.** What was his mother's maiden name?

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- (a) Mary Akle (b) Mary Bowden (c) Mary Arden

**Question 4.** How old was Shakespeare when he married Anne Hathaway?

- (a) 16 years old (b) 17 years old (c) 18 years old

**Question 5.** William and Anne had a daughter (Susanna) and also .....?

- (a) Twins (b) Triplets (c) Quadruplets

**Question 6.** During his lifetime, Shakespeare wrote a total of .....?

- (a) 28 plays and 144 sonnets (b) 38 plays and 154 sonnets (c) 48 plays and 164 sonnets

**Question 7.** By which year is it thought that William Shakespeare's plays were being regularly performed in London?

- (a) 1592 (b) 1596 (c) 1600

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**Question 8.** What was the name of the London theatre that Shakespeare is commonly associated with?

- (a) The World's Theatre (b) The Orb Theatre (c) The Globe Theatre

**Question 9.** Which play is generally accepted as being Shakespeare's first?

- (a) Taming of the Shrew (b) Henry VI (c) Romeo and Juliet

**Question 10.** In which play would you find the following quote? .....

"A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life."

- (a) Henry V (b) Much Ado About Nothing (c) Romeo and Juliet

*Now turn over for another ten quiz questions about William Shakespeare .....*



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**Question 11.** In which play would you find the following quote? .....  
"Rest, rest, perturbed spirit!"

- (a) The Merchant of Venice (b) Hamlet (c) Comedy of Errors

**Question 12.** In which play would you find the following quote? .....  
"The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven  
Upon the place beneath."

- (a) The Merchant of Venice (b) Henry IV (c) Two Gentlemen of Verona

**Question 13.** In which play would you find the following quote? .....  
"What angel wakes me from my flowery bed?"

- (a) A Midsummer Night's Dream (b) Titus Andronicus (c) Love's Labour's Lost

**Question 14.** In which play would you find the following quote .....  
"When shall we three meet again, In thunder, lightning, or in rain?"

- (a) Taming of the Shrew (b) The Merry Wives of Windsor (c) Macbeth

**Question 15.** The play 'Macbeth' was influenced by the 1605 Gunpowder Plot. **True or False?**

**Question 16.** In which play would you find a character called Touchstone?

- (a) All's Well That Ends Well (b) As You Like It (c) King Lear

**Question 17.** In which play would you find a character called Starveling?

- (a) The Merry Wives of Windsor (b) Othello (c) A Midsummer Night's Dream

**Question 18.** In which play would you find a character called Lady Capulet?

- (a) Romeo and Juliet (b) The Tempest (c) Twelfth Night

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**Question 19.** How old was Shakespeare when he died?

- (a) 47 years old (b) 52 years old (c) 57 years old

**Question 20.** Where was William Shakespeare buried?

- (a) Stratford-upon-Avon (b) Westminster Abbey (c) There are no records that tell us.



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## *Answer Sheet*

Answer 1: (b) 1564

Answer 2: (a) Stratford-upon-Avon

Answer 3: (c) Mary Arden

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Answer 4: (c) 18 years old

Answer 5: (a) Twins (Hamnet and Judith)

Answer 6: (b) 38 plays and 154 sonnets

Answer 7: (a) 1592

Answer 8: (c) The Globe Theatre

Answer 9: (b) Henry VI, Part 1 (believed to have been written around 1590)

Answer 10: (c) Romeo and Juliet

Answer 11: (b) Hamlet

Answer 12: (a) The Merchant of Venice

Answer 13: (a) A Midsummer Night's Dream

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Answer 14: (c) Macbeth

Answer 15: True

Answer 16: (b) As You Like It

Answer 17: (c) A Midsummer Night's Dream

Answer 18: (a) Romeo and Juliet

Answer 19: (b) 52 years old

Answer 20: (a) Stratford-upon-Avon (in the Holy Trinity Church)